

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday September 6, 2018 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

**Present:**

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

**Visitors:** There were no visitors.

The Chairman welcomed members to the September meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Keeling and Cllr Mrs Praed 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 Bell proposed, Cllr Mrs Whitehead seconded, Cllr Johnson who was absent from the last meeting abstained and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday July 5, 2018 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Bell commented on the extraordinary length of time the Planning Authority is taking to make a decision on PA18/05276 Ms H.Brewer – Construction of Agricultural Building – Agricultural Building, Balwest.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- there is general dissatisfaction about the merger of the Dorset and Devon and Cornwall Police Forces not least because of the absence of a properly costed business plan. If the merger does go ahead, he hopes that it will bring back community policing
- the Planning Authority's decision to refuse permission for the development of a large chicken farm in Nancegollan is the subject of an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate
- speeding remains a major problem all over the Ward. Work is progressing on setting up a community based Speed Watch group which will operate throughout the South Kerrier Area
- a guidance note concerning the Mobile Speed Activation Signs (MSAS) has been issued. These temporary signs detect the speed of oncoming traffic using a radar device and have been shown to be effective in reducing speed
- he hopes that the steps down to the beach at Praa Sands can be repaired before the winter's storms do any more damage
- he intends to visit the Planning and Enforcement Department at Dolcoath in the next couple of weeks to catch up with a number of planning/enforcement matters.

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## 7 PARISH MATTERS

### Welcoming stones

Members noted a quotation from David Pascoe in the sum of £600 for the addition of *Germogh a'gas dynergh* to the two welcoming stones sited on the A394. Following discussion, it was agreed that although this sum is somewhat beyond the Parish Council's purse, this is a project worth pursuing. The Clerk was asked to seek funding towards the cost.

### Memorial Public Bench

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from Mrs Cox to site a memorial bench on Tregonning Hill. He had explained to her that the Parish Council only owns the land immediately surrounding the War Memorial, but had suggested that the bench at the War Memorial may need replacing. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Blencowe will inspect the existing bench with a view to replacement and that a decision concerning the matter will be taken at the next meeting.

## 8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Financial Regulations

Following the decision taken at the Annual Meeting to review Financial Regulations, members recognised that Paragraph 10.1(a) needs revision to reflect the ever increasing cost of the supply of goods and contractual work. Following discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed to change the higher sum to £5,000 and the lower to £3,000. The new Regulations will be signed at the next meeting and published on the website.

## 9 PLANNING

Members noted that the following applications had been commented upon and returned using delegated powers granted at the meeting on July 5, 2018

PA18/06127 Mrs C.Sharrock – Alterations to existing boundary wall adjacent to road. New gate and archway entrance. Wall height to be increased. – Praa View Cottage, Newtown. This application was returned marked *Germoe Parish Council supports this application: the wall will make a positive contribution to the developed portion of this narrow lane.*

PA18/06491 Mr R.Hollinrake and Mrs A.Varndall – Modification of planning obligation dated 24.07.1995 relating to decision PA94/00738/F - to ensure that the land as Bos Verbas remains in single ownership – Bos Verbas, Helston Road, Germoe. This application was returned marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no comment.*

PA18/06537 Mr S.Neal – Extensions to existing dwelling - amended scheme – Norbury, Tresowes. This application was returned marked *Germoe Parish Council has no observations.*

PA18/06455 Mr R.Hollinrake and Mrs A.Varndall – Retrospective siting of two shepherds' huts and erection of two toilet buildings – Bos Verbas Camping Site, Helston Road. This application was returned marked *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

PA18/06508 Mr R.Hollinrake and Mrs A.Varndall – Use of annexe as annexe or holiday letting unit and first floor extension to dwelling – Bos Verbas Helston Road. This application was returned marked *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

PA18/07396 Mr P.Aston – Remove large broken branch of pine tree – Holly Cottage, Tresowes Hill. This application was returned marked *Germoe Parish Council supports this application subject to the agreement of the County Tree Officer.*

### Applications

PA18/06424 Ms S.Shedd – Subdivision of the east garden of Wayfield Cottage and construction of a new self-build home and associated works – land East of Wayfield Cottage, Newtown. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Bell seconded, Cllr Johnson abstained, all others in agreement that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council believes this is an application for a new home in the countryside. The application site is cramped and lies outside the settlement of Newtown and development will adversely affect the character of the area. Germoe Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

### Decisions

PA18/04241 APPROVED – 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 – *noted*

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PA18/06127 APPROVED – Alterations to existing boundary wall adjacent to road. New gate and archway entrance. Wall height to be increased – Praa View Cottage, Newtown – *noted*

PA18/06537 APPROVED – Extensions to existing dwelling (amended scheme) – Norbury, Tresowes – *noted*

PA18/07396 DECIDED NOT TO MAKE A TPO – Remove large broken branch of pine tree – Holly Cottage, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

## 10 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
HMRC	£ 176.20	
R.Sanders (PROWs and Greens)	£ 1,246.55	£ 207.76
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Colin Chapman		
Salary (July)	£ 235.73	
Salary (August)	£ 234.83	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 48.75	
office expenses	£ 28.80	
use of home as office	£ 40.00	
	total	£ 598.11

Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded and it was agreed that the above four accounts should be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

CC Precept (2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment)	£ 4,600.00
CC CTS grant (2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment)	£ 96.36

## 11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

**Cornwall Council** consultation on allocation of monies arising from the Community Infrastructure Levy – *noted*

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

**Derek Thomas MP** future surgery dates – *noted*

## 12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Bell reported that he had attended the Code of Conduct training held in July and had enjoyed the experience.

Cllr Blencowe offered to represent the Parish Council at the Planning Workshop in the evening of October 4, 2018. His offer was accepted.

Members noted that recent hedging work had destroyed hydrants at Great West Farm and on the road up the hill as it leaves Ashton. It was further noted that, although no further work is being undertaken on the road between Germoe cross-roads and Churchtown, the warning signs remain as indeed do a number of green paint marks which indicates that the Highways Authority considers patching work necessary. The Clerk undertook to report these three issues.

## 13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage of the meeting.

## 14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion in future meetings were tabled.

## DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday October 4, 2018 at 7.00pm in **Balwest Methodist Schoolroom**.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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