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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday January 6, 2022 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: Mrs Marshall.

Wishing everyone present a Happy New Year, the Chairman welcomed attendees to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from CCllr Keeling.

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 £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 Blencowe seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday, December 2, 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 that were not covered on this agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Marshall stated that she was present to seek Germoe Parish Council's support for her application for the lawful use of an outbuilding. She stated that the outbuilding has been in constant use since 2009 and that formalising that use will enable a closer, caring relationship between generations in her family. It was explained that, because it is a legal matter, the Parish Council is unable to offer a comment on the application either in favour or against.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- he had attended the meeting of the Constitution and Governance Committee on Tuesday. This is a decision making committee which deals with constitution details on committee and council meeting timings to ensure that the public and councillors are given every opportunity to participate in council business. Additionally, membership of the Appeals Committee was reviewed to ensure that there are sufficient numbers of councillors available to consider appeals against decisions of the council
- the Customer Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (of which he is the Chairman) has considered the contentious matter of Leisure Centre closures. It has made a number of recommendations which will help to ensure leisure facilities continue to be recognised as an important resource for the health and well-being of the people of Cornwall
- Cornwall Council's Budget for 2022/23 and beyond has been the main focus of Councillors' work in the last month. It had already been acknowledged that savings requirements would increase both in 2022/23 and on into the medium term financial period. Some £55m is needed to help balance the budget for 2022/23. The

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proposed Council Tax increase is 2.99% which includes a 1% adult social care precept. The precept will be formally agreed in February

- locally, he has been following the issue of the Ash trees in Germoe Churchyard which Cornwall Council has indicated need felling following identification of Ash Dieback. This diagnosis is vigorously disputed by a number of local residents
- Covid infection rates are currently very high with the division showing rates of 654.6 per 100,000. This compares to Helston which has 1,112.2 per 100,000. Residents should take care.

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

The Clerk presented members with the two newly printed Germoe Circular Walk notices for display on the noticeboards in Germoe Churchtown and Tresowes Green.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Climate Change

There was nothing to report.

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

The Chairman reported that the next meeting of the advisory committee will be at 5.00pm on January 12, 2022 in Germoe Church Hall.

9 PLANNING

To make observations on planning applications including the following

PA21/11687 Mrs J.Marshall – Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of an existing use of building as a separate residential dwelling unit with parking – Merryhill Farm, Trewithen Terrace. Cllr Blencowe proposed, and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation. *Germoe Parish Council can neither confirm nor refute the statements made in this application.*

PA21/11343 Messrs W. and A. Davies – Construction of dwelling – land adj to Kirkwood, Germoe Lane. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Foster seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation. *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/12562 Mr A.Ballard (Oakland Homes) – Non-material amendment in relation to decision notice PA19/11030 dated 10.03.21 for a proposed change to the roof material – Plot 2 land South of Westacre, Helston Road. Cllr Blencowe proposed and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation. *Germoe Parish Council has no comment.*

PA21/12563 Mr A.Ballard (Oakland Homes) – Non-material amendment in relation to decision notice PA19/06582 dated 16.12.19 for a proposed change to the roof material – Plot 1 land South of Westacre, Helston Road. Cllr Blencowe proposed and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation. *Germoe Parish Council has no comment.*

Decisions

PA21/08677 APPROVED – Construction of a detached garage and change of use of agricultural land to provide for an extension to domestic curtilage – The Cottage, Germoe – *noted*

10 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at January 6, 2022. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Contract Sign Systems	£ 60.00	£ 50.00	£ 10.00
TSOHost (website)	£ 42.00	£ 35.00	£ 7.00
R.Sanders (open spaces)	£ 108.00	£ 98.00	£ 18.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (December)	£ 248.67		
telephone	£ 34.52		
office expenses	£ 48.56		
travelling	£ 41.50		

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Trough (War Memorial)	£ 24.99			
use of home as office	£ 20.00			
		total	£ 418.44	£ 414.27 £ 4.17

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

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk stated that he had been authorised by Cornwall Council to place notices at either end of the White Way between the western end of PROW 9 and the Highway in Germoe Churchtown alerting the landowner of the Parish Council's intention to seek modification of the Definitive Map. The owners of Cobbernoon have been served with a similar notice.

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that the Newtown notice-board is not as yet back in place and that a quote for a new board for Tresowes has yet to be received. The Clerk was asked to follow both matters through.

Referring to the Godolphin Cross Community Association and in particular to its Out-Reach project, Cllr Mrs Doeser agreed to invite Mrs Rona Laity, the GCCA outreach worker, to attend the Parish Council meeting in February.

Cllr Johnson drew members' attention to the Christmas tree on the Green and asked when it would be removed as it is beginning to look unsightly. Cllr Bell reported that it is due to be removed on Friday adding that some thirty people had attended the "switch-on" on December 15.

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman again reported the broken footpath finger-post on PROW 16 at Lower Balwest Farm. The Clerk agreed to report it, again.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Siting of a third defibrillator within the Parish.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday February 3, 2022 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, Germoe.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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