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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday July 5, 2018 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present:

Cllr Mrs K.Doesser	Cllr Mrs G.Praed
Cllr G.Bell	Cllr Mrs D.Whitehead
Cllr D.Blencowe	
Cllr L.Molcher	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: Ms Brewer

The Chairman welcomed visitors and members to the July meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Keeling and Cllr Johnson 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 Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, Cllr Mrs Whitehead who was absent from the last meeting abstained and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday June 7, 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

Ms Brewer stated that she was present to seek the Council's support for her planning application PA18/05276. She stated that she is gradually bringing the land attached to what she is calling Crow Farm back into productive, low-level, commercial use; that she is using traditional farming practices which do not involve the use of chemicals; that she hopes to breed rare stock in particular sheep and poultry and, at an early date, to introduce geese (to eat the weeds) and Cornish Black Bees. The proposed agricultural shed is small and care has been taken to site it in such a way that it does not impose itself visually on the open landscape.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to discuss Agenda Item 8 at this point.

8 PLANNING

Applications

PA17/11716 Mr R.Fletcher – Demolition of former motel with restaurant and owners 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 (Resubmission of withdrawn application PA17/02898) – Ashton Motel, Main Road. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in agreement that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council welcomes the proposed improvement to this derelict site.*

PA18/05276 Ms H.Brewer – Construction of Agricultural Building – Agricultural Building, Balwest. Cllr Molcher proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all other in agreement that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

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Decisions

PA18/03924 APPROVED – Change of use of former hedgerow to domestic curtilage and retention of constructed boundary wall – Wide Horizons, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

PA18/04363 APPROVED – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for confirmation of commencement of planning permission PA15/04357 for the 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 – *noted*

PA18/03570 APPROVED – Proposed new dwelling – land West of St Marys, Helston Road – *noted*

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

In the absence of CClr Keeling there was no report.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Standing Orders

Following the decision taken at the Annual Meeting to review existing Standing Orders, members recognised that they needed updating. Following discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded and it was agreed to adopt the Model Standing Orders published by the National Association of Local Councils and adapted for Germoe Parish Council by the Clerk. The new Orders will be published on the website.

General Data Protection and Regulation Act 2018

Members considered a document prepared by the Clerk which sets out the way in which Germoe Parish Council uses personal data as defined by the General Data Protection and Regulation Act 2018. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Mrs Whitehead seconded and it was agreed that this document should be published on the website and reviewed every year at the Annual Meeting.

Delegated Powers

Members considered awarding delegated powers to the Chairman and the Clerk to deal with day-to-day matters relating to the Parish Council during the month of August 2018. Following discussion, Cllr Bell proposed, Cllr Mrs Whitehead seconded, all others in favour that the Chairman and the Clerk should have delegated powers to deal with day-to-day matters relating to the Parish Council during the month of August 2018.

9 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
R.Sanders (cutting greens)	£ 306.00	£ 51.00
Colin Chapman		
Salary (May)	£ 234.83	
travelling	£ 20.00	
telephone	£ 24.50	
office expenses	£ 60.56	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 359.89

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

Members noted the following receipt

Interest	£ 1.63
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10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the cost of printing 500 copies of *Six Walks around Breage and Germoe* will presently be in the region of £1,000. As the Council still has just over one hundred booklets remaining it was agreed to bear the figure in mind should stocks drop.

He further reported that he is awaiting a full reply from David Pascoe of Trannack Quarry concerning the addition of words to the parish welcoming stones

Local Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Cornwall: draft recommendations – *noted*

Cornwall Air Ambulance acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Germoe Village Association request for consideration to be given towards the creation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan – *it was agreed that the Clerk should forward a reply*

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11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Blencowe reported that he and his wife had accepted the invitation from Germoe Village Association to attend the celebrations surrounding the unveiling of the new cover for St Germoe's Well. It had been a wet, but highly successful community occasion accompanied with singing by the children from the school followed by much eating of cakes and drinking of tea.

He further reported that the ditches leading down the hill to the triangle at Balwest need cutting and moreover that the bus shelter at Germoe Crossroads needs clearing of brambles. The Clerk undertook to deal with both matters.

Finally, Cllr Blencowe informed members that a company called *Naturally Green* is spraying the bracken on the National Trust land.

Cllr Mrs Whitehead said that she too had attended the unveiling ceremony in Germoe and that the new well cover looks splendid. She offered her congratulations to the Village Association.

Members who had been present at the ceremony stated that the children had behaved in an exemplary fashion and had consequently been a credit to the school.

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman stated that she and her husband had attended the Helston Town Council's Civic Service at St Michael's Church on Sunday.

She also reported her attendance at the recent meeting of the Community Network at which Police Sgt Anne Butcher had spoken about a proposal to create a team of volunteers trained in the use of speed-guns. (Members of the Community who are interested in this initiative should, in the first instance, contact the Clerk.) Individuals had raised concerns about the future of beds at Helston Hospital, but had been assured that no changes were presently envisaged.

Finally the Chairman reminded members of the Code of Conduct training in Penzance on July 31.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion in future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday September 6, 2018 at 7.00pm in **Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.**

Signed.....

Dated.....

Chairman's initials.....