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The following actions were taken on behalf of Germoe Parish Council during the month of April 2020 using delegated powers

On Monday March 18, 2020 the Clerk forwarded the following message to all Councillors

'I have just had a conversation with Kathy about the meetings in the next couple of months or so. We both feel that it would be irresponsible to ignore the advice from Government and to put those attending a meeting at risk and, in the circumstances, have agreed certainly to cancel the meeting in April (and very probably those in the following couple of months), to adopt emergency measures and to carry on the normal day-to-day business of the Parish Council using delegated powers. If you strongly disagree, such that at a full council meeting you would vote against adopting such a measure, please would you let me know without delay. Your opposition to the measure will be properly recorded. You do not need to reply if you agree with its adoption.'

No objections were received.

The following matters should be noted

Post-mounted litter-bins have been delivered and will shortly be/have now been sited at Greatwork and at the bus stop. Biffa will empty these on a fortnightly basis and it is hoped that dog owners particularly will make use of it.

In line with Cormac's advice to contractors, Bob Sanders has furlough-ed his employees initially for the next three weeks but he will continue to act on a re-active (rather than a pro-active) basis

The following account was paid:

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Colin Chapman				
Salary (March)	£ 234.93			
telephone	£ 22.93			
office expenses	£ 33.68			
travelling	£ 10.00			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 325.93		

The following receipts were paid into the bank

Precept (1 st instalment)	£ 4,800.00
CTS grant	£ 79.68

The following planning applications were considered and the appended observations were returned to the Planning Authority. Each comment noted the fact that the decision had been returned using delegated powers

PA20/01557 Mr and Mrs J.Rowley – Conversion of stables to a dwelling and a detached garage – The Stables, Tresowes

Subject to Cornwall Council determination that the proposed development complies with the requirements of CLP Policy 7 Housing in the Countryside, Germoe Parish Council supports the application.

PA20/01898 Mr and Mrs Rowe – Outline application with all matters reserved for erection of a dwelling to replace existing residential caravan – Tresowes Farm, Tresowes, Ashton.

Germoe Parish Council supports the application for the erection of a dwelling subject to the applicants providing the Planning Authority with satisfactory, up-to-date evidence of the essential need of Tresowes Dairy Farm for the proposed occupier to live in the specific location of Tresowes Farm in accordance with the requirements of Cornwall Local Plan Policy 7 for Housing in the Countryside.

PA20/01971 Mr and Mrs Bucket – Conversion of Existing Agricultural Timber Barn to form Dwelling & Associated Works – redundant barn adj to Greenbank Farm, Tresowes Hill.

Germoe Parish Council objects to this application because the proposed site access provides insufficient visibility for safe egress of emerging vehicles and would consequently create a hazard to the travelling public using the road between Ashton and Godolphin Cross.

The Secondary Distributor from Ashton to Godolphin Cross carries local commuter traffic, agricultural traffic, delivery traffic, horse riders, walkers and cyclists throughout the year. There is a large increase in traffic during holiday periods caused by tourists using the local camping and caravan sites plus traffic taking a short cut between the North and South Coasts when the Primary Roads are congested.

For traffic approaching from the southwest the road changes width and direction just before the access, additionally forward visibility can be adversely affected by variable shade on the approach to a deep cutting that is sheltered by overarched trees.

Breage Neighbourhood Plan (Draft)

The following comments relating to the draft Breage Neighbourhood Plan were forwarded to Breage Parish Council

“By virtue of its largely remote and rural location Germoe Parish provides very limited opportunities for new housing or businesses. In order to support the growth of our community, which is essential for the future of our School and Churches, we rely upon population growth within neighbouring larger villages that are well connected and are served by appropriate facilities.

“Policy S1 Development for Larger Village.

The establishment of boundaries to the larger villages provides clear direction for future developments which would be focussed upon the better served centres of population. Germoe Parish Council supports this strategy because it will enable some local population growth which is vital for the well being of our School and community whilst minimising new development in the open countryside and smaller settlements.

“Policy H2 Local Housing Needs.

The requirement to improve the appearance of Affordable Exception sites such that the development appears "tenure neutral" could reduce the number of bland unattractive development sites. Germoe Parish Council supports the ambition to better integrate Social Housing within mixed development sites because it is likely to increase local appetite for affordable housing which is a key element for growth and vitality of our local community.

“Policy H6 Primary Residence.

The requirement for new open market housing to be limited to occupancy as a primary residence only could increase pressure for building second homes within neighbouring Parishes. Germoe Parish Council considers a "Primary Residence Policy" would be more equitable if it were included in the Cornwall Local Plan and consequently applied to the whole of the County.

“Policies CF1, CF2, CF3, CF4 and CF5 Community Facilities, Clubs and Public Houses, and Play Areas and Green Spaces.

Residents of Germoe Parish rely upon neighbouring Parishes for children play facilities, pubs, clubs and shops. Germoe Parish Council supports the intentions, set out within the above Policies, to retain and improve the Facilities, Premises and Play Areas identified within the Plan.”

Planning Decisions notified by Cornwall C council

PA19/11030 APPROVED – Construction of new single storey residential dwelling and provision of new vehicular access – Plot 2 Land South Of Westacre, Helston Road

PA20/00992 APPROVED – Proposed erection of Stables – Cornerstone, Tresowes