

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:**

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

**Visitors:** CCllr Keeling and Mr Pickles.

The Chairman welcomed visitors and members to the March meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no 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 Molcher seconded, Cllr Johnson and Cllr Mrs Praed being absent from the last meeting abstained and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday February 7, 2019 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

The Chairman reported that she has asked for Climate Change to be included as an agenda item on subsequent agendas. She drew members' attention to the Climate Change and Neighbourhood Planning Conference to be held at the Tremough Campus on Saturday March 9. She noted that Helston Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and will be working with Transition Helston to effect change in residents' approach to sustainability.

Members noted the correspondence between the Clerk and Cornwall Highways as a result of the decision to defer the removal of the 40mph speed limit along Tresowes Hill until 2020. Considerable concern was again expressed about the inconsiderate fashion in which drivers of vehicles use both this road and many of the other even quieter, narrow lanes within the Parish. In the absence of a verge or when the hedges have not been trimmed, walkers, cyclists and horse-riders have problems getting out of the way of vehicles along many of those lanes. It was agreed that the Council should consider all roads within the Parish in the light of the vision and strategies outlined in Connecting Cornwall 2030 – and possibly consider site meetings to look at the various issues.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from members of the public.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- at its meeting last week, Cornwall Council agreed to increase the Council Tax by 3.99% which has the effect of increasing the average Band D tax from £1,772.29 to £1,864.02
- it is his opinion that both Countryside Access and children's mental health are woefully underfunded
- together with many members of the public he had attended a meeting at Nancegollen with the Environment Agency which has allowed a draft Environmental Permit which will allow the chicken farm to operate if, but only if, planning permission is granted

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- in the event, the “Quiet Lane” proposal from Germoe was not supported by Cormac, although the decision to remove the 40 mph signs on the Ashton to Godolphin Cross road is a positive proposal that should ensure that people drive to the road conditions rather than the speed limit
- the seasonal restrictions on dogs on beaches (the Dog Beach Ban) are shortly to be reviewed and a public consultation will form part of the consultation process.

## 7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Co-option of a Councillor

The Clerk reported that interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor has been expressed by Mr Joe Pickles.

*Mr Pickles and CCllr Keeling left the room while of this matter was debated.*

Following a short discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Molcher seconded and it was agreed that Mr Pickles should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

*Mr Pickles and CCllr Keeling were invited to return to the room.*

Cllr Pickles signed and read aloud his declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Germoe Parish Council, the Proper Officer. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Pickles as a member of Germoe Parish Council.

### St Germoe Closed Churchyard

Members noted that Cornwall Council has increased its grant offer for cutting the grass in the closed churchyard of St Germoe for the coming year to £153.12 The Clerk has signed the agreement.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### Welcoming stones

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

### Christmas in Germoe

Members considered a request from St Germoe PCC for help with organising the Christmas celebrations on Church Green. It was agreed that St Germoe PCC should approach Germoe Village Association about this matter.

## 9 FINANCE

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

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Inland Revenue	£ 176.20	
RR Memorial Charity (AED signage)	£ 45.60	£ 7.60
R.Sanders (cutting greens)	£ 102.00	£ 17.00
Colin Chapman		
Salary (February)	£ 234.83	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 29.45	
office expenses	£ 34.25	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 328.63

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

Members noted the following receipt

Cornwall Council (LMP scheme)	£ 1,234.89
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## 10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that, late that afternoon, he had received a planning application which required observations to be returned to the Planning Authority within the coming fortnight.

*The Chairman proposed that, as a matter of urgent business, the Council should consider this application*

PA19/01917 Mr S.Neal – Non-material amendment (No. 1) to: Raise the Ground floor slab level; raise the eaves and ridge levels; rotate the new dwelling and various changes to the design of the elevations in respect of decision notice PA18/08639 Erection of a Replacement Dwelling – Norbury, Tresowes. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Molcher seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observations *Germoe Parish Council considers the alterations to the south elevation of the original miner’s cottage to be harmful to the World Heritage Site asset. In particular, the loss of the front door, the repositioning of the window*

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*on the ground-floor and the addition of the window to the first floor would result in harm to the public view of the original dwelling.*

### **Correspondence**

**Cornwall Council** Guide to Winter Wellbeing 2018/2019 – *noted*

**Derek Thomas MP** diary of appointment surgeries – *noted*

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

### **11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Cllr Blencowe reported that, together with the Chairman, he had attended a “Meet the Planners” event. Sadly, the event had proved an abject failure. None of the one hundred or more Town and Parish Councillors present was able to meet or talk individually with a planner – each of whom had read a description of their responsibilities from a prepared script: scripts which might best be described as anodyne. Despite this disappointment, Cllr Blencowe urged members to attend any planning training events which might be organised by the Authority in the future: he has found the ones he has attended very useful indeed.

Cllr Bell reported that he had been telephoned by a resident living in Boscrege who had expressed concern that a near neighbour was about to open a Freedom Camping Site. Members noted that Freedom Camping does have the power to authorise sites, but that those sites are subject to rules and conditions imposed by the Freedom Camping Club. A list of rules and conditions for each site is available on the Freedom Camping Club’s website. Individuals disadvantaged by a Freedom Camping Club camp-site should check those conditions and, if felt appropriate, make a complaint direct to the Club.

### **12 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS**

The Chairman made no further comments.

### **14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

Climate Change: roads

### **DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Thursday April 4, 2019 at 7.00pm in **Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.**

Signed.....

Dated.....

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