

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday November 3, 2022 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs G.Praed (Chairman) Cllr R.Johnson  
Cllr G.Bell Cllr Mrs V Marshall  
Cllr D.Blencowe  
Cllr Mrs K.Doeser Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitor:** CCllr J.Keeling, Mrs Curtis, Mr Dear, Mr and Mrs Elliott and Mr Stanek.

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

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

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 Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded, Cllr Johnson and Cllr Mrs Marshall who were absent from the last meeting abstained and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on October 6, 2022 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

Cllr Blencowe reported that the defective defibrillator cabinet at Balwest Methodist Schoolroom has been replaced.

Members noted that the footpath through to the War Memorial has now been repaired and can safely be used.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Elliott stated that he was present to seek support for his and his wife's planning application PA22/08862. He stated that, other than alterations to the proposed fenestration, the application is very similar to that which has already been granted permission. In answer to a question concerning the proposed increased height of the roof and its consequent greater visibility within the surrounding countryside, he stated that this would allow for a less cramped feel to the rooms on the first floor.

Speaking of her application PA22/09310, Mrs Curtis stated that the amended scheme for Band D will allow for greater protection from the elements and permit comfortable working with animals and machinery in times of poor weather. The erection of a garage with a first-floor farm-office will enable the family to separate work from home. The intention is to keep the garage/farm-office in keeping with surrounding buildings.

Mr Dear said that he was present simply to observe.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- there are many ways people facing difficulties can access help. A press release will be available shortly: and he will forward it when it arrives. The Help Desk telephone number at Cornwall Council is 01872 323583
- consultation will shortly take place on the devolution to Cornwall from Central Government of greater powers. Devolution will require the appointment of a mayor

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- Alison Hernandez, the Police and Crime Commissioner, briefed Councillors about a number of changes to policing in Cornwall. A new Chief Constable, Will Kerr, will be in post at the end of December and a key issue of his remit will be visibility (local police teams being a vital part of the equation)
- weekly meetings concerning the Helston and South Kerrier Community Network include Inspector Alison Brown who reports on local issues within the community and takes note of any issues raised by the councillors
- the Community Networks Areas will be changing to Community Area Partnerships in May 2023. The intention is to reduce the current nineteen network areas to twelve. The present position regarding the Helston and South Kerrier Network area is that we stay the same or possibly include Hayle, St. Erth and Gwitherian to the new area
- the question of how the remaining Highways Budget will be allocated before May next year remains. His feeling is that funding remaining from year two and year three should be allocated before there are any changes to the Networks
- Cornwall Council's budget for 2023/2024 is now being examined by the scrutiny committee prior to the council setting a balanced budget in February next year.

Members noted that, pleasingly, PCSO Julia Berry has already been seen out and about within the Parish.

## 7 Parish Matters

### **To consider the purchase of a new notice-board for Germoe Churchtown**

Members considered the purchase of a replacement notice-board for Germoe Churchtown. During the course of discussion, it was noted that, although the existing board probably can be repaired, it is nearing the end of its life and moreover that the map of the new Germoe circular walk will not 'fit' the presently available space. It was agreed to seek quotations for a new board similar in design to the one at Balwest.

Cllr Johnson reported that he had added a chain to the notice-board at Newtown to prevent the wind catching the door and swinging it off its hinges. Other members reported similar problems with 'their' notice-boards.

## 8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### **Vacancy in the Office of Councillor**

Members noted that the current vacancy for a Councillor had been advertised on the notice-boards, but that no application had, as yet, been received.

### **Membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils**

The Clerk reported that Sarah Mason of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils has offered the Council an initial fifteen months membership for the price of twelve if the Council likes to apply in January. It was agreed to adopt this strategy.

## 9 PLANNING

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

PA22/08862 Mr and Mrs Elliott – Full Planning Permission for the change of use and conversion of an agricultural building to form a single dwelling unit with associated curtilage at the Barn, Germoe without complying with conditions 2 and 5 of decision PA20/11046 dated 01/03/2021 – Ocean View Barn, Germoe. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this proposal.*

PA22/08362 Mr Dawton – Demolition of existing dilapidated chalet and replacement with detached double garage – Pentreva, Newtown. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Marshall seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this proposal.*

PA22/08478 Mr S.Neal – Erection of a detached garage with home spa and office/studio in the attic space - Amended Scheme – Cornerstone, Tresowes. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this proposal.*

PA22/09310 Mrs V.Curtis – Erection of a detached garage/farm office and an amended scheme for Barn D to create a tractor shed – Higher Chygwins Farm, Tresowes. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Subject to the agreement of Cornwall Council Land Agent, that these additional facilities are appropriate to the needs of the farm, Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/09621 Mrs N.Lawry – Construction of two storey extension, garden studio and associated works – Phoenix Cottage Main Road. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Marshall seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *The proposed extensions to the building are significant and would result in the loss of its original character. However the Parish Council considers there would be no adverse impact upon the setting and, on balance, supports the application.*

## Decisions

PA22/07682 REFUSED – Erection of local needs dwelling and installation of septic tank without compliance with condition 1 (plans) of decision notice PA22/01460 dated 11/05/2022 – Nettle Cottage, Germoe – *noted*

PA22/07857 APPROVED – Erection of a dwelling without compliance with Condition 2 of decision notice PA18/08400 dated 28.12.18 – Geal Cottage, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

PA22/07533 APPROVED – Demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement garage – 8 Trewithen Terrace – *noted*

## 9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at November 3, 2022. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted that the Clerk is still awaiting a reply from Barclays Bank plc concerning switching bank accounts.

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 Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Johnson 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:

		<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
R.Sanders (open spaces)		£ 228.00	£ 190.00	£ 38.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (October)	£.252.87			
telephone	£ 26.94			
office expenses	£ 26.32			
travelling	£ 10.00			
use of home as office	£ 20.00			
	total	£ 336.13		

It was proposed by Cllr Blencowe, seconded by Cllr Bell and agreed that the above two accounts should be paid.

## 10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

## 11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that

- there are three remaining Platinum Jubilee mugs available for primary school aged children to claim
- a Priority Services Register has been established. This offers a free service for everyone who, for whatever reason, might need extra help at home during a power cut. Telephone 0800 082 2234

## 12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no further comment.

## 13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

- Planters for next year (March)
- Germoe Churchtown notice-board

## DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday December 1, 2022 at 7.00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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