

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday May 3, 2018 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitor: There were no visitors.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Mrs Whitehead seconded and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Doeser be elected to the Chair of Germoe Parish Council for the year 2018 – 2019.

2 CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Mrs Doeser read aloud and signed the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman of Germoe Parish Council for the year 2018 – 2019 in the presence of the Clerk and the Council.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from CCllr Keeling.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in any 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 relating to membership of the Council of a value greater than £25.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday April 5, 2018 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

6 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Mrs Praed reported on the question of withdrawing the Modification Order sought which seeks a Public Right of Way for a footpath up the white way from Hillside to the footpath along the ridge of Tregonning Hill (WCA 532 deposited in December 2005). It has been established that the Council's application cannot be withdrawn, but Cllr Mrs Praed asked if the Council would consider writing a letter of support for the Breage and Germoe Bridleways' Association application for a bridleway over the same route (WCA 542 deposited in December 2006). It was agreed that this should be an agenda item on a future date.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

8 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- despite the weak business plan that accompanied the application, but mindful of widespread local support, he had voted in favour of the Stadium for Cornwall. He feels that if Cornwall is to encourage sporting ambition

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within the county, then the necessary facilities need to be available within easier reach. He warned that the project as a whole is dependent upon matched Central Government funding

- locally, he has been out and about with the Highway Steward and has looked at a number of issues within his Ward
- he is still keen to have the dog control order eased locally, though harmonising the times of relaxation throughout Cornwall remains his aim
- a Highways budget will shortly be made available to the community network area. He is currently looking into Traffic Regulation Orders for a number of projects to control speeding particularly along the B3303 but would welcome other requests.

9 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Whitehead seconded and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Praed be elected to be Vice-Chairman of Germoe Parish Council for the year 2018 – 2019.

10 STANDING ORDERS

Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should re-adopt Standing Orders as last substantially revised in November 2013. It was further agreed that Germoe Parish Council's Standing Orders should be re-examined during the course of the coming year.

11 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Cllr Blencowe proposed, the Chairman seconded and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should re-adopt Financial Regulations as last substantially revised in November 2014. It was further agreed that Germoe Parish Council's Financial Regulations should be re-examined during the course of the coming year.

12 RISK ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT

Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should re-adopt the Risk Assessment document as first adopted in March 2015. It was further agreed that Germoe Parish Council's Risk Assessment Document should be re-examined during the course of the coming year.

13 ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS TO POSTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Bank signatories

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Doeser, Cllr Blencowe and Cllr Mrs Praed should continue to act as signatories for Germoe Parish Council's bank account.

Financial Scrutineer

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Praed should scrutinise the accounts on a quarterly basis.

Notice-boards

It was agreed that the following Councillors should be responsible for the following notice-boards

Balwest	Cllr Blencowe
Great Work	Cllr Mrs Praed
Nevada House	Cllr Mrs Doeser
Germoe	Mrs Whitehead/Cllr Bell
Newtown	Cllr Johnson
Tresowes Green	Cllr Molcher

Footpaths and bridleways

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Praed should be responsible for footpaths and bridleways.

Planning

It was agreed that Cllr Blencowe should, in the first instance, be responsible for planning observations.

Helston and the Lizard Peninsula Community Network Panel

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Doeser and Cllr Bell should represent Germoe Parish Council at meetings of the Helston and the Lizard Peninsula Community Network Panel.

Germoe School

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Whitehead should continue to liaise with the school authorities.

Press Liaison

It was agreed that, with effect from the June meeting, Cllr Bell should act as the Press Liaison Officer.

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14 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Appointment of the Internal Auditor for the year to March 31, 2019

Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded and it was agreed that Mr J.P.Richards (formerly Kerrier District Council's Senior Auditor) should continue to act as Germoe Parish Council's internal auditor.

15 PARISH MATTERS

Projects within the Parish

Members were asked to identify small capital projects within the parish which the Parish Council might undertake. The following were identified

- re-painting the explanatory notice at the adit
- repair and restoration of the historic finger-posts
- re-publication of the walks booklet
- underwriting the cost of a laminated board summarising the history of Germoe for display on the notice-board in Churchtown: this as a joint venture with the Germoe Village Association
- adding (Welcome to the Parish of Germoe) to the stones on the roads leading off the A394

16 PLANNING

To make observations on planning applications received and to note decisions received

PA18/04037 Mr and Mrs P.Ashton – Conversion of reception room and garage into ancillary accommodation – Holly Cottage, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded all others in agreement that this application should be returned with the following observation. *As it did with the earlier identical (and approved) application PA18/02226 Germoe Parish Council supports this application. However, it can make no informed observation about the removal of Condition 3 from that earlier consent which this application seeks.*

