

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday January 4, 2018 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Mrs K.Doesser	Cllr L.Molcher
	Cllr G.Bell	Cllr Mrs G.Praed
	Cllr D.Blencowe	Cllr Mrs D.Whitehead
	Cllr R.Johnson	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitor:** Mr Hollinrake.

The Chairman wished members and visitors a happy New Year and welcomed them to the January meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Keeling sent his apologies for absence.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

### of gifts (received as a result of being a member of the Council) of a value greater than £25

There were no declarations of gifts of a value greater than £25.

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Molcher seconded, all others in agreement that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday December 7, 2017 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Members noted that Hamish Gordon had met with Councillors in Moors Lane shortly before Christmas when he had agreed that drainage work needs to be done and indeed will be done before mid-June. The Clerk reported that a Works ticket has been raised.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Hollinrake stated that he was again present to seek support, help and advice for his planning application for the retrospective use of Bos Verbas. The Planning Officer had raised a number of issues with the earlier application, but he, Mr Hollinrake, feels that most of these have now been resolved. Members offered general help and advice, but, as the Chairman pointed out, the Council cannot pre-determine an application.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

In the absence of Cllr Keeling, there was no Cornwall Councillor's report.

## 7 PARISH MATTERS

Members noted an anonymous donation in the sum of £500 and considered the donor's request for a public bench to be sited just off the path near the entrance to Preachers' Pit on Tregonning Hill. The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mrs Noyes (the landlord) who had given her permission for a public bench to be sited on the hill and he further presented members with details of a suitable bench. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour, that a public bench should be purchased and sited on the hill.

Member considered a request that dog poop bags might be made available at strategic points within the Parish. Members noted that, at the moment, the majority of dog walkers appear to be behaving responsibly and that there is not a great problem. With this in mind and noting that there are three bins along the Tregonning Hill Road (at

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Balwest, at the top of Moors Lane and at Nevada House) which can be used to deposit bagged dog faeces, it was agreed that the expense involved cannot be justified, but that the situation will be monitored.

## 8 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at January 4, 2018 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

		<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
R.Sanders			
Greens (third quarter)	£ 510.00		
Maintenance of public benches	£ 800.00		
	total	£ 1,310.00	£ 262.00
Colin Chapman			
salary (December)	£ 224.28		
travelling	£ 20.00		
telephone	£ 20.30		
office expenses	£ 21.56		
use of home as office	£ 20.00		
	total	£ 306.14	

Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded all others in favour that the above four accounts should be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

Gift	£ 500.00
Interest	£ 2.01

## 9 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

**Clerks and Councils Direct** newsletter – *noted*

## 10 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Johnson reported that a drain in Germoe Churchtown is blocked and Cllr Bell reported that the stream as it flows under the bridge nearby is impeded by litter including plastic. The Clerk undertook to report both issues.

Members noted that the nine public benches in the parish have recently been cleaned, repaired and re-oiled and that now they look as good as new. The Clerk was asked to thank Bob Sanders and his team warmly for their exceptional efforts.

Cllr Mrs Whitehead stated that the public notice-board in Germoe Churchtown needs repair and renovation. Members agreed that this should be done as a matter of urgency and the Clerk was asked to instruct Bob Sanders to do the necessary work.

## 11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman drew members' attention to a recently received request from Germoe School for financial help towards the refurbishment of the toilets. The Clerk was asked to write to the school seeking further information and to add the matter to next month's agenda.

## 12 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Request for help with funding from the Foot's Charities.

## DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday February 1, 2018 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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