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Minutes of a virtual Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday October 1, 2020 at 7:00pm using the Zoom facility

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

Visitor: CCllr J.Keeling

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Johnson (work), Cllr Molcher (work) Cllr Pickles (personal) and Cllr Praed (personal) sent their apologies for absence. The Chairman proposed 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 Bell proposed and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday September 3, 2020 are a true record.

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

- the Tregonning Hill gateway scheme was approved and signed off on June 12 of this year since when there has been no movement whatsoever. He undertook to make every effort to move matters forward
- the Planning White Paper has caused considerable alarm at Cornwall Council, particularly the proposals contained within it for uniform design standards throughout the country and for the introduction of a fifty house threshold for the construction of affordable housing.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Publicity

The Chairman congratulated Cllr Bell on the work he has done with the Facebook entry stating that he has done a grand job. Cllr Bell reported that in the past month he has added thirteen posts and the site has been accessed forty-nine times.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Footbridge to the Church

The Clerk reported that the bridge is still awaiting underpinning with a galvanised steel brace.

Gateway Scheme

CCllr Keeling had dealt with this in his report.

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Climate Emergency

The Chairman thanked Cllr Blencowe and Cllr Bell for their detailed, measured response to Cornwall's proposed Climate Emergency Development Plan (which will eventually become a supplementary planning document). Members noted that the final proposals will be forwarded for consultation in due course. Cllr Blencowe drew members' attention to a complex bio-metric tool which, it is proposed, will be used to calculate the effects of construction work on the environment as a whole.

Consideration of the merits of a Parish-wide Wildlife Policy

Members considered the adoption of a Parish-wide Wildlife Policy. During the course of discussion, it was noted that

- the Parish Council is at its best when dealing with the built, managed landscape
- possibly the only way that this can be progressed is for a strong-minded, determined champion, prepared to promote wild life within the community to step forward: such a person might properly expect the support of the Parish Council

It was agreed that the matter might be discussed at a future meeting.

Management of the open spaces for which Germoe Parish Council makes itself responsible

Members considered the management of the open spaces for which Germoe Parish Council makes itself responsible: these are listed as

- Germoe Common
- the island at Great Work (and the bench, the boundary stone and the finger-post)
- the triangle at Balwest
- the gateway from the A394 into Germoe Churchtown
- the gateway from the A394 into Tresowes
- the adit on Tresowes Hill
- the triangle at the northern end of Moors Lane
- the Preachers' Pit (and the interpretation stone)

During the course of discussion, it was noted that

- grazing/cutting grassed areas is essential both for the growth of a greater variety of wild flowers and for wild-life habitats
- cutting open spaces such as those listed above sensitively cannot be done in a financially prudent fashion
- the bank of violets fronting the road on the triangle at Balwest would best be left to flower and seed as long as is practicable and certainly not until May

It was agreed that the fact that Germoe Parish Council follows the advice outlined on Cornwall Council's Wild-life Management web pages should be published on the Parish Council's web site and that Bob Sanders and his team are doing a good job.

Footpath information boards

Members reviewed the footpath information boards and (although there is no longer a pub in Godolphin or a Post Office in Ashton) felt that the information included on the notices remains current. It was noted however that the board in Germoe advertises a walk along the shore at Praa Sands and that, possibly, information concerning the history of the village might be more relevant. It was further agreed to look at the board detailing the Ashton and Germoe circular walk with a view to displaying that instead of the Praa Sands walk at Germoe Churchtown. It was further agreed to contact the designer and printer of booklet to ascertain whether or not the original proofs are available

9 PLANNING

To make observations on planning applications including the following

PA20/06600 Mr A.Hampson – Listed building consent for replacement of window in south facing modern extension with heritage glaze unit – Foxfield Tresowes. . Cllr Blencowe proposed and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

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Decisions

PA20/03928 APPROVED – Change of use of land for domestic purposes and construction of a double garage – Hillside, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

PA20/04967 APPROVED – Proposed Conversion of Outbuildings to form dwelling and 2 holiday lets – Higher Chygwins, Main Road, Ashton – *noted*

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PA20/05866 APPROVED Subdivision of the east garden of Wayfield Cottage and construction of a new self-build home and associated works. With variation of conditions 2 and 4 in relation to PA18/06424 – land East of Wayfield Cottage, Newtown – *noted*

Planning Conference report

Cllr Blencowe reported that Cllr Bell, Cllr Praed and he had attended the first of three Planning Conferences organised by Cornwall Council. The main thrust of the conference had been about so-called infill and rounding-off sites and he had personally found it most instructive. CCllr Keeling, who had also attended the conference expressed his concern that it is his understanding in recent years more new homes have been constructed on rural exception sites than in urban areas.

10 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at October 1, 2020 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Balwest Methodist Church for financial help with the annual cost of the maintenance of the open churchyard. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the sum of £300.00 be forwarded to Balwest Methodist Church under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members considered a request from Balwest Methodist Church for financial help towards the purchase of its Christmas tree. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the sum of £100.00 be forwarded to Balwest Methodist Church under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

| | | GROSS | NET | VAT |
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| R.Sanders | | | | |
| Greens | £ 90.00 | | | |
| Gold two cut paths second cut | £ 322.81 | | | |
| | total | £ 495.37 | £ 412.81 | £ 82.56 |
| St Germoe PCC | £ 153.12 | | | |
| Colin Chapman | | | | |
| Salary (September) | £ 282.48 | | | |
| telephone | £ 26.53 | | | |
| office expenses | £ 38.44 | | | |
| Zoom Communications | £ 14.39 | | | |
| use of home as office | £ 20.00 | | | |
| | total | £ 381.83 | | |

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the above three accounts should be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

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| CC Precept 2 nd instalment | £ 4,800.00 |
| Council Tax Support Grant 2 nd instalment | £ 79.67 |
| CC (Closed churchyard grant) | £ 153.12 |

11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

In answer to a question about the park home and hard-standing that has appeared in a field on the road between Churchtown and Balwest, CCllr Keeling confirmed that this has been reported to Planning Enforcement and that he would follow the matter up with the department.

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman drew members' attention to the recent Community Network Panel meeting at which Highways projects proposed by individual Town and Parish Councils were discussed.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for consideration at future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday November 5, 2020 at 7.00pm. This meeting will be held using the Zoom facility.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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