Decisions

PA18/01425 APPROVED – Use of existing ground floor self contained annex and first floor extension to existing dwelling – Bos Verbas Helston Road – *noted*

PA18/02226 APPROVED – Conversion of reception room and garage into ancillary accommodation – Holly Cottage, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

PA18/02293 APPROVED – Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and construction of replacements – Rojeska, Tresowes – *noted*

17 GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL'S INSURANCE POLICY

Members reviewed the terms of Germoe Parish Council's Insurance Policy which, with a policy excess of £250, insures the following

Mandatory cover

Public liability	£10,000,000
Employers Liability	£10,000,000

Legal Liabilities

Money	
non-negotiable	£ 250,000
negotiable	£ 2,500
Employee dishonesty	£ 150,000
Commercial legal protection	£ 100,000
Officials' indemnity	£ 500,000

Optional cover

Libel and slander	£ 500,000
Property damage (War Memorial)	£ 6,744.05
Property damage notice boards at Great Work, Nevada House, Balwest and Churchtown	£ 5,159.53
Defibrillators and cabinets	£ 5,000.00

Also included in the cover, at no extra charge on the premium, are the following

Hirers' Liability	£ 5,000,000
Keyman Cover	£ 250.00 per week (max 100 weeks)
Personal accident (16-80)	
capital benefit (up to)	£ 100,000
temporary total disablement (per week)	£ 500.00

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Additionally, when on Parish Council business, all volunteers are automatically covered.

Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed to insure Germoe Parish Council through AXA Insurance Ltd and to pay the premium demanded of £335.00

Members noted that Germoe Parish Council will self-insure all its assets other than the War Memorial and the notice-boards at Great Work, Nevada House, Germoe Churchtown and Balwest during the year to May 31, 2019.

18 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at May 3, 2018. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The Clerk reported that Mr Peter Richards, Germoe Parish Council's Internal Auditor, has signed off the Annual Return for the year to March 31, 2018 making no comments, observations or suggestions.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018. Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council accepts the accounts for the year April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
J.P.Richards (Internal Auditor)	£ 143.00	
R.Sanders	£ 204.00	£ 34.00
Colin Chapman		
Salary (April)	£ 235.23	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 23.00	
office expenses	£ 49.76	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 337.99

Cllr Mrs Whitehead proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed that the above three accounts should be paid.

The following receipts were noted

CC Precept (1 st instalment)	£ 4,500.00
CC CTS grant (1 st instalment)	£ 115.53
HM Revenue and Customs (refund of VAT)	£ 962.06

19 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that he had received no correspondence other than the e-mails already circulated.

20 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that

- many of the traffic issues identified by Cllr Keeling in his full monthly Ward Report do not apply to Germoe
- the drainage of Moors Lane is an on-going issue
- inconsiderate parking in Germoe Churchtown, particularly on a Wednesday evening, makes the passage of private cars challenging and of emergency vehicles impossible
- there have been complaints of rowdy behaviour and foul language emanating from the camping field at Balwest. (The field itself no longer appears on the Freedom Camping website. However, in this instance, the 28 days permitted development rule applies.)
- a recent unsolicited letter from a law firm suggesting that a way-leave due for payment by Western Power might have been overlooked had resulted in a direct approach to Western Power with satisfactory results
- a local metal detector working in one of Cllr Mrs Praed's fields has found a number of interesting historic artefacts, notably an 18/- token.

21 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman thanked members for their continuing confidence in her.

She reported that she had attended a recent meeting of the Community Network Panel at which the Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Frances Hughes, had spoken. With an eye on continuing thefts from outbuildings, she had drawn representatives' attention to an on-line National Rural Crime Survey which will help inform the police about crime and anti-social behaviour in rural communities.

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CClIr Geoff Brown had spoken about a new highways scheme which will allocate £50,000 a year for each of the next four years to each of the Community Network Panels. Additionally, Cornwall Council will underwrite the cost of a single Traffic Regulation Order for each Panel: this will ensure consideration for any number of small legal restrictions to be imposed on roads within the Network, since they can be aggregated and presented in a single Order.

There is a small pot of money available from the devolution fund, but this is reserved for services which have been devolved from Cornwall Council to the first tier of government.

A proposal for the whole of Cornwall to become a National Park has been tabled by Cornwall for Change.

The integration of Health and Social Care services in the county has resulted in an early initiative at the Helston Community Hospital. The Hospital will lend space to advisors from voluntary organisations which give individuals help and advice about social issues. A booklet detailing all the voluntary help available in the area is also envisaged. It is hoped that this will enable General Practitioners to practise medicine rather than being asked to give advice on social matters.

22 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Other than the matters recorded in these minutes no matters for inclusion on future agendas were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday June 7, 2018 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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