

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday July 1, 2021 at 7:00pm in in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

**Visitor:** CCllr J.Keeling and Mr I.Foster.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

Cllr Bell declared a non-registrable interest in agenda item 9 – PA21/06527

### 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.

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Doeser seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday May 24, 2021 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

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## 4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising which were not covered by this agenda.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from members of the public present.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- much of the work done at Cornwall Council in the last month or so has centred upon the composition of sub-committees
- he has been appointed to the West Sub-Area Planning Committee, the Constitution and Governance Committee, the Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority and the Customer and Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee of which he is the Chairman
- since May, Committee meetings have been held in the Council Chamber with a mixture of face-to-face and virtual meetings in the same room
- Covid infection rates within the county are rising rapidly and he urged everyone to exercise caution
- there are a number of outstanding Planning Enforcement issues within his Division and, as the Chairman of the Overview Committee, he intends improving the service by acting as a critical friend
- he has met with Rupert Spencer about a number of traffic issues including the Tregonning Hill gateway scheme. He thanked Mr Spencer publically for his positive intervention in this matter
- three trees in Germoe churchyard (which is the responsibility of Cornwall Council) are scheduled to be felled during the course of the coming six months

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In answer to a request from Cllr Bell concerning the state of the lane between Germoe Churchtown and Balwest (which Cllr Bell believes makes it dangerous for cyclists), Cllr Keeling offered to report it to Highways. Cllr Blencowe stated that members of the community should consider reporting this sort of problem on-line, stating clearly that in its present state it represents a danger to road-users.

## **7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

*Mr Foster was invited to leave the room while the following matter was discussed.*

### **Co-option of Parish Councillors**

The Clerk reported that interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor had been expressed by Mr Ian Foster.

Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that Mr Foster should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

*Mr Foster was invited to return to the room.*

Cllr Foster signed and read aloud his declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Germoe Parish Council.

### **Financial Regulations**

Members considered whether or not any revisions to Germoe Parish Council's Financial Regulations were considered necessary. Following discussion, Cllr Doeser proposed and it was agreed that, with a minor alteration to paragraph 6.1, the Financial Regulations should be formally adopted.

### **Risk Document**

Members noted that for some while Germoe Parish Council has maintained a page on FaceBook. It was noted both that the number of people accessing the pages is very low and, possibly more importantly, that the reputational risk relating to that presence on social media is not inconsiderable. Cllr Doeser proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed that the Germoe FaceBook page should now be closed. On behalf of members, Cllr Blencowe offered his thanks to Cllr Bell for monitoring and updating the page and to Mr Doeser for initiating the project. Cllr Bell undertook to make every effort to remove the Parish Council's presence from FaceBook.

Members considered whether or not any revisions to Germoe Parish Council's Risk Assessment Document were considered necessary. Following discussion, Cllr Doeser proposed and it was agreed that, with minor alterations to Part 1 (A) (i), the Risk Assessment Document should be formally adopted.

### **Six Walks through the Ancient Parishes of Breage and Germoe**

Having previously forwarded proposed revisions to the Six Walks booklet, Cllr Bell drew members' attention to a few inaccuracies in the wording of both the booklet and the associated mapping information on the Parish Council's notice-boards. Considerable discussion followed and it was agreed that there are two aspects to this project.

The first concerns the revision and reprinting of the booklet itself. The following issues were raised

- four of the walks lie within the Parish of Breage: Breage Parish Council should therefore perhaps be consulted before any revision is undertaken
- permission to revise the work of the booklet's authors should perhaps be sought
- the two routes within Germoe (*Tregonning Hill* and *Ashton and Germoe Circular*) need to be walked with a critical eye.

The second concerns the individual maps and related information attached to Germoe Parish Council's notice-boards

- thought needs to be given to the siting of these maps. For example, Germoe Churchtown's notice-board displays the *Praa Sands* walk: the *Ashton and Germoe Circular* walk might be more appropriate in this position and the *Praa Sands* walk might more usefully be displayed at Newtown
- as a minimum, the *Ashton and Germoe Circular* and possibly the *Tregonning Hill* boards need updating
- the addition of a QR code to the maps on the boards is likely to be useful to walkers
- and, as an afterthought, many of the notice-boards could do with refurbishment.

