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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday September 2, 2021 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitor: Mr Royds.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J.Keeling sent his apologies for absence.

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 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 Meeting held on July 1, 2021 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

In the absence of Cllr Keeling, there were no comments.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-option of Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that he had received no further interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor.

Code of Conduct

Members considered the adoption of Cornwall Council's revised Code of Conduct for Members and co-opted Members of Local Councils. Following a short discussion, Cllr Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded and, with a minor alteration, it was agreed to adopt Cornwall Council's revised Code of Conduct. Members noted that they are now bound by the standards set out in that document.

Standing Orders

Members considered a proposal to adopt a Standing Orders document based on the Model Orders written by the National Association of Local Councils and the revisions suggested by the Cornwall Association of Local Councils. Following discussion, Cllr Doeser proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should formally adopt this document.

Six Walks through the Ancient Parishes of Breage and Germoe

Following considerable discussion, it was agreed that, with minor updating yet to be agreed, the Six Walks booklet should be re-published. It was further agreed that the Chairman should speak to Breage Parish Council about this

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proposed re-publication with a view to updating the description of the walks through the Parish of Breage. The Council acknowledged that this project may take some time to realise.

Members thanked Cllr Bell for his revision of the Ashton-Germoe walk and agreed that this route should replace the Praa Sands walk currently advertised on the Germoe Churchtown notice-board. Cllr Bell undertook to produce a draft layout of the proposed route complete with photographs, map and wording for consideration at the meeting in October.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Climate Change

Councillors had nothing further to report.

PROW 25 in the Parish of Germoe

Members noted the made Order (WCA 541) for the up-grade (with the exception of the spur between the War Memorial and the Preachers' Pit) of Footpath 25 which lies within the Parish of Germoe, to the status of a bridleway. (Part of this upgrade includes a length of Restricted Bridleway.) Representations or objections to this Order must be made to Cornwall Council not later than September 23, 2021.

Track from Hillside to the Parish Boundary

Members noted the made Order (WCA 542) for the addition to the Definitive Map of a Restricted By-Way between Hillside on the Tregonning Hill Road (C162) and the Parish Boundary. Representations or objections to this Order must be made to Cornwall Council not later than September 23, 2021

Refurbishment of Parish Council notice-boards

Members considered the refurbishment of the Parish Council's notice-boards. Cllr Doeser proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed that all six of the boards should, either wholly or partially, be refurbished during the course of the winter. This work will include the replacement of both the bolts and hinges where necessary and the star-bolts, the latter with keyed locks. Members noted that each of the boards will, of necessity, have to be removed from site.

9 PLANNING

To make observations on planning applications including the following

PA21/06686 Mr R. Walker – Construction of stables and associated storage – agricultural field lane between Balwest and Germoe, Balwest. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Doeser seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council objects to the application for the following reasons.*

The appearance of the proposed building with roof mounted solar panels would be stark within this rural landscape and would be visually harmful to those viewing this Area of Great Landscape Value from nearby Tregonning Hill.

The building and parked vehicles would be visually intrusive in the landscape, and would neither conserve nor enhance the setting contrary to the requirements of Cornwall Local Plan Policy 23.

The proposed services for the site, including a permanent toilet with septic tank, solar electricity array and parking for 10 vehicles, create a level of domestic infrastructure that is excessive for the agricultural use of the site and could lead to the site being used as general amenity land. (The Council notes the significance of the threat to the landscape character as a result of farmland changing to amenity as detailed in Page 5 of the Landscape Character Area Description for Mount's Bay East.)

Germoe Parish Council supports the applicant's intention to improve animal welfare and to replace all the existing buildings on site with a single building. Councillors respectfully suggest that timber cladding of the walls would blend better in this landscape setting and ground mounted solar panels would be less intrusive.

The Council also suggests a simple composting toilet or portable-toilet would be appropriate to this site and would be more sustainable than the proposed arrangement.

In the event planning permission is granted the Parish Council requests a condition is added to require the removal of the existing storage container unit, static caravan and timber shelter.

Decisions

PA21/06527 DECIDED NOT TO MAKE A TPO – Work to eucalyptus tree in a conservation area The Cottage, Germoe – noted

10 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at September 3, 2021. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Women's Centre Cornwall for financial help with costs relating to the provision of this service. Following discussion, it was agreed that the size and resources of Germoe Parish Council preclude making any donation to this very worthy cause.

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The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT	
R.Sanders (silver paths)	£ 760.27	£ 633.56	£ 126.71
R.Sanders (open spaces)	£ 108.00	£ 90.00	£ 18.00
Biffa	£ 66.82	£ 55.68	£ 11.14
HMRC	£ 186.40		
R.Sanders (open spaces)	£ 216.00	£ 180.00	£ 36.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (July)	£ 248.47		
Salary (August)	£ 248.47		
telephone	£ 62.28		
office expenses	£ 34.42		
travelling	£ 20.00		
use of home as office (2 months)	£ 40.00		
	total	£ 653.64	

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

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing to report.

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that

- the highway just south of Wheal Grey has subsided
- the cost of trimming the paths, which are the subject of the two modification orders reported earlier, will fall on Cornwall Council. Cornwall Council will, in turn, pay the Parish Council to do the necessary work
- a stand of Japanese knotweed on Moors Lane has been cut. (It has been reported to Cornwall Council.)

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no further comment.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

- 20's Plenty: 20mph limit areas
- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Thursday June 2, 2022 to Sunday June 5, 2022)
- Parish Council news on the website

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday October 7, 2021 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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