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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday April 4, 2019 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present:

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

Visitors: Mr Benzing, Mr Golay, Mr and Mrs Ross.

The Chairman welcomed visitors and members to the April meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Keeling and Cllr Pickles 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 Mrs Praed seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday March 7, 2019 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Members noted that the Traffic Regulation Order removing the 40mph limit from the road between Great Work and Ashton will go out to public consultation within the next few months.

Cllr Bell reported that St Germoe Parochial Church Council has written to the Germoe Village Association concerning the organisation of the Christmas celebrations in the village: the Village Association has replied positively.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Golay stated that he was present to submit Mr Benzing's planning proposals to the Parish Council and to answer any questions members might have about them. Mr Benzing is looking to build upon the existing camp-site business on Tregonning Hill (which up and until a year or so ago had been authorised by the Freedom Camping Club) by seeking to have it registered as a listed camp-site. His proposal is to extend the season from Easter until October, but to retain the existing low-key, nine pitches approach which has proved popular with visitors. There are certain improvements which registration may require including improving the access and updating the sanitary arrangements, but it is not his intention to make more changes than necessary. Members noted that the trees Mr Benzing has planted over the past few years are expected to minimise the visual impact of the site, both from the hill and from the road.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, Cllr Keeling reported that

- he appears to be continually reporting the absence of funding available for maintenance and repair work that residents expect to be carried out on a regular basis: potholes, roadside verges and other local issues. He emphasised that these services are carried out, but that managers have to work to a budget and are accountable for any over-spend

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- Central Government has been made aware of the substantial black hole which faces local government services, more particularly those of adult social care, children's services and homelessness and he intends to pursue the matter vigorously at cabinet and group meetings
- he reminded members of a meeting he had had with the then Secretary of State, Mr Greg Clarke MP when he raised the matter of a replacement funding stream following the United Kingdom's departure from the EU. A promise was made then that alternative funding would be forthcoming and, as a workable replacement, we may have the Shared Prosperity Fund.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Welcoming stones

Members noted that, during the course of the coming weekend, David Pascoe has undertaken to remove the two stones from the road-side for delivery to his quarry for the necessary work to be done.

Climate Change

The Chairman reported that a number of people associated with the Helston Climate Change Action Group had attended the recent Community Network Partnership meeting. They had presented those present with copies of their flyer which suggest pledges which individuals might make. She undertook to adapt those pledges for publication on Germoe Parish Council's website.

Cllr Mrs Praed reported that she had met Manda Brookman of the Cornwall Sustainable Tourism Project, who had stated that it is all about encouraging individuals to play their part.

Cornwall Association of Local Councils

Members noted an invitation to join the Cornwall Association of Local Councils in the sum of £237.48 + VAT. Following discussion, it was agreed not to accept the invitation.

8 PLANNING

To make observations on planning applications including the following

PA19/01879 Mr M.Hawkins – To erect a block built store for the storage of large garden equipment and for the storage of beekeeping equipment. To erect a wooden store for the storage of gardening equipment (hand tools),gardening consumables and the storage of chicken feed. The erection of a chicken coop to keep rescue chickens and the erection of two polytunnels to enable growing of seeds and fruit and vegetables out of season. – land opposite Trewithen Terrace. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Subject to the Planning Authority's approval of the position of the building, Germoe Parish Council will support the use of this site as a small-holding for growing fruit and vegetables and for keeping bees and chickens.*

PA19/02646 Mr H.Waller & Miss D.Carolan – Single storey rear porch extension. Re-roofing of existing lean-to extension. Alterations: installation of composting toilet in outbuilding – Land-Dew, Tresowes. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Molcher seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA18/06491 APPROVED – 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 – *noted*

PA18/06508 APPROVED – Use of annexe as annexe or holiday letting unit and first floor extension to dwelling – Bos Verbas, Helston Road – *noted*

PA19/00705 APPROVED – Proposed construction of new dwelling – land South of St Marys, Helston Road – *noted*

PA19/01917 NOT ACCEPTABLE AS AMENDMENT – 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 – *noted*

9 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at April 4, 2019 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

The Internal Auditor's report not being available, members agreed to defer acceptance to the Meeting in May.

Parish Councillors considered the Statement of Assurance required for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2019. Cllr Bell proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council

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should answer “Yes” to each of the questions posed by the Statement of Assurance which forms part of the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2019.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019. Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Bell seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council accepts the accounts for the year April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019.

Members considered a resolution that Germoe Parish Council, having a turnover for the year 2018 – 2019 of less than £25,000 should declare that it is an exempt authority within the definition contained in the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015. Members noted that this means that the Internal Auditor’s report alone is sufficient for the Year’s accounts to be signed off and that there is no requirement, as in the past, for a Limited Assurance Review to be undertaken by an External Auditor. Following discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that for the financial year 2018 – 2019 Germoe Parish Council will declare itself an exempt authority within the definition contained in the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
R.Sanders (cutting greens)	£ 102.00	£ 17.00
Colin Chapman		
Salary (March)	£ 234.83	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 25.68	
office expenses	£ 35.42	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 325.93

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

Correspondence

Cornwall Council Definitive Map Modification Order (inclusion of a bridleway from Wide Horizons to the track south of Tregonning Farm) – *noted*

Cornwall Council Definitive Map Modification Order upgrade of Footpath 25 to a bridleway – *noted*

11 MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS

Cllr Molcher reported that work done recently in Moors Lane may possibly lead to problems in Tresowes during periods of heavy rain. The Clerk was asked to seek a report from Cornwall Council on quite what had been done.

Cllr Mrs Praed reported that a new social media website aimed at residents of Breage and Germoe has been launched, that she had signed up and would keep an eye on it.

Cllr Bell stated that, some while ago, he had reported two damaged stiles to Cornwall Council, but that so far nothing has been done. In the same context, it was noted that users of PROW 9 have been told that they cannot walk down the track, but have to divert through the fields to the south of Cobbernoon. It was further noted that the footpath finger-post near the eastern end of the same path has been sawn off at its base and now lies on the ground behind the hedge and that the way-mark arrows are missing. The Clerk undertook to ask Bob Sanders to replace the finger-post.

Cllr Blencowe asked members if he thought there might be merit in using a projector connected to a computer to view more complex planning applications. Noting that a poor decision on a planning application can have a devastating effect on neighbours, Members agreed that this approach would make comprehension and therefore decision-making easier and agreed to a trial.

12 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman reminded members of the invitation to the Road Safety and Community Speed engagement event on May 14 at County Hall.

The Chairman reported that she had attended the recent Community Network Partnership meeting at which the Police had reported that although incidents of crime in the district are dropping, anti-social behaviour remains a problem. The ‘No Excuses’ Team has been operating in the Breage and Carleen area and a number of vehicles have been found being used illegally: prosecutions will follow. Richard Haycock of Cornwall Council had explained the new initiative which comes into force in 2020 when household waste will be collected fortnightly and recyclates, including food waste, will be collected weekly. Cornwall is encouraging the use of the brown bin service for garden waste, deeming it less expensive than trips to the tip. The next meeting will be at the Goonhilly Earth Station.

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The Chairman concluded by telling fellow members that, having served three terms of office, she would be stepping down at the Annual Meeting.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion on the agenda at future meetings were raised.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday May 2, 2019 at 7:00pm in **Balwest Methodist Schoolroom**

Annual Meeting – Thursday May 2, 2019 following the Annual Parish Meeting in **Balwest Methodist Schoolroom**

Signed.....

Dated.....

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