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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday June 10, 2010 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr G.Ross (Chairman) Cllr Mrs K.Doeser
Cllr S.Geake (Vice-Chairman) Cllr J.Taylor
Cllr Mrs E.Clarke Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: Mrs Ayto, Mr Johnson, and Mrs Vaughan.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the June meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Keeling, PC Vaughan and PCSO Sadler sent their 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 £25

There were no declarations of gifts of a value greater than £25.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded, (Cllr Mrs Clarke being absent from the Annual Parish Meeting abstained) all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 6, 2010 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded (Cllr Mrs Clarke being absent from the Annual Meeting abstained) all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday May 6, 2010 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising from the minutes which were not covered on the agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Johnson reported that Cornwall Council has removed the offending white lines from the road junctions near Hawthorne Cottage and Dolphin Lodge. He further reported that the incidence of fly-tipping on the verge outside Dolphin Lodge has been referred to the Enforcement department at Cornwall Council.

Mrs Vaughan thanked Parish Councillors for their support in the matter of the white lines.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, Cllr Keeling reported that

- he has chaired meetings dealing with the contentious issue of Cornwall Council's office accommodation strategy, which aims to rationalise the authority's offices and buildings and save the County in excess of £10m
- the recent announcements from Central Government relating to spending plans suggest that these will have a significant effect on Cornwall Council's work despite the fact that the details are presently unclear. Whatever transpires, he believes it is essential that front-line services are protected.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that three crimes (two of theft from St Germoe's Church and one of burglary) had been reported to the Police in March 2010, which compares to three crimes reported in May 2009.

PC Vaughan asks residents of the Parish to report any incidence of anti-social behaviour immediately it occurs.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Parish Design Statement

It was noted that the Parish Council is no further forward with this project. The Chairman undertook to contact members with a date, place and time for a second informal meeting.

A bus shelter at Greatwork

It was agreed to defer the question of erecting a bus shelter at Greatwork to a later date.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

In the absence of a request from the electorate to call an election, the Clerk reported that Germoe Parish Council is now in a position to consider the co-option of Parish Councillors. It was agreed to publish advertisements on the Parish notice-boards inviting interested residents to put their names forward for consideration. The Clerk reported that he already has two letters of interest. Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Geake seconded all others in favour that the Clerk should purchase seven copies of *The Parish Councillor's Guide* for distribution to Councillors.

Reporting on the meeting of the Helston and the Lizard Community Network Panel in Porthleven on April 21, 2010, Cllr Mrs Doeser said that this was the first Public Meeting of the Panel. Its purpose was to agree the structure of the Panel and to decide what needs to be done to address the issues faced by our communities.

Lucy Harris of Cornwall Council's Partnerships Team gave a presentation in which she described three policy documents (The Sustainable Community Strategy, The Local Development Framework and The Local Transport Plan) all of which will influence investment in services and shape Cornwall's future up to 2030.

The main part of the meeting was in workshop format and focussed on the four issues of Affordable Housing, Healthy Lifestyles, Income and Resilience (the four key issues of The Sustainable Community Strategy).

The next Community Network Panel Meeting in July will look at Transport, which, together with Planning, is a recurring and sometimes contentious issue in all parishes.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA10/03029 Mr & Mrs C.Bows – Two storey extension to dwelling – Coppernoon, Germoe. Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked with the following observation "Germoe Parish Councillors have no observations to make on this application."

Decisions

PA10/00086/LBC Listed Building Consent under Section 8 (alterations and refurbishment of wash house and construction of a porch link) – Foxfield, Tresowes – *noted*

PA10/00363/F Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (erection of extensions to dwelling, conversion of loft to provide living accommodation and erection of a detached garage) – The Spinney, Germoe – *noted*

11 FINANCE

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Animal Hospital for financial help. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

| | GROSS | VAT |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Colin Chapman | | |
| Salary (May) | £ 202.50 | |
| telephone | £ 14.67 | |
| office expenses | £ 30.62 | |
| travelling | £ 12.47 | |
| use of home | £ 20.00 | |
| Maps for Parish Design | £ 15.86 | |
| | total | £ 296.12 |
| Jeff Meadows (Website Hosting) | £ 75.00 | |

RTS (Garden Services) Ltd

Gold Paths £ 283.17

Open spaces (2 months) £ 264.37

£ 547.54

£ 81.54

Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that the above three accounts should be paid.

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Audit Commission request for further information – *noted*

CC Cornish Mining World Heritage Site Newsletter – *noted*

CC Consultee Access update – for information only – *noted*

CC Town and Parish Council Newsletter – *noted*

CC Cornwall in Bloom Start-Up support grant – *it was agreed that the Clerk should apply for grant funding for planting at Sam's seat*

13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

It was the general opinion that Kerrier District Council had been gravely at fault in the management of planning enforcement action at West End. It was noted that, following a number of poorly handled enforcement procedures, a planning application for siting a single caravan had been submitted. This had been modified by the Planning Inspector appointed to hear the appeal against enforcement to two caravans (because two were in use) and planning permission was eventually given for three (because the site is large enough). It is understood that residents have no redress.

14 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage of the meeting.

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion in future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Thursday July 1, 2010 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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