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Minutes of a virtual Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday July 2, 2020 at 7:00pm using the Zoom facility

Present: Cllr K.Do eser Cllr G.Praed
Cllr G.Bell
Cllr D.Blencowe Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: CCllr Keeling.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the July meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Johnson and Cllr Molcher sent their apologies for absence, both citing reasons of work. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Praed seconded and it was agreed to accept these apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in 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 Bell seconded and it was agreed that, with the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday June 4, 2020 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising which were not covered in this meeting's agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Cllr Keeling reported that

- there are natural concerns about the impact relaxation of the lock-down might have during the course of the coming week-end
- Police will be working with teams from Cornwall Council during the week-end and will not hesitate to insist on observance of the law
- he understands that four public houses within his division intend opening, that the majority of residents want the lock-down to continue and that local businesses believe that current guidance lacks detail
- in case of illness, visitors to the county will be advised to contact their own doctor or dentist: they will not be treated at a local surgery
- he understands that, should a local lock-down become necessary, the whole of the county (rather than individual communities and specific areas) will be included
- he continues to promote the *Twenty's Plenty* initiative and hopes that a gateway scheme similar to that proposed for Tregonning Hill will be implemented on the A394 at Breage and Ashton
- reported Planning Enforcement allegations are on the increase and the teams are beginning to be in a position to follow them up. Concerned residents are advised to take photographs of their concerns and to forward those to Cornwall together with their allegations
- he met Mr Derek Tomas MP recently and was pleased to be told that the Government's proposed Shared Prosperity Fund will wholly replace EU structural funding

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- further information concerning the Covid-19 pandemic and other matters relevant to residents may be viewed on his Facebook page.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Publicity

Cllr Bell reported that he has posted much of the information forwarded to Members by the Clerk on the Parish Council's Facebook page.

Delegated Powers

Members considered awarding delegated powers to the Chairman and the Clerk to deal with day-to-day matters relating to the Parish Council during the month of August 2020. Following discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded, all others in favour that the Chairman and the Clerk should have delegated powers to deal with day-to-day matters relating to the Parish Council during the month of August 2020.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Footbridge to the Church

The Clerk reported that Roger McLean has quoted the sum of £1,272.00 for the repair of the bridge over the stream on Germoe Green and that, following e-mail correspondence with Councillors, he had instructed Mr McLean to go ahead with the necessary work. In order to regularise that instruction, Cllr Blencowe proposed and it was agreed to accept Mr McLean's quotation.

Gateway Scheme

The Clerk reported that he had received both an acknowledgment of Germoe Parish Council's written agreement of Cornwall Highways' proposals and notification that the scheme is now included in the Community Network's Highways Scheme. Cllr Blencowe stated that, while the planned gateways look to be going through, there has been no mention of the replacement of the 40mph repeater signs: it may be that Germoe Parish Council will have to underwrite these.

Climate Emergency

Cllr Blencowe reported that the emerging Climate Change Development Plan is designed to be a supplementary planning document and will affect all significant policies.

9 PLANNING

To make observations on planning applications including the following

PA20/03928 Mr Musgrave – Change of use of land for domestic purposes and construction of a double garage – Hillside, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Praed seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation

Historic Significance of the Site and Setting

The buildings, garden and small field enclosure that form the current "Hillside" property are clearly shown in the 1877 Ordinance Survey Map sheet LXXV.7. The property is set within a portion of Tregonning Hill Conservation Area that retains many small field enclosures that provide evidence of Croft Farming which was an important element of the local historic mining community. The arrangement of house, subordinate outbuildings, small garden and attached small field have survived largely intact since 1877 and are characteristic of properties in this area that provide strong visual evidence of "mineworkers' small holdings".

Policy Issues

1. The proposed change of land use would result in the loss of 40% of the original open field space and would considerably increase the density of buildings and parked vehicles in this countryside location. This would significantly harm the legibility of this historic site and would neither preserve nor enhance visual appreciation of the site contrary to the specific requirements of CLP Policy 24 Development within the Cornwall and West Devon Mining World Heritage Site. This would also be contrary to the requirements of CLP Policy 2.1 Spatial Strategy which requires development to respect and enhance the quality of place and would be contrary to the requirements of CLP Policies 23 and 24 which assert that new development should maintain the special character and appearance of the Conservation Area and maintain the character and distinctive landscape qualities of the Area of Great Landscape Value.

2. The exceptional size, scale and height of the garage would create a building that is inappropriate in relation to the main residence and to its' historic setting. The dominance of the garage in relation to the residential property would be compounded because the garage is a two-story building set upon a ground level of that is considerably higher than that of the main residence. This would be contrary to the design requirements set out in CLP Policy 12, 1a.

3. By virtue of size, mass and position the building would be overbearing and overshadowing upon the wider setting and those members of the public who use the adjacent footpath to access the Tregonning Hill Country Wild-

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Life Site and the Tregonning Hill Conservation Area. The proposed building would also obscure the public view of the valuable open space that is a defining characteristic of the setting. This would be contrary to the requirements of CLP Policy 12, 2b.

4. First floor windows on the north aspect of the proposed building would directly overlook the private garden and conservatory of the neighbouring property. This would not protect individuals and property from overlooking and unreasonable loss of privacy. This would be contrary to the requirements of CLP Policy 12, 2a.

Bearing in mind the above issues Germoe Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

PA20/04621 Mr R.Abbott – Proposed first floor extension – Wayfield Cottage, Newtown. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA20/03710 APPROVED – Construction of a second storey rear extension – 7 Trewithen Terrace – *noted*

10 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at July 2, 2020 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Friends and Relatives of Germoe School for financial help towards the replacement of a storage shed. Following discussion and under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded and it was agreed to forward a cheque to the Friends and Relatives of Germoe School in the sum of £500 as a gesture towards the cost of a replacement storage shed.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
R.Sanders (Gold one cut paths and Silver paths)	£ 827.93	£ 689.94	£ 137.99
R.Sanders (Greens and Tregonning Hill drain)	£ 273.60	£ 228.00	£ 45.60
Colin Chapman			
Salary (June)	£ 241.72		
telephone	£ 30.20		
office expenses	£ 47.76		
use of home as office	£ 20.00		
	total	£ 339.68	

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

11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

The Clerk was asked to remind Bob Sanders about the work necessary to stabilise the parking area at Balwest Triangle. It is important that the necessary work is done before the winter.

The police news-letter recently published on Germoe Parish Council's Facebook page draws residents' attention to a number of criminal scams which are currently doing the rounds.

Matters of concern relating to the measures introduced as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic may be reported to the Police either on-line or by using the non-emergency 101 number or to Cornwall Council covid19@cornwall.gov.uk

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no further comments.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Updating the footpath information boards (possibly to include elements of the Cornish language),

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday September 3, 2020 at 7.00pm This meeting will be held using the Zoom facility.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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