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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday December 6, 2018 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

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

Visitors: Mr Chizhikov and Mr Hoben.

The Chairman welcomed visitors and members to the December meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Molcher sent his apologies for absence.

2 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 of a value greater than £25.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

Cllr Blencowe proposed, Mrs Praed seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday November 1, 2018 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Giving voice to members' thoughts, Cllr Mrs Praed said that it had been heart-warming to see so many people at the War Memorial for the Remembrance Day Service.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Chizhikov said that he was present to support Mr Hoben's application for a new dwelling at Stoney Acres. He noted that, at present, the Cornwall Council website contains no adverse comment and added that proposals for similar conversions had recently been approved. This application is in line with the recommendations contained in paragraph 55 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy 7 of the Cornwall Local Plan. In general, the applicant's aims had been for a sympathetic development, for an attractive building that will sit well within the landscape, will be sustainable and of low impact.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to discuss Agenda item 9 at this point

9 PLANNING

Applications

PA18/10308 Mrs C.Rampley – Partial demolition, extension and conversion of existing redundant rural building to form a single dwelling and installation of a domestic packaged sewage treatment plant – Stony Acres, Balwest. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *By virtue of size, bulk and position within the site, the proposed building would significantly increase the linear-built residential form in this prominent position, and consequently would impact negatively upon the open countryside and negatively upon the public view of Tregonning Hill from roads to the south-west of the hill.*

The Parish Council considers that the sympathetic choice of construction materials and energy-efficient design do not outweigh the potential negative impact upon the immediate setting and upon the surrounding open countryside.

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The Parish Council does not consider that the potential negative impact to the rural nature of the development will be outweighed by public economic and social benefits.

Germoe Parish Council objects to the proposed development because there will be no Enhancement to the Immediate Setting and there will be visual harm to the Open Countryside contrary to the requirement of the Cornwall Local Plan Policy 7 and because there will be harm to the Area of Great Landscape Value caused by the cumulative development on the south west face of Tregonning Hill contrary to the requirements of the Cornwall Local plan Policy 23.

Members noted the following planning decisions

PA18/06455 APPROVED – Retrospective siting of two shepherds' huts and erection of two toilet buildings – Bos Verbas Camping Site – *noted*

PA18/07948 APPROVED – Proposed new dwelling – land West of St Marys, Helston Road, Germoe – *noted*

PA18/08053 APPROVED – Conversion of existing outbuilding into a three bedroomed single storey dwelling – Fox Cottage, Tresowes – *noted*

PA18/08595 APPROVED – Outline planning permission with some matters reserved: Construction of single sustainable dwelling including parking and on-site drainage land South of West Acre, Helston Road – *noted*

PA18/08639 APPROVED – Erection of a Replacement Dwelling Norbury, Tresowes – *noted*

PA18/09761 Decided not to make a TPO – Reduce height of a Sycamore tree – Tara, Germoe Lane – *noted*

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CClr Keeling reported that

- Cornwall Council had debated some six motions when it met on Tuesday: these had included Members' access to confidential Planning Enforcement information, the Stadium for Cornwall (and the financial intentions of Central Government) and the effect of Brexit on Cornwall
- he has a number of planning issues to discuss with planning officers at Dolcoath
- last week there had been a policeman with a speed gun outside the garage at Ashton, The policeman had told him that he had both warned and booked a number speeding motorists.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Co-option of a Councillor

The Clerk reported that he had received no expression of interest in co-option.

Dates of Parish Council meetings 2019/2020

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the times, dates and places for the meetings in 2019 – 2020 will be as follows

January 3, 2019	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
February 7, 2019	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
March 7, 2019	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
April 4, 2019	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 2, 2019	Annual Parish Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 2, 2019	Annual Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
June 6, 2019	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
July 4, 2019	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
September 5, 2019	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
October 3, 2019	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
November 7, 2019	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
December 5, 2019	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
January 2, 2020	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
February 6, 2020	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall

8 PARISH MATTERS

Community Networks Highways Scheme

Members considered an offer from the Community Network Panel to suggest highways projects within the parish which might be progressed at county level. It was felt that a request for Quiet Lane status for the road between Ashton and Great Work should be pursued and the Clerk was asked to complete the necessary form.

Welcoming stones

Members noted that David Pascoe has said that he will do the necessary work early in the New Year. The grant from CClr Keeling's share of the Community Chest has been received.

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10 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at December 6, 2018 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Blencowe, seconded by Cllr Mrs Praed all others in favour that the Precept for the year 2018/2019 should be set at £9,400.

Members considered a request from for financial help towards the village Christmas celebrations. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded all others in favour, that, under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the sum of £100 should be made available for underwriting activities in Germoe over Christmas 2018.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
HMRC	£ 176.20	
R,Sanders (cut and strim greens)	£ 102.00	£ 17.00
St Germoe PCC	£ 153.12	
Balwest Methodist Church (hire of schoolroom)	£ 115.00	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (November)	£ 234.83	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 24.81	
office expenses	£ 21.90	
Cornwall Council (training)	£ 12.00	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 323.54

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

Members noted the following receipt

CC (closed churchyard)	£ 153.12
CC (Community Chest)	£ 200.00

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Royal British Legion acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Speaking on behalf of the Germoe Village Association, Cllr Bell asked what had become both of the Community Emergency Plan and the proposed memorial for the four airmen from Coastal Command who had died in 1941 when their plane had crashed into County Quarry on Tregonning Hill. The Chairman replied that the Parish Council had delivered leaflets to all the houses in the Parish concerning a proposed Community Emergency Plan but had received not a single reply. The memorial for the airmen as proposed by the Balwest Heritage Society would have been sited in the Parish of Breage and at the edge of a very steep drop and the idea had been dropped.

The drain outside the school has again caused problems

The Chairman reported that Father Peter Johnson, the Vicar of Germoe, had died earlier in the week and, speaking on behalf of the Council, she offered her condolences to his family.

The Trustees of Balwest Chapel are offering lunch on Christmas Day to residents who will be on their own on the day.

The Christmas Lights will, this year, be switched on at 6.00pm on Thursday December 13.

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Other than to wish all those present a very happy Christmas, the Chairman made no further comment.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion in future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday January 3, 2019 at 7.00pm in **Germoe Church Hall**.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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