

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday March 8, 2018 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs K.Doesser Cllr Mrs G.Praed  
Cllr D.Blencowe Cllr L.Molcher  
Cllr R.Johnson Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** There were no visitors.

The Chairman welcomed members to the March meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Keeling, Cllr Bell 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 Johnson seconded, Cllr Mrs Praed who was absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in agreement that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday February 1, 2018 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising which were not covered on the agenda.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- the Nancegollan Chicken Farm application was unanimously refused by the strategic planning committee on February 15 mainly because of the absence of information concerning the effect it would have on the local environment
- Cornwall Councillors have a lawful requirement to set a balanced budget: for the coming financial year this has been set at £281.68m: the council tax element is to be increased by 2.99% with a further levy of 2% to be spent solely on adult social care (a total annual increase of 4.99%). This makes Cornwall's average Council Tax demand on Band D homes across the county a total of £1,468.50 for the year 2018/19
- the average precept for Town and Parish Councils across Cornwall equates to £115.51 (Members noted that Germoe's demand from its residents is £41.26)
- the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority is seeking a 6.81% increase which equates to £12 on the 2017/18 charge for Band D dwellings

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- the Scrutiny Committee has been examining proposals to introduce Customer Access through the use of “Digital by Default” (that is paying bills and making enquires via the internet). This option is considerably cheaper than other methods, but there are many people who have problems using/accessing computers across Cornwall
- the question of the “Stadium for Cornwall” lingers on: the issues are many and include the use of public money and the proposed location, both of which are contentious
- locally, there are still flooding matters to be resolved with the Highway Manager; as well as the question of just what can be done to introduce effective speed restrictions
- the Public Protection Order where it applies to dogs on beaches is being revisited to allow further relaxations to the present ban and to harmonise the times on all Cornwall’s beaches.

## 7 PARISH MATTERS

### Donation of a bench for public use

Members noted that the bench which was bought with the aid of an anonymous donation has now been installed on Tregonning Hill near the path which leads off to the War Memorial.

### Road Salt

Mr Paul Liddicoat has indicated that he no longer has the machinery necessary to spread road-salt in times of adverse weather and that therefore the Council should seek another resident willing and able to undertake the task as and when necessary. Cllr Johnson indicated that, although he is prepared to do it, his insurance company has advised against it. It was agreed that the matter should again be discussed at the meeting in April. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr and Mrs Liddicoat thanking them for their generosity and public spiritedness in this matter for the past eight years.

### Public Rights of Way

Members considered an invitation from Cornwall Council to continue with the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme. The grant offered for the year to March 31, 2019 is £1,234.89 (or 100% of eligible costs, whichever is the lower). Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded all in favour that Germoe Parish Council should accept the terms relating to the Local Maintenance Partnership as offered by Cornwall Council for the year to March 31, 2019.

## 8 PLANNING

### Applications

PA18/01425 Mr R.Hollinrake – Retention of existing ground floor self contained annex and first floor extension to existing dwelling – Bos Verbas, Helston Road. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded all other in agreement that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council makes no further observation.*

### Decisions

PA17/09917 WITHDRAWN – Retention of existing dwelling including dormer extension as constructed to provide two holiday units, siting of 2 mobile shepherds huts (holiday units), construction of timber toilet blocks – Bos Verbas Helston Road – *noted*

PA17/10381 APPROVED – Application for Removal of condition 2 (agricultural tie) in relation to decision notice W/KR/60/11967 – Land-Dew, Tresowes – *noted*

PA18/00122 Decided not to make a TPO – Coppice 3 x Sea Buckthorn - have become excessively large and dominating surrounding trees and shrubs G1 - Selective silvicultural thinning of Monterey Pine shelter belt removing 7 trees with 7 to be retained. Originally planted as a nurse crop to adjacent trees which are now generally well established – Barwest, Balwest – *noted*

### Correspondence

**Cornwall Rural Housing Association** advertisement for the Association’s services – *noted*

## 9 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council’s financial position as at March 8, 2018 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Cruse Bereavement Care for financial help towards its work in the community. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council cannot accede to this request.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
HMRC	£168.20	

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R,Sanders			
Greens	£	85.00	
Repairs War Memorial bench	£	203.89	
Gully on lane at Balwest	£	136.00	
New bench Tregonning Hill	£	400.00	
	total	£ 989.87	£164.98
Colin Chapman			
Salary (February)	£	224.08	
travelling	£	10.00	
telephone	£	20.40	
office expenses	£	34.64	
use of home as office	£	20.00	
	total	£ 309.32	

Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that the above three accounts should be paid.

## 10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

**JobCentre** request for a link to be added to the website – *Members noted that such a link on the website would be an invitation for other organisations to seek similar coverage and agreed not to accede to the request*

## 11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that

- Cornwall Council has asked the Breage and Germoe Bridleways' Association to resubmit the documentation in respect of the modification of PROW 25 along the ridge of Tregonning Hill
- Moors Lane is still very wet: the drains at either end need attention.

## 12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no further comments.

## 13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Provision of Road Salt.

## DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday April 5, 2018 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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