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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday November 4, 2021 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

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 P.Rice.

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

As a neighbour, Cllr Bell declared a non-disclosable interest in agenda item 9 (PA21/08677 and PA21/08678).

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 October 7, 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 Rice 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 both he and his wife are conscious of the special nature of Tregonning Hill and feel privileged to be living there.

He stated that

- they both have a long-held ambition to build and live in a sustainable home
- the architects they have employed specialise in low carbon, low impact, wood-framed buildings designed to blend into the environment
- the existing building is not suited to modern-day living: it is single skinned and damp. Its EPC rating is E
- the proposed dwelling will occupy a slightly smaller footprint than the existing, but it will be squarer and slightly higher
- the roof slope is designed to mimic that of the hill
- outside the building itself, their intentions include minimising light intrusion and reinstating Cornish hedges
- a single new entrance will be created
- the applicants' intention is to live as self-sufficiently and as sustainably as is practical.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- Cornwall Council is facing a public outcry following the decision of its partner GLL to close a number of leisure centres and swimming pools across Cornwall including, sadly, the hydro-therapy pool at St Austell

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- the matter will be looked at by both the Council and the Scrutiny Committee within the next two months
- at a recent meeting of Community Network Chairs and Vice-Chairs he had been struck by how many Parish Councils had been represented
- he had attended the recent community meeting at Germoe Church and had been impressed with a presentation concerning the Connecting Communities initiative. Amongst other aims, this seeks to promote dialogue, to combat loneliness and isolation and to support community ties. A further presentation concerning Superfast Cornwall, which involves itself with broad-band connection, had also proved interesting. There are grants available for communities to purchase their own fibre broad-band connections
- it is noticeable quite how much Germoe values its Church and its Church Hall: the Diocese doesn't quite view these buildings in the same light
- a Route Review identifying issues along the A394 between Rosudgeon and the Breage is currently underway. £700,000 has been made available by Central Government to undertake necessary work
- small grants are currently available through his share of the Community Chest

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-option of a Parish Councillor

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

Six Walks through the Ancient Parishes of Breage and Germoe

Cllr Bell presented members with a further revision of the Ashton-Germoe Walk for display on the Churchtown notice-board. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded and it was agreed to purchase two new boards using the revised wording and route.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Climate Change

Cllr Mrs Doeser drew members' attention to an online COP26 Regional Roadshow event "Let's talk Climate Action" organised by Cornwall Council and the Council of the Isles of Scilly to be held on Monday November 8 between 10.00am and 2.00pm. The event may be accessed using the Cornwall Council web-site.

Cllr Blencowe reported that Cornwall Council is still awaiting approval from Central Government for its Climate Emergency Development Plan document.

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

Members agreed to the creation of an advisory committee to consider ways in which this historic event might be commemorated. It was further agreed that Cllr Mrs Praed, Cllr Mrs Doeser and Cllr Foster and possibly representatives from the School and from the Germoe Village Association should form the initial membership of the advisory committee.

9 PLANNING

To make observations on planning applications including the following

PA21/07663 Mr P.Rice and Ms S.Pentreath – Demolition of existing and erection of replacement house, with associated parking amendments and new field access – Gwel An Bleydh (formerly Stony Acres), Balwest. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

Having declared a non-disclosable interest in the following two applications, Cllr Bell remained in the room but took no part in either the discussion or the voting

PA21/08677 Mr Baker and Miss Bevan – Construction of a detached garage and change of use of agricultural land to provide for an extension to domestic curtilage – The Cottage, Germoe. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Foster seconded, Cllr Bell abstained and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council is minded to support this application, but only if conditions are imposed requiring the detached garage to be faced with stone and open access to the historic footpath to be maintained.*

PA21/08678 Mr Baker and Miss Bevan – Listed Building Consent for the construction of a detached garage and change of use of agricultural land to provide for an extension to domestic curtilage – The Cottage, Germoe. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Foster seconded, Cllr Bell abstained and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council is minded to support this application, but only if conditions are imposed requiring the detached garage to be faced with stone and open access to the historic footpath to be maintained.*

Decisions

PA21/08543 APPROVED – Application for Outline planning permission with some matters reserved for the construction of a single dwelling (access only) – land North of Towan Cottage, Chycarne Farm Cottages, Balwest – *noted*

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 the Germoe Village Association both for a donation towards the cost of Christmas celebrations within the village and for those events to be included on the Parish Council's insurance policy. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed Cllr Blencowe seconded, Cllr Johnson against all others in favour both that under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the sum of £100.00 should be forwarded to the Germoe Village Association to be put towards costs relating to Christmas celebrations within the village and that those celebrations should be overseen by a Germoe Parish Council Advisory Committee (and that they would therefore be covered by the Parish Council's insurance policy). Cllr Bell will be a member of this Committee.

Members noted that a wreath for the Armistice Day/Remembrance Sunday Service has been ordered and considered the question of a donation towards the work of the Royal British Legion. Cllr Johnson proposed Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour that, under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, Germoe Parish Council should forward the sum of £50.00 to the Royal British Legion.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT	
Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity	£ 176.39	£ 146.99	£ 20.40
R.Sanders (open spaces)	£ 108.00	£ 90.00	£ 18.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (October)	£ 248.47		
telephone	£ 26.06		
office expenses	£ 35.65		
travelling	£ 10.00		
use of home as office	£ 20.00		
	total	£ 340.18	

Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and it was agreed that the above three accounts should be paid.

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the request for a Modification Order from the south-eastern end of PROW 9 through to the maintained highway in Germoe has been forwarded to the Cornwall Council Countryside Access team.

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs Doeser reported that she had attended the recent meeting of the Community Network Panel at which two presentations were made. The first had concerned poverty and more particularly fuel poverty within the community. Considerable help about all manner of day-to-day issues (including financial help with food, fuel and repairs) is available through the Inclusion Cornwall website. The second speaker spoke about Mustard Seed (the café on Wendron Street in Helston) which now runs the Helston and the Lizard Foodbank. It is part of the Trussel Trust network of food-banks and in October supported 135 families in need (in December last year it distributed 110 Christmas hampers).

Locally, the Godolphin Cross Community Association offers support to those in need who are living in Breage, Germoe and Sithney through its newly formed Reach Out Project. It is currently looking for volunteers

Members noted that

- the litter-bin on the triangle at Great Work has still to be moved away from the bench
- similarly the footpath signs on PROWs 15 and 16 as they leave the road at Lower Balwest Farm are still awaiting attention. The Clerk undertook to jog Bob Sanders' memory about both matters
- the key-pad on the defibrillator cabinet in Germoe is not working. The Clerk undertook to contact the Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity about this
- the trough for the Remembrance Crosses at the War Memorial needs replacing (Cllr Mrs Doeser undertook to do this) and last year's poppy wreaths need removing before the Armistice Day Service (Mr Rice offered to do this).

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comment at this stage of the meeting

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Provision of a further defibrillator within the Parish
Precept for the Financial Year 2022/2023

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday December 2, 2021 at 7.00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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