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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday April 6, 2023 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr Mrs Praed Cllr Mrs J.Goddard
Cllr Mrs K.Doesser
Cllr G.Bell Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: CCllr J.Keeling, Mr L.Molcher, Dr M.Peters.

The Chairman, welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs V Marshall sent her 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 Mrs Goddard proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on March 2, 2023 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 which were not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Speaking of his application for planning permission to erect an extension to his home together with the creation of an annex (PA23/01701), Mr Molcher stated that, if permitted, both developments will be used by adult members of his immediate family. The initial concept for the annex had arisen from a visit from a Planning Officer who was adamant that the earlier application for a two-storey extension to his home would be refused, not least because of its visual impact on the surrounding countryside.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- he had attended a wide variety of meetings during the course of the month, including the final meeting of the Helston and South Kerrier Community Network Area
- at that meeting, discussions on the highway schemes to be taken forward were deliberated. The final decision is that of the five Cornwall Councillors, the community link officer and the highway manager, but he is confident that most, if not all, will be forwarded to the portfolio holder for final decision
- as announced, the Community Network Area will be replaced with the Community Area Partnership. He will shortly forward more information about their rôle and purpose. Nevertheless, it will include matters relating to governance and funding, together with other changes including the opportunity to comment on the council's business plan during the annual budget setting process
- a visit with members of the Customer and Support Scrutiny Committee to the call centre at Dolcoath, had revealed the extraordinary breadth of knowledge and demanding work being done by staff handling calls from members of the public
- the roll-out of 20's Plenty is expected to be implemented in the Helston and Kerrier area in 2025
- the Devolution Deal proposals and the question of whether or not Cornwall should have an elected mayor, is now off the table

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- locally, he will follow up on an issue with trees, and the proposed cycle route (as discussed with Cllr Bell).

7 Parish Matters

The Coronation of HM King Charles III

The Clerk reported that the commemorative mugs marking the occasion of the coronation of HM King Charles III have now been delivered. The Chairman agreed to contact the school once the Easter holiday is at an end and both she and Cllr Bell offered to store the mugs until such time as the school can take them.

Church Town Notice-Board

Members considered a problem which has arisen concerning the addition of the panel detailing the walk through the Parish to the notice-board in Church Town. Cllr Bell explained that the intention had been to remove the existing map's surround and to site the new panel in the resultant space. The Clerk undertook to speak to Mr Sanders with a view to resolving the problem,

St Germoe Closed Churchyard

Members considered an offer in the sum of £174.95 to extend the contract with Cornwall Council for cutting the grass in the closed churchyard at St Germoe's. The Clerk reported that the PCC undertakes this work and that the grant offered would be gratefully accepted. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed to accept the grant.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Vacancy in the Office of Councillor

The Clerk reported that interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor has been expressed by Dr Mike Peters. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that Dr Peters should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Cllr Dr Peters signed and read aloud his declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Germoe Parish Council.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Dr Peters to the Council.

Members noted that there remains a vacant seat on the Council.

9 PLANNING

To make observations on planning applications including the following

PA23/01405 Mr and Mrs M.Rowe – Reserved Matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following Outline Approval PA20/01898 dated 16/07/2020 for the erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling to replace existing residential caravan – Tresowes Farm, Ashton. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed Cllr Mrs Goddard seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

PA23/01650 Miss A.Owen – Replacement of the existing roof tiles, roof-lights; addition of two sun-tunnels with extension to create a 20cm overhang; add external wall insulation and white horizontal concrete wood-effect cladding boards, remove existing chimneys and replace with a single flue on the south-east end; raise existing flat roofs to accommodate insulation – Quilkyn Hollow, Tresowes. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this application.*

PA23/01701 Mr and Mrs Molcher – Proposed extension and annex – Tremorvu Holidays, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this application subject to the imposition of a condition requiring the use of both the extension and the annex to be ancillary to the use of the principal dwelling.*

Decisions

PA22/11349 APPROVED – Proposed change of use and conversion of traditional barn to create a single dwelling - renewal of previous application PA19/05936 – Barn SE of Greenbank Farm, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at April 6, 2023. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

At the Clerk's request, it was agreed to defer consideration of all matters pertaining to the 2022-2023 year-end financial documents to the meeting in May.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
R.Sanders (open spaces 19/02)	£ 114.00	£ 95.00	£ 19.00
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Chown China (commemorative mugs)	£ 873.60	£ 728.00	£ 145.60
Cornwall ALC	£ 327.61	£ 278.98	£ 48.63

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Salary (March)	£ 277.21	
telephone	£ 25.48	
office expenses	£ 29.18	
travelling	£ 27.00	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 378.87

It was proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Goddard and agreed that the above five accounts should be paid.

Members noted the following receipt

CC Closed cemetery grant (2022/2023)	£ 162.74
CC Precept 1 st instalment	£ 6,250.00

10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs Doeser reported that she had attended the final meeting of the Community Network Area Panel at which, as CCllr Keeling had reported, decisions concerning submitted Expressions of Interest in minor highways schemes from Parish Councils had been delegated to elected members and Unitary Authority officers. It had further been reported that it had been decided to retain the Fire and Rescue Control Room within the County and that an increased number of police officers will work from the Police Station in Helston (where there are concerns about an increase in anti-social behaviour).

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman had nothing further to report.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday May 4, 2022 at 7:00pm in **Balwest Methodist Schoolroom**

Annual Meeting – Thursday May 4, 2022 following the Annual Parish Meeting in **Balwest Methodist Schoolroom**

Signed.....

Dated.....

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