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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday October 4, 2018 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr Mrs K.Doesper Cllr Mrs G.Praed
Cllr G.Bell
Cllr R.Johnson Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr J.Keeling

Welcoming members and visitors to the October meeting and speaking on behalf of the Council, the Chairman said how pleased she was to see CCllr John Keeling up and about again.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Blencowe and Cllr Molcher sent their apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

As a personal friend of the applicants, Cllr Bell declared a non-registrable interest in agenda item 8 PA18/08595.

As a personal friend of the applicants, Cllr Mrs Doeser declared a non-registrable interest in agenda item 8 PA18/08400.

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 Praed who was absent from the last meeting abstained and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday September 6, 2018 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Memorial Public Bench

Members noted that the public seat at the War Memorial is in good condition and does not need replacing. However, since the last meeting, the bench at the top of Moors Lane has been damaged beyond economic repair and Mrs Cox and her family have been offered the opportunity to replace that. The Clerk reported that he has yet to receive a reply. Following a short discussion, Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded that Germoe Parish Council should purchase and install a suitable replacement.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Thanking members for their good wishes, CCllr Keeling reported that

- he is currently working from home with all the difficulties that entails
- there are a number of planning issues in the Ward, not least the re-development of the Cornwall Motel site
- the proposed merger of the Devon and Cornwall Police Force with that of Dorset has yet to be determined
- he is very pleased to be able to offer £250 from his share of the Community Grant Fund towards the cost of adding a Cornish Welcome to the two parish stones on the A394
- he gathers that there have been complaints that the Community Network Meetings are being driven by Officers employed by Cornwall Council
- Breage Parish Council had fielded a complaint that the hedges along Rocky Lane are encroaching onto the by-way.

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7 PARISH MATTERS

Welcoming stones

Members noted that CCllr Keeling has offered a grant of £250 towards the cost of adding *Germogh a'gas dynergh* to the two welcoming stones sited on the A394. Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed to ask David Pascoe to undertake the necessary work.

8 PLANNING

Applications

PA18/07948 Mr A.Ballard – Proposed new dwelling – land West of St Marys (Plot 2) Helston Road, Germoe. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council objects to this proposal because it does not comply with the requirements of the Cornwall Local Plan and would cause adverse visual impact to an area of open rural character.*

The site is one of a number fronting the A394 between Germoe and Newtown that have large gardens with properties set well back from the road. Together with the golf course on the opposite side of the road they combine to create an open rural character beyond the continuously built-up section of the Helston road.

The proposed development would physically extend the built environment into the more open countryside and would consequently be contrary to the requirements of The Cornwall Local Plan Policy 2 Spatial Strategy, paragraphs 1.65, 1.66 and 1.67 regarding the role of function and places.

PA18/08053 Mr and Mrs J.Fletcher – Conversion of existing outbuilding into a three bedroomed single storey dwelling – Fox Cottage, Tresowes. Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

PA18/08400 Mr and Mrs B.Woodman – Erection of a dwelling – Geal Cottage, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council does not believe the proposed design provides continuity with the existing built form and is therefore contrary to Policy 12 of the Cornwall Local Plan. Germoe Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA18/08595 Mr and Mrs Bradley – Outline planning permission with some matters reserved: Construction of single sustainable dwelling including parking and on-site drainage – West Acre, Helston Road. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council objects to this proposal because it does not comply with the requirements of the Cornwall Local Plan and would cause adverse visual impact to an area of open rural character.*

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PA18/08639 Mr S.Neal – Erection of a replacement dwelling – Norbury, Tresowes, Ashton. Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council does not have the technical knowledge to evaluate the merits of the proposed action, and therefore would find it difficult to justify comments in support or in objection to this proposal.*

9 FINANCE

Members considered a request from Balwest Methodist Church for financial help with the cost of the annual maintenance of the open churchyard. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Praed seconded by Cllr Johnson all others in favour that the sum of £350.00 be forwarded to Balwest Methodist Church under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members considered a request from Balwest Methodist Church for financial help towards the purchase of its Christmas tree. Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded, all others in favour that, the sum of £100.00 be forwarded to Balwest Methodist Church under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
R.Sanders (cutting greens)	£ 102.00	£ 17.00

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Colin Chapman		
Salary (September)	£ 234.83	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 21.24	
office expenses	£ 23.69	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 309.76

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

10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that Cornwall Council will shortly begin a long-overdue review of Parish Council Boundaries.

Correspondence

Cllr Mrs Whitehead letter of resignation from the Council – *noted*

CPRE Protect Rural Cornwall newsletter – *noted*

11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that landowners with an interest in PROW 25 have been contacted by Cornwall Council with reference to a Modification Order presently being sought by the Breage and Germoe Bridleways Association to change the status of this Public Right of Way from footpath to bridleway.

Residents who receive scam mail (convincing letters designed to trick people out of money or other valuables most often through bogus competitions and fake prize draws) are requested to let Royal Mail know by sending the letter in question to FREEPOST SCAM MAIL or alternatively by telephoning 0800 0113 466 or by e-mailing scam.mail@royalmail.com

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Noting Cllr Mrs Diane Whitehead's resignation from the Council, the Chairman paid tribute to her for the work she has done for the community as a Councillor.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion in future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday November 1, 2018 at 7.00pm in **Germoe Church Hall**.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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