It was agreed that prices both to replace the maps and information presently attached to the notice-boards and to reprint the booklet should be sought and that the matter as a whole will be re-visited in September.

On behalf of the Council, Cllr Blencowe thanked Cllr Bell for the work he has done to date in furthering this project.

## **8 PARISH MATTERS**

### **Climate Change**

Cllr Blencowe reported that the planning policy document concerning development and the Climate Emergency has yet to be adopted,

## Gateway Scheme

Members noted that alterations to the ‘gateway’ scheme on the Tregonning Hill road have now been completed and that the effect is pleasing and effective. Cllr Blencowe reported that he had examined the possibility of attaching notices to the back of the ‘gates’ thanking drivers for driving carefully, but that not only is the geography of the lane against that proposal, but that it is his opinion that, having left the ‘gated’ length of road at Great Work, drivers would be encouraged by such a notice to put their foot down along the wider, straighter length of road towards Godolphin. Members agreed that a letter of thanks from the Council should be forwarded to Rupert Spencer and Andy Hoskin. Equally, the Chairman offered the Council’s thanks to Cllr Blencowe who has worked so hard to achieve this outcome.

## 9 PLANNING

### To make observations on planning applications including the following

PA21/04317 Ms S.Holmwood – Certificate of lawfulness for proposed use of land as a static caravan site without limitation except that it shall be used for holiday accommodation only and shall not be occupied as a person's sole or main place of residence – Boscreege Caravan and Camping Park, Ashton *Members noted that this application has been decided.*

*As a near neighbour of the applicant, Cllr Bell declared a non-registrable interest in the following application. He remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or in the voting.*

PA21/06527 Miss J.Bevan – Work to eucalyptus tree in a conservation area – The Cottage Germoe. Cllr Blencowe proposed Cllr Doeser seconded Cllr Bell abstained and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

### Decisions

PA21/00910 APPROVED – Change of use for a paddock to develop a 20m x 60m sand arena built to be used for personal use – Fox Cottage, Tresowes – *noted*

PA21/03042 APPROVED – Replacement single storey rear and linked side extension – 17 Trewithen Terrace – *noted*

PA21/03389 APPROVED – Proposed Extension to form Bathroom & Porch (inc. Balcony from first floor living room) – Fox Cottage, Tresowes – *noted*

PA21/04317 REFUSED – Ms S.Holmwood – Certificate of lawfulness for proposed use of land as a static caravan site without limitation except that it shall be used for holiday accommodation only and shall not be occupied as a person's sole or main place of residence – Boscreege Caravan and Camping Park, Ashton – *noted*

PA21/04350 Decided not to make a TPO – Proposed works to coppice a group of Blackthorn trees in the Conservation Area – Wide Horizons, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

## 10 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council’s financial position as at July 1, 2021. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT	
Biffa (litter-bins)	£ 66.82	£ 56.68	£ 11.14
R.Sanders (open spaces May)	£ 108.00	£ 90.00	£ 18.00
HMRC	£ 186.40		
R.Sanders (open spaces June)	£ 300.00	£ 250.00	£ 50.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (May)	£ 248.34		
Salary (June)	£ 248.47		
telephone	£ 24.34		
office expenses	£ 46.18		
travelling	£ 6.50		
use of home as office( 2 months)	£ 40.00		
	total	£ 613.83	

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

## 11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

**Cornwall Council** 20’s Plenty information – *noted*

**Cornwall Council** questionnaire concerning day-to-day services carried out by the Unitary Authority – *noted*

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**12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Members noted that

- St Germoe’s Well and the grassed area nearby has recently been cleared: Cllr Bell admitted to this!
- “20’s Plenty” is all very well, but there are bends in the lanes into Germoe Churchtown where a speed of 20mph would be dangerous.
- roadside signs warning of children playing should, properly, be erected by Cornwall Highways in line with its policies
- the historic finger-post at Tresowes is in need of a coat of paint
- the footpath sign at the southern end of PROW 16 still needs attention and probably replacement.

**13 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS**

The Chairman made no further comment.

**14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

The refurbishment of the Parish Council’s noticeboards.

20mph limit areas

Code of Conduct

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday September 2, 2021 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

*Chairman’s initials.....*