

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday December 1, 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 Mrs K.Doeser Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitor:** Mr Dear, Mr and Miss Elliott and Mrs Goddard.

Noting that this would be the last meeting in 2022, the Chairman welcomed members and visitors.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Keeling sent his 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 Bell proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on November 3, 2022 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

Both Mr Dear and Mrs Goddard stated that they were present simply as observers.

Mr Elliott stated that he was present to seek support for his and his wife's two current planning applications PA22/09770 and PA22/09771. He stated that the proposed chalet is intended to be of a temporary nature and will be capable of being dismantled and removed from site. He and his wife need the agricultural shed to house agricultural machinery and to give shelter to their breeding ewes. The shed will be dug into the ground in order to lessen its built height.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

In the absence of CCllr Keeling there was no report from the Cornwall Councillor.

## 7 Parish Matters

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

The Clerk reported that Mr Sanders is awaiting a quote from a carpenter.

## 8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Vacancy in the Office of Councillor

Members noted that there have been no requests for an election and that the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Davis Blencowe must therefore be filled by co-option.

### Dates of Parish Council meetings 2023/2024

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the dates for the meetings in 2023 – 2024 will be as follows

January 5, 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
February 2, 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall

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March 2, 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
April 6, 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
May 4, 2023	Annual Parish Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
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June 2, 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
July 6, 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
September 7, 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
October 5, 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Balwest Methodist Schoolroom
November 2, 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
December 1, 2023	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
January 4, 2024	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall
February 1, 2024	Ordinary Meeting	Church Hall

All meetings are due to begin at 7:00pm

### Notice-boards and defibrillators

It was agreed that the following Councillors should be responsible for the notice-boards at

Balwest	Cllr Mrs Doeser
Great Work	Cllr Mrs Marshall
Nevada House	Cllr Mrs Doeser
Germoe	Cllr Bell
Newtown	Cllr Johnson
Tresowes Green	Cllr Mrs Doeser

and that the following Councillors should be responsible for the defibrillators at

Church Hall	Cllr Bell
Balwest	Cllr Mrs Doeser
Trewithen Terrace	Cllr Mrs Marshall

## 9 PLANNING

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

PA22/09770 Mr and Mrs Elliott – Siting of a temporary dwelling (lodge) – Ocean View Barn, Germoe. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Marshall seconded, Cllr Johnson abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the observation *Subject to a condition requiring that the proposed lodge is removed and the land returned to its present use within three months of the completion of the main dwelling, Germoe Parish Council will support this application.*

PA22/09771 Mr and Mrs Elliott – Construction of agricultural/garage building – Ocean View Barn, Germoe. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Marshall seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council believes that the scale of this proposal is such that it will have an adverse and highly visual impact on the surrounding area contrary to CLP policies 2, 5, 12 and 25 and therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

### Decisions

PA22/07430 APPROVED – Conversion of three former agricultural barns to residential dwellings without compliance with Condition 6 of decision notice PA20/05686 dated 16.10.2020 – Rejarden, Germoe – *noted*

PA22/08346 APPROVED – Siting of two additional purpose built glamping pods on existing camping pitches with all year use – Tremorvu Holidays, Tresowes Hill – *noted*

PA22/08362 APPROVED – Demolition of existing dilapidated chalet and replacement with detached double garage – Pentreva, Newtown – *noted*

## 9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at December 1, 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 considered a request from the Germoe Village Association both for a donation towards the cost of Christmas celebrations within the village and for those events to be included on the Parish Council's insurance policy. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed Cllr Mrs Marshall seconded, all in favour both that under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the sum of £100.00 should be forwarded to the Germoe Village Association to be put towards costs relating to Christmas celebrations within the village and that those celebrations should be overseen by a Germoe Parish Council Advisory Committee (and that they would therefore be covered by the Parish Council's insurance policy). Cllr Bell will be a member of this Committee.

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Members noted that the Clerk had earlier forwarded copies of anticipated income and expenditure for the coming Financial Year. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Doeser all others in favour that the Precept for the year 2023/2024 should be set at £12,500.00

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
HMRC	£ 244.40		
Balwest Methodist Church (hire of hall)	£ 90.00		
Davey and Gilbert (Defibrillator cabinet)	£ 165.00	£ 137.50	£ 27.50
R.Sanders (open spaces)	£ 114.00	£ 95.00	£ 19.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (November)	£ 471.33		
telephone	£ 27.76		
office expenses	£ 25.38		
travelling	£ 15.50		
use of home as office	£ 20.00		
	total	£ 559.97	

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

## **10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Correspondence**

**Balwest Methodist Church** acknowledgment of and thanks for donation towards the upkeep of the Churchyard and the Christmas celebrations in Balwest.

## **11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Cllr Mrs Doeser reported that she had attended the recent Teams' meeting of the Community Network Panel. Attendees' attention had been drawn to the Levelling Up fund which is designed to target 'communities and space' and which will be administered by Cornwall Council using the Good Growth fund.

It was noted that Stithians reservoir is expected to be just 40% full in the Spring, which figure will necessitate the on-going imposition of a hose-pipe ban on households within the area.

Expressions of interest are invited from Town and Parish Councils who wish to promote small capital projects relating to highways within their boundaries.

Cllr Bell reported that he had joined a Zoom meeting concerning Neighbourhood Development Plans. There may be a way forward for Councils such as Germoe (for which Neighbourhood Plans are thought to be heavy handed) to have a greater say on development within their communities by adopting a 'Priority Statement', but the details of the scheme are still being worked on.

## **12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Other than to wish everyone present a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year, the Chairman made no further comment.

## **13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

- CALC membership

## **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday January 5, 2023 at 7.00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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