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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday October 6, 2022 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr Mrs G.Praed (Chairman) Cllr Mrs K.Doeser
Cllr G.Bell
Cllr D.Blencowe Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: CCllr J.Keeling.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Johnson and Cllr Mrs Marshall sent their apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Bell declared a personal, non-disclosable interest in Agenda item 9 (PA22/07682)

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 Blencowe proposed, Cllr Bell seconded Cllr Mrs Doeser who was absent from the last meeting abstained and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on September 1, 2022 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Bell reported that he had effected a temporary repair to the notice-board in Germoe Churchtown. It was agreed to seek a quotation for a new board (similar to the one currently sited at Balwest) and to discuss the matter at the meeting in November.

The issue of the collapsed and dangerous footpath through to the War Memorial was again raised, with Councillors raising concerns about the Armistice Day Service at the War Memorial. Cllr Keeling offered to try to move the issue along.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- the events of September 2022 (which will go down in the annals of history) have made it difficult to focus on council work. Tributes have been paid to her late majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, proclamations have been made to announce the accession of King Charles III and, at a full meeting of the council last month, members resolved to welcome Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales as the new Duke and Duchess of Cornwall
- as the Chairman of the Helston and South Kerrier Community Network Panel and together with other Chairs and Vice-chairs he has been working on proposed changes to the nineteen Community Network Areas
- at a meeting of the full Council, a motion to ban sky-lanterns on a national basis was passed unanimously
- at a meeting of the Cabinet, a decision on an initiative for 'making space for sand' was passed. In a nutshell, the initiative seeks to permit a sand-dune to roll back further inland. This allows the longer-term impacts of sea-level rise to be reduced and, possibly more importantly, buy time to change use of the coastal fringe by landowners and communities

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- the recent changes to central government will probably have a knock-on effect regarding devolution deals. Nevertheless, it is clear from the views expressed by a number of town and parish councils, that the proposed change to Cornwall Council's governance model is of concern, The Leader of the Council together with the Cornish MPs, have requested the government to allow the Council to secure an ambitious Level 3 devolution deal without any governance changes being required
- he again drew Members' attention to the Good Growth Fund
- he anticipates more requests for help and signposting as the growth in the cost of living and energy prices starts to bite even harder than before. He has loaded his Facebook page with contacts and information on currently available help and has attached a cost of living information document to help with inquiries.

7 Parish Matters

To consider the creation of a cycle-way along the old road from Newtown to Rosudgeon

Cllr Bell outlined an ambitious plan to create a cycle-route between Helston and Marazion. Following discussion, Cllr Bell proposed Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and the following statement was agreed: 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. The Council would therefore support initiatives that provide a cycle-way from Newtown to Rosudgeon along the old road and PROWs. In the long term, it could be possible to have a signposted cycle-route from Helston to Marazion (avoiding the most dangerous parts of the A394) and on to Penzance and beyond along the national cycle route number 3.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Vacancy in the Office of Councillor

Members noted the receipt of a letter from the Returning Officer stating that no requests to fill the vacancy in the Office of Councillor had been received and Members therefore considered the co-option of a Councillor. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy on the notice-boards

To review the decision to post news concerning the Parish on the Council's website

Following discussion and noting that the Parish Council's website is probably not the first port of call for residents to access information, it was agreed to leave matters as they are.

The Good Growth Fund

Noting that the fund is available to underwrite community initiatives, members agreed to bear it in mind.

The defibrillator cabinet at Balwest Methodist Schoolroom

Members noted that the keypad on the defibrillator cabinet at Balwest Methodist Schoolroom is malfunctioning. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded and it was agreed to place an order for a replacement cabinet with the Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity.

