

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday February 7, 2019 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs K.Doesper Cllr L.Molcher  
Cllr G.Bell  
Cllr D.Blencowe Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:**, Ms Garrard, Mr Marshall and Mr Pickles.

The Chairman welcomed visitors and members to the February meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Keeling, Cllr Johnson 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 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, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday January 3, 2019 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 this agenda.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Marshall said that, if Germoe Parish Council decided to declare a Climate Emergency later in the meeting, there is European grant funding available for underwriting the calculation of carbon output within the parish. However, he warned that the requirements of this particular grant limit access to non-statutory bodies and suggested that the Germoe Village Association might be interested in applying, adding that he will willingly assist with any application.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

In the absence of Cllr Keeling there was no report.

## 7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Co-option of a Councillor

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

### Public Rights of Way

Members considered an invitation from Cornwall Council to continue with the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme. The grant offered for the year to March 31, 2020 is £1,234.89 (or 100% of eligible costs, whichever is the lower). Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Bell seconded all in favour that Germoe Parish Council should accept the terms relating to the Local Maintenance Partnership as offered by Cornwall Council for the year to March 31, 2020.

### St Germoe Closed Churchyard

Members considered an offer to extend the contract with Cornwall Council for cutting the grass in the closed churchyard of St Germoe for a further year at an annual rate of £76.22 (the same rate as last year). Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Molcher seconded all others in favour to continue with the maintenance of the closed churchyard at St Germoe.

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## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### Climate Change

Members considered the implications of climate change both on the Parish and on the world. Following considerable discussion during the course of which it was noted that

- Cornwall Council had signed up to the Nottingham declaration in September 2010 which had encouraged the Council to support the development of wind and solar farms but little else
- within the past week Cornwall Council has declared a climate emergency and resulting from that has decided to put resources in place to determine what might be done to mitigate the county's carbon output
- this will include the production of a report (for publication within the next six months) designed to enable members to consider ways forward
- Germoe Parish Council might consider doing the same. Additionally, within the Parish, although it lacks any authority, it might
  - encourage the reduction of carbon emissions through energy efficiency, low carbon fuels and renewable energy
  - support only sustainable development when considering planning applications
  - encourage the community to walk to school instead of driving
  - encourage the community to become more energy efficient
  - encourage the community to reduce car use, possibly by using public transport
  - encourage the community to think about its consumption of resources and to reduce, reuse, and recycle
  - encourage the planting of trees
 (It was noted that, as matters stand, some of the above may be impracticable for individuals.)
- the main cause of toxic emissions within the Parish is undoubtedly traffic passing along the A394

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should declare a Climate Emergency and, further, should agree to support any initiatives reducing carbon emissions undertaken both by Cornwall Council and by the local community.

### Welcoming stones

Members noted that David Pascoe still has the matter in hand.

## 9 PLANNING

### Applications

PA19/00705 Mr and Mrs Beedle – Proposed construction of new dwelling – land South of St Marys, Helston Road. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

### Members noted the following planning decision

PA18/10169 Decided not to make a TPO – Sycamore (T1) - fell because of excess shading and low amenity value. Also, preparation for ground works in advance of possible application for extension to rear of property – Larkspur Cottage, Germoe Lane – *noted*

PA18/11446 REFUSED – Single storey dwelling to replace residential caravans – Tresheba Caravan, Main Road, Ashton – *noted*

## 10 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at February 7, 2019 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

Members considered making a donation towards the Sowenna Appeal which, at its new facility in Bodmin, will support young people from across Cornwall who are suffering severe mental illnesses. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed, Cllr Molcher seconded and it was agreed to forward the sum of £100 to the Sowenna Appeal under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Information Commissioner	£ 40.00	
R.Sanders (December account)	£ 367.70	£ 61.28
R.Sanders (January account)	£ 102.00	£ 17.00
Colin Chapman		
Salary (January)	£ 234.83	
travelling	£ 20.00	
telephone	£ 19.10	

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office expenses	£ 17.64	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
		total £ 311.57

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

## 11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

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

**CPRE** Protecting Rural Cornwall newsletter – *noted*

## 12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Blencowe drew the attention of members present to

- a “Meet the Planners” event hosted by Cornwall Council on March 4 at Heartlands. (All members present agreed that they would like to attend)
- changes in the Cornwall Local Plan which simplify planning procedure for a permanent dwelling following a sustained period of residential use of temporary accommodation.

## 13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that she had attended the recent Community Network Panel meeting at which the Panel had been asked to prioritise Expressions of Interest for the 2019/2020 Community Network Highways Scheme (which has a £50,000 budget). These had all been assessed and costed by Mike Peters prior to the meeting. Mr Peters' view is that the road under Tregonning Hill is a well used rural route from Hayle/Camborne and therefore cannot be awarded quiet lane status. However, the Traffic Regulation Order, which is necessary to implement those schemes which Cormac has approved, will include the removal of the 40mph limit along the hill. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Peters expressing the Council's disappointment but suggesting that, rather than removing the posts from the highway verge, the 40mph roundels might simply be replaced with a sign warning motorists that pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders use the road. 89

Inspector John Hannaford from the Devon and Cornwall Police had reported that crime statistics will be forwarded to Councils despite the fact that we live in a low crime area. He had added that there has been an increase in burglary from non-domestic buildings and advised everyone to ensure that outbuildings are kept locked. He also reported an increase in drug use fuelled by the growth of “county lines”.

## 14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Climate Change.

### DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday March 7, 2019 at 7.00pm in **Germoe Church Hall**.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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