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

Present:

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

Visitors: CCllr Keeling, PCSO Youngman

Before the meeting proper began, the Chairman invited PCSO Youngman to address the Council.

PCSO Youngman began by saying how sorry he was not to have attended a Parish Council meeting for some considerable time: there are some twenty-two parishes in the area covered by Helston Police Station and the Force is spread very thinly over the ground. He reported that, although the Parish of Germoe is relatively quiet, in recent months there have been four instances of opportune burglaries from garden sheds at quite local properties and for that reason he urged everyone to be mindful of the need to lock outbuildings securely. The Police have recently received reports of a white VW panel van which has aroused suspicions: the registration number is, however, unknown. In answer to questions concerning the speed of traffic along country lanes and through villages, he suggested that individuals should report instances of excessive speed to the police: a log is kept and if there are a number of reports about an individual vehicle a member of the Force will go to see the registered keeper with words of advice and a warning. However, he stressed that the inappropriate use of speed is largely a matter of education: the police do try to enforce speed limits, but nowadays they have to be seen, they have to wear high-viz jackets and the results may best be described as predictable.

The Chairman welcomed members to the June meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Whitehead sent her 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 Mrs Praed seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 3, 2018 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday May 3, 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

CCllr Keeling reported that

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- in future and where practical, all new Council homes in Cornwall will be fitted with sprinklers. This will save both lives and money
- along with other elected members and many residents he has serious misgivings about the services presently being delivered by CORMAC
- both he and the case officer have concerns regarding a planning application for a rural exceptions scheme comprising forty-three dwellings in Ashton
- additional funding for repairs to the steps leading down to the beach at Praa Sands has been made available
- there does not seem to be much of an appetite amongst members of the original Praa Sands Toilet Committee to form a Community Interest Company to take on the responsibility for them. Nevertheless, installation of the Propelair System is due to start in the next few days
- he been out and about with the highway steward to look at areas that need attention
- he intends to provoke a Select Committee investigation into parking enforcement. Despite the cost of Traffic Regulation Orders to put in double and single yellow no-parking lines, there does not appear to be the resources or the will to enforce parking restriction other than in the larger towns.

7 PARISH MATTERS

The historic finger-posts

Members considered cleaning and re-painting the three historic finger-posts within the parish (at Great Work, at Tresowes Green and at Millpool). Following a short discussion, Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded and it was agreed to ask Bob Sanders to wash off these three finger-posts and to re-paint them if necessary.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Members reviewed Germoe Parish Council's Risk Assessment document. Following discussion, it was agreed that no changes or additions are necessary and that therefore the document should stand.

9 PLANNING

Applications

PA18/03570 Mr A.Ballard – Proposed new dwelling – land West 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 supports this application.*

PA18/03924 Mr Wilkinson – Change of use of former hedgerow to domestic curtilage and retention of constructed boundary wall – Wide Horizons, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded all other in agreement that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council makes no observation.*

PA18/04363 Mrs B.Thornton – Certificate of lawfulness for proposed conversion and extension of a traditional barn to create a self-contained dwelling and installation of septic tank and formation of new vehicular access – barn north-west of Trethewey Farm, Germoe. Members noted this application is being considered by the Planning Authority.

PA18/04241 Mr D.Hughes – Remove existing metal shed to side of dwelling and replace it with larger block built outbuilding to be clad with cedar wood to match the appearance of the existing dwelling – Ocean View, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded all other in agreement that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council makes no observation.*

Decisions

PA18/04037 APPROVED – Conversion of reception room and garage into ancillary accommodation – Holly Cottage, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

10 FINANCE

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Air Ambulance for financial help with the purchase of a new helicopter. Following discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded, all in favour that the sum of £100 be forwarded to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 173.40	
R.Sanders (1 st cut Gold paths)	£ 360.55	£ 60.09

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Colin Chapman		
Salary (May)	£ 234.83	
travelling	£ 20.00	
telephone	£ 25.50	
office expenses	£ 3.75	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 304.08

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

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Mr Derek Thomas MP notice of Appointment Surgeries– *noted*

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions or comments from members

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no further comments

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion in future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

Signed.....

Dated.....

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