

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday October 7, 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:** CCllr J.Keeling and Mr O.Ross.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

Cllr Blencowe declared a non-disclosable interest in agenda item 9 (PA21/08543).

### of gifts (received as a result of being a member of the Council) of a value greater than £50 either in the form of a single gift or as a cumulative total

There were no declarations of gifts relating to membership of the Council of a value greater than £50.

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on September 3, 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

Mr Ross stated that he was present to seek the Parish Council's support for his planning application. He gave Councillors some personal background information adding that he has an almost life-long association with Balwest. He stated that

- it is his understanding that, in planning terms, the site is considered to be 'infill'
- having viewed the application, the World Heritage Site team has made no comment
- the planning officer has offered his support in principle
- the intention is to replace the old garage with a single storey dwelling with a 'green' roof and to remove the old sheds entirely.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- Cornwall Council has been working on the Climate Emergency Development Plan Document (DPD) for two years and it now been forwarded to Central Government for confirmation
- this document covers policies to support green energy, enhance the environment, provide more efficient housing, greener travel and resilience to issues such as coastal change and flooding. and will sit alongside the Cornwall Local Plan and other policies to be used as part of making decisions on all development proposals
- the recent Community Network meeting was held using Teams and included discussion of the 20's Plenty proposal (which has been sent to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with two proposals: that residents are invited to identify roads that might be considered to warrant consideration for a 20mph limit or that all current

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30mph limits are lowered to 20mph) and the Community Network Highway Scheme (which will have a new format)

- having taken and passed the written test he has applied to be a Speed Watch Co-ordinator He awaits further training in the practicalities, but will be looking for willing volunteers in due course.
- he is currently working on a motion aimed at lending more weight to emerging Neighbourhood Development Plans particularly those that are advancing through the examination stage. In particular he is keen to enable the imposition of a Primary Residence Restriction on new open market housing.

In answer to a question concerning the installation of ‘Children Playing’ road signs on the roads approaching Churchtown, CCllr Keeling reported that such signs are not deemed to be safe on through roads.

A further question was asked concerning the increasing number of heavy goods vehicles making their way through the village. The only way to prevent such passage is to impose either a weight and or a width restriction on the roads, which may be a solution for the future

## 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.

### Germoe Parish Council’s website

It was agreed that for, a trial period, the Clerk will add items of interest to a news-page on the Parish Council’s website. The matter will be reviewed in January 2022.

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

Cllr Bell presented members with a proposed revision of the Ashton-Germoe Walk for display on the Churchtown notice-board. Following some discussion, during the course of which various suggestions were discussed, Cllr Bell agreed to produce a second draft based on those suggestions for consideration at the meeting in November

There was no progress to report concerning the revision of the Six Walks booklet.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### Climate Change

Councillors’ attention was drawn both to the emerging Climate Emergency Development Plan Document and to a virtual webinar at which Melissa Thorpe, head of Spaceport Cornwall, will give a presentation about quite how she wants the Spaceport to set a new standard for environmentally sustainable space launches.

### The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee (Thursday June 2, 2022 to Sunday June 5, 2022)

Members considered suitable ways to celebrate the occasion. It was noted that the gift of commemorative mugs to the school-children to mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee had been particularly well received. Other suggestions at this early stage included a community tea-party in the village, the lighting of ‘our’ beacon on Preachers’ Pit and an offer from CCllr Keeling to supply seeds which produce red, white and blue flowers for sowing in open areas.

## 9 PLANNING

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to consider Agenda item 9 following Agenda item 14

## 10 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council’s financial position as at October 7, 2021. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Balwest Methodist Church for financial help both with the annual cost of the maintenance of the open churchyard and with expenses incurred celebrating Christmas. Following discussion, Cllr Johnson proposed Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and it was agreed that the sum of £400.00 (£300 for the cemetery and £100 for Christmas) be forwarded to Balwest Methodist Church partly under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972 and partly under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT	
R.Sanders (Gold Paths 1 <sup>st</sup> cut in June)	£ 395.78	£ 329.82	£ 65.96
R,Sanders (Gold paths 2 <sup>nd</sup> cut)	£ 490.95	£ 409.13	£ 81.82
R.Sanders (open spaces)	£ 108.00	£ 90.00	£ 18.00
St Germoe PCC	£ 156.18		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (September)	£ 248.67		
telephone	£ 26.22		
office expenses	£ 30.68		
travelling	£ 10.00		

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