

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday January 5, 2023 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs G.Praed (Chairman) Cllr Mrs K.Doeser  
Cllr R.Johnson Cllr Mrs V Marshall  
Cllr G.Bell Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitor:** Mr and Mrs Elliott, Mrs Goddard and Mr Peters.

Wishing everyone present a happy New Year, the Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

## 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 Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on December 1, 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 Mrs Goddard and Mr Peters stated that they were present simply to observe.

Speaking of his application to construct an agricultural/garage building at Ocean View Barn, Mr Elliott stated that the Planning Officer concerned had advised him to submit a revised planning application in which the barn and the garage are separated. He added that he has no intention of removing any lengths of Cornish hedging: on the contrary, those stretches that are in a poor state of repair will be refurbished and further lengths will be constructed.

## 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 the carpenter Mr Sanders normally uses does not appear to be interested in quoting for this board. He further reported that the less expensive approach would be to refurbish the existing board in its entirety. It was agreed that this should be done.

## 8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Co-option of a Councillor

Members noted that there have been no formal expressions of interest in co-option.

### Appointment of Bankers

Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that a banking account should be set up with Barclays Bank plc to enable Germoe Parish Council properly to carry out its statutory duties as a Local Government Authority: more precisely, to receive monies primarily from its parishioners through the Unitary Authority, but also from

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undertaking work on behalf of the Unitary Authority, from charitable sources and occasionally from other sources. The funds to be used to finance work undertaken within the community.

### **The Coronation of HM King Charles III**

It was agreed to contact the Church, the School and the Village Association with a view to celebrate the occasion by holding a variety of events.

## **9 PLANNING**

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

PA22/09817 Mr and Mrs Bucket – Demolition of Previously Approved Barn Conversion and Replacement Dwelling (PA20/08819) – Greenbank Farm, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council objects to the proposed development for the following reasons.*

*The proposed development does not meet any of the special circumstances set out in CLP Policy 7 for a new dwelling in the countryside. The proposed two-storey building is not of an appropriate scale, height and mass within the setting.*

*By virtue of its close proximity and relative height, the proposed development does not protect the neighbouring properties from overlooking. This would cause both loss of privacy and loss of enjoyment of the amenity of their gardens and property and would be contrary to the requirements of CLP Policy 12.2.*

*Germoe Parish Council maintains its earlier concerns about the proposed access – to reiterate*

*The proposed site access provides insufficient visibility for safe egress of emerging vehicles and would consequently create a hazard to the travelling public using the road between Ashton and Godolphin Cross.*

*The Secondary Distributor road from Ashton to Godolphin Cross carries local commuter traffic, agricultural traffic, delivery traffic, horse riders, walkers and cyclists throughout the year. There is a large increase in traffic during holiday periods caused by tourists using the local camping and caravan sites plus traffic taking a short cut between the North and South Coasts when the Primary Roads are congested.*

*For traffic approaching from the southwest the road changes width and direction just before the access, additionally forward visibility can be adversely affected by variable shade on the approach to a deep cutting that is sheltered by overarching trees.*

### **Decisions**

PA22/08478 APPROVED – Erection of a detached garage with home spa and office/studio in the attic space - Amended Scheme – Cornerstone, Tresowes – *noted*

PA22/09310 APPROVED – Erection of a detached garage/farm office and an amended scheme for Barn D to create a tractor shed – Higher Chygwins Farm, Tresowes – *noted*

PA22/09621 APPROVED – Construction of two storey extension, garden studio and associated works – Phoenix Cottage, Main Road, Ashton – *noted*

## **9 FINANCE**

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at January 5, 2023. 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.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

		<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
R.Sanders (Open spaces)		£ 234.00	£ 195.00	£ 39.00
Germoe Parochial Church Council		£ 162.74		
Colin Chapman				
Salary (December)	£ 277.21			
telephone	£ 23.59			
office expenses	£ 20.94			
travelling	£ 10.00			
use of home as office	£ 20.00			
	total	£ 351.74		

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

Members noted the following receipt

Cornwall Council (Closed Churchyard)	£ 162.74
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PCSO Julia Berry joined the meeting at this point. She stated that

- the incidence of crime in the area remains very low
- the local Force has a new sergeant, Sgt Kelly, in Helston and a new Inspector in Falmouth, Insp Evans (who is on a two year tenure)
- she drew Members' attention to a number of initiatives promoted by the Police Force and aimed at helping the community. These will be detailed on the Village Association's FaceBook page, but include a nominated Key Holder (should an incident occur at your address and you are unavailable), the Herbert Protocol (to assist someone who has dementia and who may go missing) and the Devon and Cornwall Alert scheme (a two-way community messaging system)
- as one of the original PCSOs in Cornwall, appointed some twenty years ago, she will be attending a presentation engagement in Bodmin on Friday.

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

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

## **11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Cllr Johnson reported that one of the seats on the Green needs attention and that the drainage pipe under the road east of Hawthorn Cottage is blocked. The Clerk undertook to see to both these concerns.

Cllr Mrs Doeser suggested that the Council might like to consider offering its support to the Helston Community Banking Hub Group which, subsequent to the announced closure of the last bank in Helston, is seeking the provision of a banking hub to permit members of the community access to cash. It was agreed that the Council should indeed support this initiative.

## **12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman made no further comment.

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

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

Thursday February 2, 2023 at 7.00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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