

GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

www.germoeparishcouncil.org.uk

C.F.P.Chapman
Clerk to the Council
Chy Lean
St Keverne Road
Mawgan
Helston TR12 6AY

telephone 01326 221648
parish.clerk3@btinternet.com

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday May 2, 2019 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitor: Mrs Hughes, Mr and Mrs Hawkins, Mr S.Neal, Mr and Mrs Taylor and Freddie.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Doeser be elected to the Chair of Germoe Parish Council for the year 2019 – 2020.

2 CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Mrs Doeser read aloud and signed the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman of Germoe Parish Council for the year 2019 – 2020 in the presence of the Clerk and the Council.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

4 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 relating to membership of the Council of a value greater than £25.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday April 4, 2019 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

6 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THIS AGENDA

The Chairman reported that the Cornish *Germogh a'gas dynergh* has been added to the two welcoming stones on the A394 (at Germoe Cross Roads and at the turning to Tresowes) and had been well-received.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Neal stated that he would be unable to attend the June meeting, but that he was present to seek the Parish Council's support for his planning application (PA19/03410 – Erection of a Replacement Dwelling with variation of condition 2 of PA18/08639 – Norbury, Tresowes) which will be considered at that meeting. He stated that the amended application seeks approval for

- the raising of the floor-level to alleviate the danger of flooding
- 'spinning' the house by 7° to avoid having to fell trees
- using as much of the original stone as possible but also
- using a render finish on those elevations which cannot be seen from the road

Mr Taylor expressed concerns about the proposal to remove the 40mph limit from the Ashton to Greatwork road adding that

- he believed it had focussed residents' minds on the inappropriate use of speed on roads within the parish
- he cannot agree that, in the absence of a speed limit, people will drive more sensibly

Chairman's initials.....

- the speed limit should be going down rather than up
- he recognised that nothing will slow a certain type of driver
- cycling to Godolphin from Greatwork is particularly fraught with danger and that it is his understanding that Breage Parish Council will shortly be considering that.

Considerable discussion followed, during the course of which Cllr Blencowe talked through a draft letter from Germoe Parish Council to Cornwall Highways concerning the removal of removal of the speed limit and the Parish Council's belief that safety measures should urgently be put in place warning drivers that the road is in use by pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to consider the following item from agenda item 15

Ashton to Greatwork road

Following the publication of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order removing the 40mph limit from the road between Ashton and Greatwork, Members considered sending a written request to Cornwall Highways seeking the use of the repeater sign-posts to warn motorists that the road is well-used by pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders. It was unanimously agreed to do this. (A copy of this letter is available to view on the Parish Council's website.)

8 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

In the absence of CCllr Keeling there was no report.

9 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Praed be elected to be Vice-Chairman of Germoe Parish Council for the year 2019 – 2020.

10 STANDING ORDERS

Cllr Bell proposed and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should re-adopt Standing Orders as last fully revised in July 2018.

11 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Cllr Mrs Praed proposed and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should re-adopt Financial Regulations as last reviewed and revised in September 2018.

12 RISK ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should re-adopt the Risk Assessment document as first adopted in March 2015 and last reviewed in June 2018.

13 ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS TO POSTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Bank signatories

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Doeser, Cllr Blencowe and Cllr Mrs Praed should continue to act as signatories for Germoe Parish Council's bank account.

Financial Scrutineer

It was agreed that Cllr Pickles should scrutinise the accounts on a quarterly basis.

Notice-boards

It was agreed that the following Councillors should be responsible for the following notice-boards

Balwest	Cllr Blencowe
Great Work	Cllr Mrs Praed
Nevada House	Cllr Mrs Doeser
Germoe	Cllr Bell
Newtown	Cllr Johnson
Tresowes Green	Cllr Molcher

Footpaths and bridleways

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Praed and Cllr Johnson should be responsible for footpaths and bridleways.

Planning

It was agreed that Cllr Blencowe and Cllr Bell should, in the first instance, be responsible for planning observations.

Helston and South Kerrier Peninsula Community Network Panel

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Doeser should represent Germoe Parish Council at meetings of the Helston and South Kerrier Community Network Panel.

Germoe School

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Doeser should continue to liaise with the school authorities.

Chairman's initials.....

