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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday September 2, 2010 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Present:	Cllr G.Ross (Chairman)	Cllr Mrs E.Clarke
	Cllr S.Geake (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Mrs K.Doeser
	Cllr D.Blencowe	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: PCSO Sadler, Mr Johnson and Mr Royds.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the September meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Keeling, Cllr Taylor and PC Vaughan sent their 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 £25

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

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded, Cllr Mrs Doeser being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday July 14, 2010 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 from the minutes which were not covered on this agenda.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Johnson stated that he had made three telephone calls to Cornwall Council and had spoken with his solicitor. The advice he had been given was that there are no reasons why he should not be co-opted as a member of Germoe Parish Council.

Speaking of his planning application on land adjacent to Hawthorn Cottage, Germoe, Mr Johnson stated that he would not be replacing the fig tree which is presently growing there. He added that it is his understanding that he does not need planning permission to fell either the fig tree or the sycamore tree.

Mr Royds, who has just moved in to Tredrea, said how pleased he was to be a member of the community at Balwest.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

There was no report from CCllr Keeling.

7 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Ceri Sadler reported that two crimes (the theft of a milk churn and an incident involving someone being drunk and disorderly) had been reported to the Police in August 2010, which compares to a single crime reported during the same period in 2009.

Investigations into the identity of the group of young men and women who had used the War Memorial as a climbing frame are on-going.

Correspondence

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority changes to Police Authority Liaison Meetings (preset strategic themed topic; attendance by Local Policing Area Commander). Next meetings: Camborne September 28, Falmouth October 18 and St Ives October 20 – *noted*

8 PARISH MATTERS

The War Memorial

Members considered what action might be taken as a result of an incident at the end of July when the War Memorial was treated by a large group of university aged young men and women as a climbing frame. The Clerk reported that Ciaran Mcguire, a reporter with *The Cornishman*, had undertaken to publish an article in the newspaper together with a photograph with a view to identifying the offending group. He had further agreed to ask colleagues with *The West Briton* and *The Western Morning News* to publish similar articles. If the group can be identified, Councillors agreed to take the matter further. It was noted that the an article referring to this incident has been published in today's *West Briton*. Members also noted that the Police had been informed, but that in the absence of physical damage to the War Memorial there is little that can be done.

Winter Service Provision

The Clerk reported on Cornwall Council's new policy concerning the provision and maintenance of salt bins which (because this is a discretionary service) will all be withdrawn during the summer of 2011. Parish Councils have been invited to consider whether or not to provide and maintain salt bins once Cornwall Council ceases to provide the service. Following discussion, it was agreed to seek an indication of what a contractor might charge to store and, when necessary, to spread salt.

Parish Design Statement

It was noted that the Parish Council is still no further forward with this project.

The roof of the Adit

CLr Geake reported that Mr Polglase has visited the owners of Adit Cottage and has inspected the roof of the adit. It is his considered opinion that the roof is stable and that there is no need to install the two 'Tell-Tales'. However he does have concerns about the side hedges leading down to the water and in particular the one on the eastern side. CLr Geake's advice was that both hedges would benefit from a general clean and partial rebuilding. It was agreed that an enquiry concerning ownership of the hedge on the eastern side should be made to the owners of The Old Pottery.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to consider the business of Agenda Item 9 later in the meeting.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA09/01648/F Bronzemill Limited – Demolition of existing motel and associated buildings and erection of 18 self-catering units of holiday accommodation (amended plans) – Cornwall Motel, Main Road, Ashton. CLr Geake proposed, CLr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked with the following observation "Germoe Parish Council endorses Breage Parish Council's observations on this amended application and makes no further comment."

Decisions

PA10/03176 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (conversion of loft, installation of roof-lights and raising of ridge height) – The Bungalow, Balwest – *noted*

Correspondence

CC notification that the application for planning permission on land adjacent to Hawthorn Cottage, Germoe will be decided at a meeting of the Planning Committee on July 27 – *noted*

CC notification that the application for planning permission at Trebarwith, Tresowes will be decided at a meeting of the Planning Committee on July 27 – *noted*

