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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Germoe Parish held on Thursday May 5, 2022 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom. Chairman of the Council, Cllr Mrs Praed presiding, Mr C Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

Present: Cllr G.Bell, Cllr D.Blencowe, Cllr Mrs K.Doeser, Cllr, I.Foster, Cllr R.Johnson, and Cllr Mrs V.Marshall.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday, May 2, 2021 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such. It was noted that they were signed as being accurate by the Chairman at the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on July 1, 2021.

3 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Praed said:

“Good evening ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Germoe’s Annual Parish Meeting. This is my first report as Chair of Germoe Parish Council, which position, I have to say, has been a privilege. I think it fair to say my year, as the Chair of Germoe Parish Council, has been an interesting one.

“However, firstly, I would like to thank my fellow parish councillors. I am very grateful to Cllr Kathy Doeser for continuing to be our link with the Community Network Panel. It is very important for the Parish to keep up to date with local issues, receive reports and contribute to the CNP. Kath invited Mrs Rona Laity to the February meeting. She is an outreach worker with the Godolphin Cross Community Association Reach out Project. She explained her current work and the future aims of the project.

“Cllr David Blencowe, supported by Cllr Graham Bell, continues to provide expert advice on all planning matters. Graham has developed a spreadsheet to log all applications and outcomes, which has been useful to track and provide information for our new councillors. We have had eighteen planning applications over the last year and have supported seven of these. We opposed six and we were not entitled to comment on the remainder.

“Cllr Bell reviewed and updated ‘Six Walks through the Ancient Parishes of Breage and Germoe’ booklet and also identified the fact that information on the individual maps displayed on our notice boards also needed updating. This will be an on-going project, however we are very pleased that it has already resulted in an updated map on the Germoe village board. Work continues to update further boards and the booklet in the future.

“Cllr Richard Johnson, as the deputy Chair, has supported me and, with his expert knowledge of the area, particularly the site of the Lady Gwendoline mine (which has been a bit of a mystery) was able to contribute to the footpath reviews.

“I’d like to welcome our new councillors, Ian Foster joined in July 2021 as a co-opted member and Cllr Vicky Marshall has recently joined as the final co-opted member to the Parish Council in March.

“A huge thank you to our clerk, Colin Chapman, for his unwavering support and detailed knowledge of all parish matters. He has continued to provide expert knowledge and experience ensuring we function to the best of our ability.

“Thanks to Cllr John Keeling for providing regular Cornwall Council updates and local priorities within the boundary for which he is responsible (Germoe, Breage, Ashton and Sithney). The Parish Council, on behalf of Cornwall Council, continues to maintain our public rights of way. Our contractor, Bob Saunders, cuts these regularly within the permitted times, maintains our small green spaces and carries out requested minor repairs.

“There has been good attendance by members of the public at some of our meetings. I have found it particularly useful when a planning applicant attends to describe their plans and rationale.

“Our local PCSO Julia Berry attended the December meeting and had some key messages to share. Although the incidence of crime within the parish is low, she urged residents to report all incidents to the police. She has also been working with schools assessing traffic behaviour and teaching children road-safety.

“The 20's plenty initiative appears to be attracting increasing support throughout the county, but, as matters stand, there will be no change in speed limits on roads within the Parish.

“A huge thank you to all those people (and particularly to Cllr Ian Foster who, at short notice, took on the job of chairing the sub-committee) who are involved in planning ways for the Parish to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in early June. All being well and with the weather on our side, it will be a memorable occasion.”

4 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented the Financial Report for the year 2021 – 2022. In brief, this showed that Germoe Parish Council had started the year with a reserve of £11,212.15 and ended it with a reserve of £10,943.24. During the course of the year the Council's income had been £12,039.10 and its expenditure £12,308.01. The accounts are all available to view on the website.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 9, 2022

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 4, 2023

Chairman