# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday March 6, 2014 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

**Present**: Cllr S.Geake Cllr J.Taylor

Cllr D.Blencowe Cllr A.Thomas

Cllr Mrs E.Clarke

Cllr R.Royds Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: Mrs Seargeant.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the March meeting.

#### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Keeling, PCSO Whitford and Cllr Mrs Doeser each sent their apologies for absence.

#### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in any items on the agenda.

# of gifts (received as a result of being a member of the Council) of a value greater than £25

There were no declarations of gifts of a value greater than £25.

# 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, Cllr Taylor being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday February 6, 2013 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

#### 4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising which were not covered in this agenda.

# 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from members of the public.

# 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- last month, the Unitary Authority formally approved a budget of £505 million for the year 2014/2015 and, consequently, an increase in Council Tax charged on a Band D property of 47p per week
- he is joining a panel to look into the disparity between rural and urban funding which will mirror the Parliamentary Rural Fair Share Group. (The Rural Services Network reports that that rural residents earn less, on average, than those living in cities, but pay council tax which is £100 higher per head. Moreover, government grants to urban areas are 50% higher per head than those awarded to rural areas)
- a circular will be prepared for Parish Councils concerning the strictures of the Code of Conduct and risks relating to pre-determination when planning pre-applications are presented for comment
- Cornwall Council has measures in place to help home and business owners adversely affected by the storms of the past months in the form of council tax/ business rate relief
- he has spoken to Andrew George MP concerning mud and water run-off from fields in the outlying villages and hamlets and the practicality of putting measures in place to mitigate against further damage to property as a result of changes in farming practises.

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#### 7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Paul Whitford reported that two crimes (both incidences of criminal damage) had been reported to the police during the course of February.

#### 8 PARISH MATTERS

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The Clerk reported that Cory Environmental Trust has acknowledged receipt of the application for grant funding and that the Trustees will consider the matter in late April.

#### **Local Maintenance Partnership**

Members considered an invitation to renew partnership working with Cornwall Council with the offer of a grant of £989.00 (or 100% of the eligible costs whichever is the lower). In the year to March 31, 2014 Germoe Parish Council's costs for cutting Public Rights of Way amounted to £1,076.94 and £989.00 the full extent of Cornwall's offer, was claimed. Cllr Mrs Clark proposed, Cllr Royds seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should accept Cornwall Council's invitation to renew partnership working. It was further agreed that the Clerk should write to Cornwall Council voicing Germoe Parish Council's dismay that, despite an increase in Council Tax for the coming year, the grant under the terms of the LMP has remained the same.

#### 9 PLANNING

#### **Applications**

PA14/00996 Mr and Mrs R.McIntosh – Conversion and extension of store to form annexe accommodation and change of use of land to domestic – Ninavah, Boscrege. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Royds seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council would like the question of access to be clarified and, once it is, for measures to be put in place such that use of the access does not cause nuisance to neighbouring properties.* Additionally, Germoe Parish Council would not wish to see the annexe used separately and therefore asks that a condition be put in place requiring use of the annexe to be tied to the residential use of Ninavah. With these two provisos Germoe Parish Council supports the application.

PA14/01166 Mr Geoff Powell – Two-storey extension to rear, extended porch, two-storey extension to the side and reconfiguration of porch to front. Balcony on the west elevation at the first floor level – Greynolds, Main Road. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Royds seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations*.

#### **Decisions**

PA13/08675 WITHDRAWN – The continued use of buildings as an educational facility, retention of poly-tunnel, composting toilet and car parking area. Temporary permission of the stationing of a mobile home for residential use – OS Field 7075, Balwest – noted. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Planning Authority with a request that planning enforcement action both to remove the building and to require the present unlawful use of the site now be taken.

#### 10 FINANCE

Members considered a request from Victim Support for financial help towards its work. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

		GROSS	VAT
HMRC		£ 107.20	
Colin Chapman			
Salary (February)	£ 214.39		
travelling	£ 10.00		
telephone	£ 17.28		
office expenses	£ 19.65		
use of home as office	£ 20.00		
	total	£ 281.32	

Cllr Royds proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, all others in favour that the above two accounts should be paid.

Members noted receipt of the following

Colin Chapman re cheque no 100531 £ 292.29

#### 11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

#### Correspondence

**Police and Crime Commissioner** invitation to a public surgery and to an open public meeting - *noted* **Clerk and Councils Direct** newsletter - *noted* 

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# 12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that

- the residential caravan in the lay-by at Tresowes is still in use
- liquid from farming operations at Greenbank Farm is spilling out over the public highway
- a dangerous pothole has developed at the edge of a manhole at Greenbank, Tresowes.

# 13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage of the meeting.

## 14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters were tabled for inclusion in the next meeting.

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The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held	d on Thursday April 3, 2014 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodis
Schoolroom.	
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