To note the Parish Council's response to the following application

PA10/04056 Mrs A.Beard – Continued use of dwelling without compliance with condition 5 of decision notice 37405 W dated 27 January 1971 (agricultural occupancy) – Higher Chygwins, Tresowes. This was returned marked: Germoe Parish Council notes from the supporting information that the agricultural land has been sold and that the application property is now divorced from it. Moreover the Council also notes that no information has been submitted as to when this land was sold and the reasons why it was sold and why the agricultural occupancy condition cannot be complied with. In the absence of this information (which is considered essential), Germoe Parish Council feels it cannot offer any meaningful comments on this application – *noted*

11 FINANCE

Members considered a request from Balwest Methodist Church for help with funding the cost both of the upkeep of the cemetery and of the installation of a loop system for those who have hearing difficulties. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all in favour that the sum of £300 be forwarded to the Trustees of Balwest Methodist Chapel to be used towards the cost of maintaining the Churchyard under the terms of S214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972. Following further discussion, Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Geake seconded all in favour that the sum of £150 be forwarded to the Trustees of Balwest Methodist Chapel to be used towards the installation of a loop system for those who have hearing difficulties under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members considered a request from St Germoe Parochial Church Council for help with funding the cost of the upkeep of the cemetery. Following discussion, Cllr Geake proposed, Cllr Mrs Clarke seconded all in favour that the sum of £300 be forwarded to St Germoe PCC to be used towards the cost of maintaining the Churchyard under the terms of S214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members considered a request from Penryn Town Council's Clerk for sponsorship with money going towards the Merlin Project (Cornwall Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre). Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

Members considered a request from Cornwall County Playing Fields Association for help with funding. Following discussion, it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

Members noted payment of the following account on August 7, 2010

	GROSS	VAT
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd	£ 851.09	£ 126.75

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
Colin Chapman		
Salary (July)	£ 202.50	
Salary (August)	£ 202.50	
telephone	£ 22.20	
office expenses	£ 27.14	
travelling	£ 17.20	
use of home (2 months)	£ 40.00	
Tell Tales	£ 40.75	
total	£ 552.59	

Cllr Mrs Clarke proposed, Cllr Geake seconded, all others in favour that the above account should be paid.

Members noted the following receipt

CC (re Local Maintenance Partnership)	£ 634.34
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12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

CC Building Control Services Newsletter – *noted*

Mr and Mrs Davies copy of a letter addressed to the Planning Authority concerning the erection of a dwelling and installation of a septic tank on land adjacent to Hawthorn Cottage – *noted*

CC Dog Control Orders and publicity

No Need for Nuclear House of Commons Early Day Motion No 557 – *noted*

MacMillan Cancer Support The World's Biggest Coffee Morning September 24, 2010 – *noted*

Saltash Town Council request for support against a proposal to tie part of East Cornwall in with areas of Plymouth at the next boundary review – *noted*

CC Pre-consultation Beach Dog Control orders – *noted*

South Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust Annual Report and Accounts for 2009/2010 – *noted*

SurveyMonkey for SKA request to complete a survey concerning the Helston Cattle Market Project – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter – *noted*

Mr and Mrs Neal concerns about the Parish Council's observations on PA10/03511 – *the Clerk to reply*

CC Community Led Pilot Project 'Provision of real Affordable Housing' meeting on September 29, 2010 at 6:00pm onwards in the Council Offices in Camborne – *Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Mrs Doeser will attend*

Natural England Tregonning Hill SSSI Site Conditioning Monitoring – *noted*

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that because of the sensitive nature of this item members of the public should be required to withdraw from the meeting.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Members of the public being absent, the Chairman asked that Councillors should consider a letter from Mr and Mrs Neal expressing concerns about the Parish Council’s observations on PA10/03511. It was agreed that the Clerk should reply using the slightly amended words of a drafted reply presented earlier to Councillors.

Co-option of a Parish Councillors

The Chairman proposed that Germoe Parish Council should co-opt Mr Richard Johnson as a Councillor. Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Mrs Doeser requested that the vote should be by signed ballot rather than by show of hands. The Clerk confirmed that this procedure is available to Councillors through Germoe Parish Council’s Standing Orders. A signed written vote having taken place, the Chairman announced to members that Germoe Parish Council had voted against co-opting Mr Richard Johnson onto the Parish Council.

Members of the public were invited to return to the meeting.

The Chairman announced the result of the vote.

Following a short discussion, it was agreed to re-advertise the vacant position.

13 MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members.

14 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

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

15 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Councillors’ out-of-pocket expenses.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday October 7, 2010 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

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