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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday February 1, 2018 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

Present: Cllr Mrs K.Doesper Cllr R.Johnson
Cllr G.Bell Cllr L.Molcher
Cllr D.Blencowe Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: CCllr Keeling, Mr and Mrs Bradley and Mrs Taylor.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Praed and Cllr Mrs Whitehead sent their 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 Bell seconded, all others in agreement that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday January 4, 2018 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

The Clerk reported that, as asked, he had written to Germoe School seeking further information about the project to refurbish the toilets. He had not as yet received a reply.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members noted that a very big hole (which may eventually become a soakaway) has been constructed in one of the fields opposite Trewithen Terrace. The Clerk confirmed that he had reported this matter to the Planning Enforcement team at Cornwall Council.

Mrs Taylor expressed her alarm about the speed of traffic as it goes round the bend at Duda's Shaft. The Chairman assured her that the Council is equally concerned and is making efforts to try to slow vehicles

Speaking of Planning Application PA17/11777 Mr Bradley rehearsed the planning history of this site and stated that

- the current application is for a very large house indeed on 0.6 acre
- the creation of a new access onto the A394 is unnecessary: the access to St Mary's could be shared
- the proposed dwelling is in an unsustainable location
- the scale of the proposals suggests that the building will be used as a bed and breakfast establishment or a small hotel and that therefore the application should be for a commercial use
- the application is such that it should not be decided using delegated powers, but by the Planning Committee at which statutory consultees should be required to comment as if the building were for commercial use
- the dwelling will be of such a size that it will adversely affect the quiet enjoyment of residents of Westacre
- the present plans do not include the six metres of soft landscaping on the border with Westacre which formed part of the plans already granted planning permission.

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6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CClIr Keeling reported that

- he had met with the Highways Steward and together they had looked at flooding issues within the Ward: in view of the amount of rain which has fallen recently he urged residents to exercise patience and restraint
- concerns about the closure of Praa Sands public conveniences expressed at a recent meeting in Carleen appear to have been resolved for the moment. He is seeking to set up a Community Interest Company to run them in the future
- one third of Cornwall's revenue is spent on Adult Social Care, which creates pressures on other equally important and deserving departments. It is his view that Central Government ought to be doing more
- Cornwall Council is presently working towards setting the required balanced budget for the coming financial year. It rather looks as if the Authority will be seeking an additional 6% – and the Police will also be seeking more
- the Environment Agency still has grave concerns about nitrate run-off from the proposed chicken farm at Nancegollen. Clearly, if the farm does receive permission, local people reliant on bore holes for their drinking water will be at risk
- the application for the redevelopment of the Cornwall Motel is now with the Planning Authority. This has been on-going since 2010
- Public Safety Protection Orders (which replace Dog Orders) will be looked at during the course of the year with a view to harmonising the times that dogs may be allowed on Cornwall's beaches during the summer months.

In answer to a question concerning the revision of electoral boundaries, CClIr Keeling stated that the new boundaries will be decided by the Boundaries Commission and be based on electoral equality. Various alternative solutions have been mooted locally, one of which suggests that Germoe should be joined with Parishes in West Penwith.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to take Agenda item 8 at this point.

8 PLANNING

To make observations on planning applications including the following

PA17/11716 Mr R.Fetcher, Bronzemill Ltd – Demolition of former motel with restaurant and owner's accommodation. Proposed development of site into a lodge park with parking, refuse store and site manager accommodation. Provision of new bus stop (resubmission of withdrawn application PA17/02898) – Ashton Motel, Main Road. Cllr Mrs Doerer proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded all other in agreement that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council welcomes the improvement to this derelict site.*

PA17/11777 Mr and Mrs Brown – Construction of new dwelling and formation of new access – land west [east] of St Marys, Helston Road. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded all other in agreement that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council would have expected sight of a landscaping scheme showing adequate planting on the border between Westacre and the eastern end of the proposed dwelling. It has further concerns about the possibility of overlooking and therefore the loss of privacy for the residents of Westacre and would suggest that the balconies to bedrooms five and six are removed. These two issues aside, Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

7 PARISH MATTERS

Members noted that the bench which has been bought with the aid of an anonymous donation has been delivered and is presently with Bob Sanders. Bob will install it on Tregonning Hill near the path which leads off to the War Memorial once there is an improvement in the weather.

9 FINANCE

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

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Balwest Methodist Church (hire of Schoolroom)	£ 90.00	
The Information Commissioner	£ 35.00	
St Germoe PCC (hire of Church Hall)	£ 120.00	
Colin Chapman (re TSOHOST)	£ 42.00	£ 7.00
Cyan (bench)	£ 379.99	£ 63.33
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Colin Chapman		
salary (January)	£ 224.08	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 21.65	
office expenses	£ 20.22	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 295.95

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

Members noted the following receipt

Transparency Funding	£ 221.52
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10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Cornwall Wildlife Trust Hayle Estuary Nitrate Reduction – *the Clerk to ask a representative from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust to attend the March meeting*

Derek Thomas MP Surgery appointment posters (February and March) – *noted*

Cornwall Council consultation on a proposal to change car-parking charges – *noted*

11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Johnson asked about the Foot's Charities and was directed to the Charity Commission's website.

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that she had been contacted about further activity in the woodland at Wheal Boyes and in particular about a caravan which has been parked there. She had advised the person concerned that the Planning Enforcement team should be asked to investigate.

She further reported that The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe Community Primary Schools is seeking a new governor.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion on the agenda for a future meeting were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

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