

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Germoe Parish held on Thursday May 4, 2023 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 Mrs K.Doeser, Cllr Mrs J.Goddard, Cllr Dr M.Peters, and Cllr Mrs V.Marshall.

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

## **2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 5, 2022 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 June 9, 2022.

## **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 second report as Chair of Germoe Parish Council, which position, I have to say, has again been a huge 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.

“Cllr Graham Bell provides detail, analysis and advice on all planning matters at our meetings. We have had 28 planning applications over the last year and have supported 13 of these and opposed 15. This compares with 18 planning applications last year so it has been a busy year for Graham. Graham has developed a spreadsheet to log all applications and outcomes, which has been useful to track and provide information for our new councillors.

“Regretfully, this year both Cllr David Blencowe and Cllr Richard Johnson have stood down from the council. David had provided expert advice on all planning matters and stepped down in November 2022 passing on his knowledge to Cllr Bell. Cllr Richard Johnson, was the deputy Chair, until he stepped down in February 2023 we will miss his expert knowledge of the area,

“I’d like to welcome our new councillors, Cllr Jo Goddard joined in February 2023 as a co-opted member and Cllr Mike Peters who joined as the final co-opted member to the Parish Council in April 2023.

“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. Colin has requested retirement and we are actively looking for someone to take his place.

“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 Porthleven). The Parish Council, on behalf of Cornwall Council, continues to maintain our public rights of way. Our contractor, Bob Sanders, 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 January 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 described a number of initiatives promoted by the police force to help the community. She informed us of a new sergeant in Helston and a new inspector in Falmouth.

“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.

“The platinum jubilee celebrations were well supported. Thank you to Cllr Vicky Marshall for providing the planters around the parish and Cllr Johnson for setting up and lighting the beacon were nearly 40 people attended. Germoe Parish council has purchased commemoration mugs for the coronation of HM King Charles III and these will be presented to the pupils at Germoe School and children of Germoe Parish.

“Future considerations include the idea of a cycle way from Newtown to Rosudgeon. Germoe Parish Council supports the increased use of cycles, but recognises issues of danger and inconvenience when vehicles and cycles share the same road space. This is particularly the case along the A394 between Newtown and Rosudgeon.

“We have repaired the footpath to the war memorial, refurbished the parish council notice boards and generally kept the parish tidy and safe. I welcome contact with anyone within the parish on any matters the parish council can help or support.”

#### **4 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk presented the Financial Report for the year 2022 – 2023. In brief, this showed that Germoe Parish Council had started the year with a reserve of £10,943.24 and ended it with a reserve of £9,280.89 . During the course of the year the Council's income had been £16,116.24 and its expenditure £17,778.59 The accounts are all available to view on the website.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 9, 2023

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 2, 2024

Chairman