

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday December 2, 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:** There were no visitors.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

There were 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 £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 Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Foster seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, November 4, 2021 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

Cllr Bell reported that the Christmas tree lights will be formally 'switched on' on Wednesday, December 15 at 6.00pm. Weather permitting, carols will be sung around the tree.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present,

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

In the absence of CCllr Keeling there was no report.

## 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.

### Dates of Parish Council meetings 2022/2023

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the dates for the meetings in 2022 – 2023 will be as follows

January 6, 2022	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
February 3, 2022	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
March 3, 2022	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
April 7, 2022	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 5, 2022	Annual Parish Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 5, 2022	Annual Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
June 9, 2022	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom

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July 7, 2022	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
September 1, 2022	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
October 6, 2022	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
November 3, 2022	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
December 1, 2022	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
January 5, 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
February 2, 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall

All meetings are due to begin at 7:00pm

The venue for each meeting may be dependent on Government advice at the time

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

The Clerk reported that re-working of the notice-board route map and associated pictures had not proved quite as straight-forward as he had initially been led to believe. The manufacturer requires either the original documents or a high-resolution scan of the board and re-working will not be cheap. However, he has traced Mr John Dale, the original designer, but Mr Dale no longer possesses the original digital working. He has, however, expressed a keen interest in re-working the design and has asked for a high resolution scan of the existing board, which the Clerk has now acquired. This is currently on the way to Mr Dale and therefore the project is again underway.

## **8 PARISH MATTERS**

### **Climate Change**

Cllr Blencowe reported that the recent Planning Conference had revealed that Climate Change is cited as the foremost priority in the Prosperous Cornwall 2050 project (which brings together plans and strategies from across Cornwall Council, including the Local Transport Plan, the Housing Strategy, the Local Skills and Labour Strategy and a plan for Communities). It remains Cornwall Council's aim for the county to be carbon neutral.

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

The Chairman reported that she, Cllr Mrs Doeser, Cllr Foster, Mrs Willett and Mr Coward had met on Tuesday evening to discuss ways in which this landmark might be celebrated by the community. Suggestions had included

- planting red, white and blue flowers in troughs and pots sited along the Church wall on Germoe Green and elsewhere within the parish
- putting up bunting (whether bought or home-made is up for question)
- lighting the beacon on the Preachers' Pit on Thursday June 2 at 9.15pm
- presenting commemoration mugs both to the children attending the school and to older school-age residents
- a tea-party on Germoe Green with an especial invitation to the oldest and the youngest residents
- liaising with Breage Parish Council to avoid clashes
- the next meeting will be on January 12, 2022.

## **9 PLANNING**

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

PA21/10623 Mr N.Oliver – Refurbishment of existing dwelling house including extension and alterations and siting of garden studio and associated works – Chywoon Farm, Chywoon Lane, Rosudgeon. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *The proposed garden studio would provide additional residential accommodation detached from the main dwelling. The proposal does not meet any of the special circumstances set out in CLP Policy 7 for building a New Dwelling in the Countryside and is therefore contrary to the Cornwall Local Plan.*

*The proposed development in the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site is not supported by an evidence based Historic Environment Assessment and Evaluation contrary to the requirements of the Cornwall Local Plan Policy 24.*

*Germoe Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

### **Decisions**

PA21/07663 APPROVED – Demolition of existing and erection of replacement house, with associated parking amendments and new field access – Gwel An Bleydh (formerly Stony Acres), Balwest – *noted*

Cllr Blencowe reported that the recent Planning Training Conference had referred to the ideas and concepts contained within the thinking behind the Prosperous Cornwall 2050 document and also to the concept of place design in which the long-term effect of future development is evaluated.

## **10 FINANCE**

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at December 2, 2021. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

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Members noted that the Clerk had earlier forwarded copies of anticipated income and expenditure for the coming Financial Year. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Blencowe, seconded by Cllr Mrs Doeser all others in favour that the Precept for the year 2022/2023 should be set at £10,100.00

*PCSO Julia Berry joined the meeting.*

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
HMRC	£ 186.40		
Balwest Methodist Church (Hall hire – 2 years)	£ 150.00		
Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity	£ 59.94	£ 49.95	£ 9.99
Sharkfin Media	£ 40.00	£ 33.33	£ 6.67
R.Sanders (Open spaces and replace bin at Greatwork)	£ 164.40	£ 137.00	£ 27.40
Colin Chapman			
Salary (November)	£ 248.47		
telephone	£ 26.36		
office expenses	£ 51.92		
travelling	£ 10.00		
use of home as office	£ 20.00		
	total	£ 356.77	

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

### **Police Report**

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Berry to the meeting. PCSO Berry said she was sorry not to have attended quite as frequently as she would have liked, but reported that the incidence of crime within the parish is very low. Nevertheless, she urged residents to report each and every incident to the Police. The Police can only react to a definitive report: hearsay alone is not sufficient. She has been working in schools for the past few months – assessing traffic behaviour outside the gates and teaching the children road-safety. She is due to visit Germoe School early in the New Year. A new Tri-Service Officer has been appointed to Helston: he has been working with elderly residents and has been fitting smoke detectors and offering advice about fire prevention.

*Cllr Bell left the meeting.*

### **11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

### **12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Cllr Foster reported that he had spoken to the people who are currently running the library from the telephone box at Trewithen Terrace and they would be very pleased to see a defibrillator installed within the box.

Cllr Mrs Doeser referred to the Godolphin Cross Community Association and to its Out-Reach project, which is designed to help those who are housebound, lonely or finding life harder within the communities of Godolphin Cross and the Parish of Germoe. It is likely that the Association will need some financial help in the new financial year and it was agreed to invite Mrs Rona Laity, the GCCA outreach worker, to attend the meeting in January.

### **13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs Doeser for purchasing a trough for crosses and for laying the wreath on Armistice Day on behalf of the Parish Council.

She wished everyone present a very happy Christmas.

### **14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

Siting of a third defibrillator within the Parish.

### **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday January 6, 2022 at 7.00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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