

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday July 7, 2022 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist School room.

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

**Visitor:** There were no visitors present at the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed Members and visitors to the meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from CCllr J.Keeling.

## 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 either in the form of a single gift or as a cumulative total**

There were no declarations of gifts of a value greater than £50.

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday June 9, 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 in this agenda.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- during the course of the last month, he attended meetings at County Hall and at Dolcoath (for planning). He had again been elected to serve as Chairman of the Customers and Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- work and activities at Cornwall Council continue, particularly with the proposals which form part of the Levelling up and Regeneration Bill, (which is unlikely be enacted until 2024). These include
  - more powers to force landlords to rent out empty shops
  - charging a higher rate of council tax for long-term empty homes (after one year instead of two)
  - doubling the rate of council tax for furnished but unoccupied second homes
  - the introduction of street votes and simpler Neighbourhood Plans
  - a simpler planning application process
  - closing enforcement loopholes
  - giving weight to designated heritage assets in addition to listed buildings and conservation areas
  - conducting a review on short-term tourist accommodation (and particularly Airbnb)
- at a recent meeting, a proposal to lower the number of Community Network Areas had been greeted with no enthusiasm whatsoever

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- he had attended a briefing on the A394 Route Review that has been running since before the Covid lockdown. The work (which is designed to increase road safety in and around the villages) is anticipated to commence next year
- the Community Network Meeting on Wednesday had included further information about the Community Network Highway Scheme. Additionally, details on housing were presented by Coastline and the affordable Housing Officer.

## 7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Resignation of a Parish Councillor

The Clerk reported that he is still awaiting official Notices of a Casual Vacancy.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### The Community Library at Trewithen Terrace

Cllr Mrs Marshall reported that the new defibrillator has now been installed in the telephone kiosk and that Mr Taylor has undertaken to put in some shelving to take a reduced library. He had also suggested that a notice advertising the existence of the defibrillator should be attached to the kiosk. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded and it was agreed to purchase a suitable sign. Members noted that training in the use of a defibrillator is available at the Godolphin Cross Community Association's Hall

## 9 PLANNING

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

PA22/06087 Mr N.Oliver – Conversion and Extension of Existing Outbuildings to Incidental Use to Main Dwelling House and Associated Works – Chywoon Farm, Rosudgeon. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council objects to this application because of poor access to the site. In particular the narrow approach track and its junction with the A394 at Keneggy are not suitable for routine use by HGV traffic. The Parish Council considers the intended use by commercial vehicles would be detrimental to the safety of other road users.*

*The Parish Council notes the revisions made to the design of the Agricultural Barn and believes the proposed smaller building to be appropriate to its rural location.*

### Decisions

PA22/01460 APPROVED – Non-material amendment with respect to decision PA08/00346/F dated 29.04.2009 to omit construction of the Chimney stack – Nettle Cottage, Germoe – *noted*

PA22/02349 APPROVED – Proposed conversion of and extensions to existing single storey stone structure to create 2 storey residential dwelling – land South West of Western Power Electrical Distribution Centre, Boscrege – *noted*

## 10 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at July 7, 2022. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Colin Chapman				
Salary (May)	£ 252.87			
telephone	£ 25.34			
office expenses	£ 30.63			
travelling	£ 10.00			
use of home as office	£ 20.00			
	total	£ 338.84		
The Garden Lady		£ 200.00		
R.Sanders (Open spaces)		£ 114.00	£ 95.00	£ 19.00
R.Sanders (PROW's maintenance)		£ 1,282.64	£ 1,068.86	£ 213.78

Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Mrs Marshall seconded and it was agreed that the above six accounts should be paid.

## 11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk stated that he had received notification that the type of account the Parish Council presently uses for its banking is being discontinued. Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Bencowe seconded and it was agreed that the Parish Council should explore other options.

## 12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Reporting on the recent Community Network Panel meeting, Cllr Mrs Doeser spoke of a report on Affordable Housing presented by Coastline Housing. It appears that there are currently nine families on the Home Choice Register with

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close connections to the Parish of Germoe who are seeking Social Housing within the parish. However, the fact that they are on the Register does not mean that they qualify for Social Housing: indeed there is a widespread belief that the Home Choice Register needs root and branch revision. Two sets of slides had accompanied Coastline's presentation and they will be made available to Members once they are received.

Cllr Mrs Doeser added that all the accepted Highways' Schemes have been approved and will be completed by April 2023. Germoe's scheme (a request for suitable signage to be provided on the road between Ashton and Godolphin Cross to increase drivers' awareness of the presence of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, particularly on approaches to unsighted narrow sections of road and in advance of severe bends) had not been accepted.

Members noted recent thefts of vegetables and eggs from roadside stalls within the Parish. It is important that all such thefts are reported to the police by telephoning 101, by using the web-page <https://www.service.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/?frc=50> (and following the links) or by e-mail [101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

### **13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman made no comments.

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

No matters for inclusion on the agenda for future meetings were tabled.

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

Thursday September 1, 2022 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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