9 PLANNING

To make observations on planning applications including the following

PA22/07430 Mr and Mrs R.Curnow – 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. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council objects to this proposal because the proximity of the working building would leave residents vulnerable to unreasonable noise and disturbance contrary to the requirements of CLP Policy 12 Design.*

PA22/07533 Mr and Mrs Ballard – Demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement garage – 8 Trewithen Terrace. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council objects to this proposal because the garage is disproportionately large, contrary to Cornwall Guidance in support of CLP Policy 12 Design.*

The applicant, being a family member, Cllr Bell declared a personal, non-disclosable interest in the following application. He remained in the room, but took no part in the discussion or the voting.

PA22/07682 Miss G.White – Erection of local needs dwelling and installation of septic tank without compliance with condition 1 (plans) of decision notice PA22/01460 dated 11/05/2022 – Nettle Cottage, Germoe Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council objects to the loss of neighbours privacy due to overlooking from the first floor south east window and requests a condition be imposed to restrict the window opening and to obscure the glass.*

Germoe Parish Council recognises the proposed amendments are for work that has been carried out contrary to the specific requirements of a Section 106 Local Needs Housing Agreement for this property. However, should Cornwall Council find the changes acceptable and subject to the imposition by Cornwall Council of conditions to overcome the overlooking issue, Germoe Parish Council would support the application.

PA22/07857 Mrs T.Woodman – Erection of a dwelling without compliance with Condition 2 of decision notice PA18/08400 dated 28.12.18 – Geal Cottage, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this proposal.*

PA22/08450 De Leon Developments Ltd – Construction of a replacement dwelling and domestic garage (amended siting and design) – former Rojeska, Tresowes. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council objects to this proposal because the two storey garage is overbearing upon the neighbouring property contrary to the requirements of CLP Policy 12 Design.*

PA22/08346 Mr and Mrs L.Molcher – Siting of two additional purpose built glamping pods on existing camping pitches with all year use – Tremorvu Holidays, Tresowes Hill, Ashton. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this scheme, which represents a (welcome) upgrading of existing holiday accommodation provision.*

Decisions

PA22/06087 APPROVED – Erection of Agricultural Barn – Chywoon Farm, Rosudgeon – *noted*

9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at October 6, 2022, 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 Balwest Methodist Church for financial help both with the annual cost of the maintenance of the open churchyard and with expenses incurred celebrating Christmas. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that the sum of £400.00 (£300 for the cemetery and £100 for Christmas) be forwarded to Balwest Methodist Church partly under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972 and partly under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members considered a request from Balwest Methodist Church for financial help towards the cost of a replacement boiler for the Sunday School. Following discussion, during the course of which it was noted that the Schoolroom hosts a number of meetings and events involving local people, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that the sum of £250.00 be forwarded under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to Balwest Methodist Church to help pay for the replacement boiler.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

		GROSS	NET	VAT
R.Sanders (open spaces)		£ 114.00	£ 95.00	£ 19.00
Davey and Gilbert (defibrillator installation)		£ 540.84	£ 450.70	£ 90.14
R.Sanders (open spaces)		£ 216.00	£ 180.00	£ 36.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (September)	£.252.67			
telephone	£ 22.40			
office expenses	£ 68.66			
travelling	£ 10.00			
use of home as office	£ 20.00			
	total	£ 383.73		

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

10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing to report. However, he was asked to contact the Cornwall Association of Local Councils with a view to seeking membership.

11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that

- Starting in November, Germoe Parochial Church Council will open the Church Hall to allow access to all from 9.00am to 4.00pm
- the Rural Crime Prevention Team had given a very interesting presentation at the recent meeting of the Community Network Panel. The minutes of that meeting will follow
- the post supporting the footpath sign at the junction of the path over Tregonning Hill and the path down to Mount Whistle has rotted away and needs replacement. The Clerk undertook to arrange for its replacement
- cyclists and motor-cyclists are again using the footpath over Tregonning Hill

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- the road sign on the corner near Chycarne Cottage has become completely obscured and needs attention. Cllr Blencowe undertook to report this to Cornwall Highways.

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no further comment.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

- Membership of CALC
- A new notice-board for Germoe Churchtown
- Planters for next year (March)

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday November 3, 2022 at 7.00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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