Press Liaison and Media Officer

It was agreed that Cllr Bell should act as the Press Liaison and Media Officer.

Defibrillators

It was agreed that Cllr Blencowe should keep an eye on the defibrillator at Balwest and that Cllr Johnson should do the same for the defibrillator at Germoe Churchtown. It was further agreed to seek expressions of interest from residents of the Parish in a refresher course in the use of a defibrillator.

14 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Appointment of the Internal Auditor for the year to March 31, 2020

Cllr Blencowe proposed and it was agreed that Mr J.P.Richards (formerly Kerrier District Council's Senior Auditor) should continue to act as Germoe Parish Council's internal auditor.

15 PARISH MATTERS

Projects within the Parish

Members were asked to identify small capital projects within the parish which the Parish Council might undertake.

Climate Emergency

The Chairman presented Members with a draft copy of a leaflet concerning the Climate Emergency and what residents of the Parish might like to consider doing to help mitigate it. Following discussion, it was agreed that she would re-draft the leaflet and e-mail it to Members who were asked to forward any further comments they might have. The leaflet will then be considered formally at the meeting in June before publication on the web-site.

Clean Cornwall

The Chairman reported that, having looked at the present funding opportunity, she will seek a grant to purchase ten children's and ten adult's litter picking kits. Members noted that the Village Association will shortly be undertaking a litter pick along the three roads that lead into Germoe Churchtown. Residents who habitually pick up litter as they walk around the parish were commended.

16 PLANNING

Members noted both that no planning applications and that no planning decisions had been forwarded to the Parish Council by Planning Authority.

17 GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL'S INSURANCE POLICY

Members reviewed the terms of Germoe Parish Council's Insurance Policy which, with a policy excess of £250, insures the following

Mandatory cover

Public liability	£10,000,000
Employers Liability	£10,000,000

Legal Liabilities

Money	
non-negotiable	£ 250,000
negotiable	£ 2,500
Employee dishonesty	£ 150,000
Commercial legal protection	£ 500,000
Officials' indemnity	£ 500,000

Optional cover

Libel and slander	£ 500,000
Property damage (War Memorial)	£ 7,013.81
Property damage notice boards at Great Work, Nevada House, Balwest and Churchtown	£ 5,365.91
Defibrillators and cabinets	£ 5,000.00

Also included in the cover, at no extra charge on the premium, are the following

Hirers' Liability	£ 5,000,000
Keyman Cover	£ 250.00 per week (max 10 weeks)
Personal accident (16-80)	
capital benefit (up to)	£ 100,000
temporary total disablement (per week)	£ 500.00

Additionally, when on Parish Council business, all volunteers are automatically covered.

Chairman's initials.....

Cllr Bell proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed to insure Germoe Parish Council through AXA Insurance Ltd and to pay the premium demanded of £343.55

Members noted that Germoe Parish Council will self-insure all its assets other than the War Memorial and the notice-boards at Great Work, Nevada House, Germoe Churchtown and Balwest during the year to May 31, 2020.

18 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at May 2, 2019. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The Clerk reported that Mr Peter Richards, Germoe Parish Council's Internal Auditor, has signed off the Annual Return for the year to March 31, 2019 making no comments, observations or suggestions.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
J.P.Richards (Internal Auditor)	£ 148.50	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (April)	£ 241.92	
travelling	£ 37.00	
telephone	£ 24.20	
office expenses	£ 33.01	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 356.13

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

The following receipts were noted

CC Precept (1 st instalment)	£ 4,700.00
CC CTS grant (1 st instalment)	£ 74.30

19 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust One + All (newsletter) – *noted*

20 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that

- a white van had toured the village selling garden furniture which appeared to be of poor quality. In retrospect, it might have been appropriate to inform the police
- a report had been received by two Councillors about work being done on the roadside hedge at St Mary's on the A394. It transpires that this is being done in preparation for the construction of a new Cornish Hedge.

21 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman thanked members for their continuing confidence in her. She reminded Members that this weekend hosts the St Germoe Feast Weekend: the children from the school will be dancing around the May Pole on Friday afternoon.

22 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Additions to the Definitive Map

Social Media and the wider reporting of Parish Council matters.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday June 6, 2019 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Chairman's initials.....