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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday February 2, 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: CCllr J.Keeling, Mr and Mrs Elliott and Mrs Goddard.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the agenda

Cllr Johnson declared a non-disclosable interest in Agenda item 9 (PA22/10934).

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 January 6, 2023 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

Speaking of his application to construct both a dwelling and a nearby agricultural/garage building at Ocean View Barn, Mr Elliott said that members should note that the proposed dwelling has smaller windows and fewer doors than his original application. Additionally and in accordance with the Planning Officer's advice, he and his wife have split the garage from the shed and made the proposed area of hard-standing smaller. The shed is necessary both for their animals and for his agricultural contracting business.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- he had attended the recent memorial service in Truro Cathedral for John Pollard (who was the first Leader of Cornwall Council and whom he counted as a friend)
- as the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee, he has recently spent a great deal of time examining the so-called Devolution Deal and in particular its content and scope. Public Consultation about the proposal comes to an end shortly and a decision will be made in July. Currently there is considerable debate about the pros and cons, but there is an opportunity for residents to learn a little more about what is on offer by attending a Public Consultation event at the Light and Life Church in Helston on Wednesday February 8
- there is no doubt that the county as a whole is a deprived area and the opportunity to access funding for community projects from the Shared Prosperity Good Growth Fund is one not to be missed
- the proposal to charge a premium on the Council Tax for second homes is progressing
- road surfaces in his division (although not so much in Germoe) are a continuing source of concern.

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7 Parish Matters

The Coronation of HM King Charles III

Cllr Mrs Praed reported that she had contacted members of the Platinum Jubilee Committee and that it had been agreed to hold a community picnic on the Green on May 8. Early May is a little early for planters to be in bloom, but they were such a success last year that whether or not the Parish Council will finance them will be considered at a later date. Other ways of celebrating the Coronation may be brought forward for consideration.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-option of a Councillor

The Clerk reported that interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor has been expressed by Mrs Goddard.

Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Marshall proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and it was agreed that Mrs Goddard should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Cllr Mrs Goddard signed and read aloud her declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Germoe Parish Council.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Goddard to the Council.

Cornwall Association of Local Councils

Members agreed that this matter should be considered once the annual invitation to join the Association is received later in the year.

9 PLANNING

To make observations on planning applications including the following

PA22/08862 Mr and Mrs Elliott – Full Planning Permission for the change of use and conversion of an agricultural building to form a single dwelling unit with associated curtilage at the Barn, Germoe without complying with conditions 2 and 5 of decision PA20/11046 dated 01/03/2021 – Ocean View Barn, Germoe. Cllr Bell proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council notes the proposed increase in height of this agricultural building but will, nevertheless, support the proposal.*

PA22/09771 Mr and Mrs Elliott – Construction of agricultural/garage building – Ocean View Barn, Germoe. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following 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. The Parish Council would, however, be prepared to reconsider its comments if the County Land Agent's views differ.*

As a friend of the applicant and having declared a non-disclosable interest in the following application, Cllr Johnson left the room.

PA22/10934 Mr D.Ballard – Proposed erection of an agricultural building – Gwel Teg Farm, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Bell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *The proposed development would significantly increase the density and diversity of built structures on this site and, together with the increased passage of traffic and illumination, impose an unacceptable visual impact upon this otherwise tranquil area of open countryside.*

The planning application site drawings of the existing site fail to detail the existing outbuildings and mobile home that currently occupy the site. If these structures remain on the site together with the proposed building, the collection of structures would be unsightly and inappropriate in this tranquil and constrained location adjacent to the Tregonning Hill Conservation Area.

Germoe Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

However, should permission for this development be granted contrary to the Council's request the Parish Council requests that times of use be limited to normal business hours and that external lighting be controlled such that no nuisance is caused to local residents.

Germoe Parish Council requests that this site is visited by the County Land Agent before a decision is made.

Cllr Johnson returned to the room

PA22/11349 Mr H.Whitbread – Proposed change of use and conversion of traditional barn to create a single dwelling (renewal of previous application PA19/05936) – Barn SE of Greenbank Farm, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council supports this proposal.*

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9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at February 2, 2023. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted that there have been encouraging moves on the part of Barclays Bank concerning switching bank accounts.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Information Commissioner	£ 40.00		
R.Sanders (open spaces)	£ 114.00	£ 95.00	£ 19.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 277.01		
telephone	£ 27.56		
office expenses	£ 47.72		
travelling	£ 10.00		
use of home as office	£ 20.00		
	total	£ 382.29	

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

10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions from Members.

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that the Vice-Chairman of Breage Parish Council, Rosemary Rogers, had contacted her with a suggestion that Germoe might like to consider sharing a Clerk between the two Councils in the future.

She also suggested that members should consider undertaking further training in the work and standards expected of them as Councillors.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

- CALC membership

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

Signed.....

Dated.....

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