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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday June 6, 2019 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors: CCllr J.Keeling.

The Chairman welcomed visitors and members to the June meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Pickles 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 Johnson seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 2, 2019 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

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4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Clean Cornwall

The Chairman reported that an application to the Cornwall Rural Community Charity for a grant of £1,000 from Clean Cornwall to underwrite the cost of dealing with litter within the Parish had been successful. It was agreed to consider the purchase of various litter related items at the meeting in July.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- at its annual meeting, Cornwall Council had elected a new leader, Councillor Julian German: similarly, Councillor Hilary Frank had been elected Chairman
- as a member of the Chief Officer's Employment Panel much of his time has been taken up in the selection of a new Strategic Director for Economic Growth and Development: in the event, the present interim director, Phil Mason, was offered the position
- locally he has been worked on planning matters, both of development and enforcement
- traffic safety issues on our rural roads continue to be highlighted by residents and, though he tries to be supportive, he reports that traffic regulations themselves can be obstructive. He aims to be out and about with Mike Peters (Highway Manager) to see what is possible.
- he hopes we will see a set of repaired and usable steps down at Praa Sands very shortly
- a meeting of Cornwall Councillors representing the Community Network had looked at recurring issues within the parishes and in particular the state and safety of rural roads. In this respect he felt that the

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£50,000 offered to each of the Community Networks to fund highways' projects was derisory and he has asked for individual Councillor's allowances to be reinstated. Also under discussion had been the questions of rural bus routes and emergency plans

- Cornwall Council has declared a Climate Emergency and will shortly be publishing further information. A number of Parish Councils are waiting for this document before taking the matter any further.
- the vexed question of dogs on beaches will again go out to public consultation. He believes that the same restrictions should apply on all beaches throughout Cornwall
- a pilot Lengthsman scheme is finally being trialled in Breage. Dependent upon its success, it will be rolled out throughout the County
- it is probable that the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme will be revised.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to take the following agenda item at this stage

8 PARISH MATTERS

The road between Great Work and Ashton and the proposed Traffic Regulation Order

The Chairman and Cllr Blencowe reported that they had met with Helen Scott-Daniels (who is collating the responses to the public consultation), Sally Allen (Design Consultancy Team Leader) and Mike Peters to discuss a way forward in light of the thirty-one objections to the removal of the 40 mph limit.

Cormac will write to the people who responded to the consultation to report that the proposed removal of the 40 mph restriction has been suspended whilst further measures are considered.

However, the revocation of the 40mph limit will remain part of the Traffic Order, but will not be implemented until a suitable alternative is agreed.

Cormac will inform the Parish Council of the outcome of the traffic data collection carried out during May.

The options are as follows:

1. Cormac will develop a site-based 'place' *Tregonning Hill – World Heritage Site* and erect 'gateway' signage at either end of the road. Ideally, this signage will incorporate 'Quite Lane Style' green caution signing and repeater green caution signing
2. the 40mph limit will remain, but additional enhanced safety signing will be provided
3. the 40 mph limit will be revoked and the existing posts used to provide specific warning signs
4. using an experimental TRO, the speed limit will be removed for six months and the traffic will be monitored – this will have additional cost implications.

Cormac will remain in contact with the Parish Council whilst the above alternatives are considered.

The Chairman will liaise with CCllr Keeling and with the Community Network Team to keep abreast of any financial implications.

Cllr Blencowe will investigate WHS signage and Gateway signage options.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Germoe Parish Council, social media and the wider reporting of the Council's activities

In the absence of both Cllr Pickles and Cllr Mrs Praed, members agreed to defer discussion of this item to the meeting in July.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Climate Emergency

It was agreed to wait until Cornwall Council has published its discussion paper before taking this matter any further, although a suggestion that the Transition Group might like to take ownership of the project was well received. Members noted that Helston Town Council is hosting a drop in/question and answer session in the Cattle Market this coming Saturday.

Public Rights of Way within the Parish of Germoe

Members noted that an examination of the Definitive Map reveals missing links on the following Public Rights of Way

- PROW 13 through to the corner of the road (near Wheal Grey)
- PROW 14 up the lane and through Trethewey Farm.

The Parish Council understands that land-owners over which both these footpaths run may offer to complete the necessary consent forms

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The following footpaths also have missing links

- PROW 9 needs continuing through to Germoe (which would also legitimise footpath 5)
- PROW 11 needs continuing though the yard to the adopted road in Germoe Churchtown
- PROW 19 needs continuing through to the Boscreege Road (between the houses)
- PROW 22 needs a way through Rejarden to join with footpaths 8 and 10 – (members noted that Mr Curnow of Rejarden had attended a meeting at which he had stated that the path had never gone through the property)

Members agreed that every effort should be made to regularise these anomalies.

Bus Shelter

Cllr Bell reported that the bus shelter at the crossroads on the A394 needs some maintenance. Following a short discussion, Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Molcher seconded and it was agreed to ask Bob Sanders to cut back the overgrowth from the shelter, to repair the seat and to sweep out. The Clerk was asked to contact Cornwall Council concerning the provision of a litter-bin.

9 PLANNING

To make observations on planning applications including the following

PA19/03410 Mr S.Neal – Erection of a Replacement Dwelling with variation of condition 2 of PA18/08639 – Norbury, Tresowes. Cllr Johnson proposed, the Chairman seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council does not support the proposed variation of Condition 2 in its entirety. It believes that matching local natural stone should be used as a matter of priority on the public-facing southern elevation to preserve the character of the original house. The western elevation, being the next most prominent to public view, any further recovered stone or local matching natural stone should be used on this to create features of interest in an otherwise bland appearance. In this respect, the Council believes that the windows on this western elevation should be reintroduced. Finally, the proposed artificial timber board cladding is not typical of traditional stone buildings: a better alternative might be hung slate, as apparent on the gable end of the adjacent Primrose Cottage*

Decisions

PA19/02646 APPROVED – Single storey rear porch extension. Re-roofing of existing lean-to extension. Alterations. Installation of composting toilet in outbuilding – Land-Dew Tresowes – *noted*

Members noted that Mr Barker had thanked the Parish Council for its support for his application.

10 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at June 6, 2019 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

		GROSS	NET	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs		£ 179.40		
R.Sanders (Open areas)		£ 204.00	£ 170.00	£ 34.00
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Greens (11/04 and 24/04)	£ 170.00			
Gold Paths (part)	£ 308.77			
	total	£ 574.52	£ 478.77	£ 95.75
Colin Chapman				
Salary (May)	£ 241.72			
travelling	£ 10.00			
telephone	£ 24.68			
office expenses	£ 40.00			
use of home as office	£ 20.00			
	total	£ 336.40		

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

Members noted the following receipt

HMRC VAT refund	£ 588.54
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11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Derek Thomas MP Surgery appointment dates – *noted*

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12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Blencowe reported that

- the bolts on the notice-board at Greatwork need attention
- the board advertising Boscrege Caravan Site is inappropriately placed on the bend in the road where it may distract drivers
- he had attended a meeting with Cormac at which a willingness to liaise with Parish Councils had been expressed. Ways of allowing smaller councils to access a range of information which is available on Cormac's internal web-site are being investigated and focus groups are being created with the aim of establishing lines of communication.

Cllr Johnson reported that a disabled visitor to the church had had problems negotiating the step. Having learned that a number of local churches have solved this problem with the provision of a ramp, he undertook to speak to the Church Wardens.

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that she had attended the recent Community Network Partnership meeting

14 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

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

Signed.....

Dated.....

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