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

Present: Cllr S.Geake Cllr R.Royds
Cllr D.Blencowe Cllr A.Thomas
Cllr Mrs E.Clarke
Cllr Mrs K.Dooser Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: CCllr Keeling, Mr Benzing and Mrs Seargeant.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Taylor sent his 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 Geake and Cllr Thomas being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday January 2, 2013 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Mrs Doeser reported that the Public Consultation seeking views on the provision of future services at Poltair Hospital remains open for residents' opinions until February 17, 2014.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Benzing stated that he was present to seek the Parish Council's support for his planning application.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling, reported that

- repair of the damage to the infrastructure caused by the recent severe weather is currently estimated at between £4 and £5 million
- Cornwall Council had voted in favour of amending the Local Plan (2010 – 2030) to show a guide figure of 47,500 new dwellings
- the size of the settlement grant provided by Central Government to sustain services in the county is much as had been expected
- although he is very pleased to be involved as a Governor of Germoe School, he had startled to find himself quite heavily involved in a recent snap OFSTED inspection.

7 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk and as he has for the last four months in succession, PCSO Paul Whitford reported that no crimes were reported to the police during the course of January.

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8 PARISH MATTERS

The Adit

The Clerk reported that, with the agreement of the Cory Environmental Trust, he has forwarded an application for help with funding the repair of the Adit together with Mr McLean's original estimate and method statement.

Emergency Planning Meeting

Reporting on the Emergency Planning Meeting held on January 9, 2014 in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom, Cllr Mrs Doeser stated that only four residents had attended and that all of them had been Parish Councillors. It had been decided to deliver leaflets seeking support for the project on a house-to-house basis.

9 PLANNING

Applications

PA13/08675 Mr J.Benzing – 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. Cllr Royds proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation:

It is Germoe Parish Council's understanding that this application is for

- a) the retention of uses that have commenced without planning permission*
- b) the retention of buildings erected without planning permission*
- c) alterations to car-parking accommodation in connection with both of the above.*

Germoe Parish Council has carefully considered the application in the light of the recent planning history of the site, the application and the information submitted therein and, whilst not part of the current application, the various explanations that the applicants have given at different times to the Parish Council.

With regard to the proposal for the retention of the existing uses, the Parish Council considers that the public information submitted with the application is insufficient to justify the grant of planning permission. There is effectively no justification for either the educational use (which is very, very loosely defined – as is its nature, its intensity and its impact on the reasonable amenities of adjoining properties) or for the residential use (though the Council notes that the proposal is at present for a three year period). Therefore, Germoe Parish Council raises the strongest possible objection to the retention of the various uses proposed in the application.

With regard to the retention of the buildings already erected on the site, Germoe Parish Council has already expressed an opinion that the retention of the original (limited permission) storage building was inappropriate within the designated Conservation Area. The existing buildings are all, by reason of their design, appearance and to some extent their siting, considered to be inappropriate and prejudicial to the amenities and visual aspect of the designated Conservation and World Heritage Area and the strongest possible objection is made to the retention, even for a limited period, of any of the buildings on site.

With regard to the proposed car parking extension for up to eight vehicles, the lack of any information as to exactly where this accommodation is to be located, its appearance and whether any alterations are to be made to the existing means of access and egress means that Germoe Parish Council must again raise the strongest possible objections on both visual and road safety grounds.

Decisions

PA13/08465 WITHDRAWN – Conversion and extension of store to form annexe accommodation and change of use of land to domestic curtilage– Ninavah, Boscrege – *noted*

PA13/10250 APPROVED – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling with integral garage – Tresaska, Helston Road – *noted*

Correspondence

Mrs Ross copy of letter of objection to planning application PA13/08675 – *noted*

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Mrs Blencowe copy of letter of objection to planning application PA13/08675 – *noted*

10 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	VAT
R.Sanders (open areas since August 1)	£ 420.00	
Information Commissioner	£ 35.00	
Colin Chapman		
Salary (January)	£ 214.39	
travelling	£ 10.00	

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telephone	£ 15.28	
office expenses	£ 16.94	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 276.61

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

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Peninsula Community Health Newsletter – *noted*

Western Power Distribution invitation to stakeholder workshop – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Andrew George MP schedule of casework surgeries – *noted*

Cornwall Air Ambulance acknowledgement of and thanks for the donation made in January – *noted*

CC Public Consultation document: Affordable Housing supplementary planning document – *noted*

Cornwall AONB invitation to Annual Forum Saturday March 22 at Duchy College, Stoke Climsland – *noted*

CC Public Consultation document: home to school – *noted*

Cornwall Waste Forum St Dennis Branch request to support Stithians Parish Council document – *noted*

CC Public Consultation document: mobile libraries and one-stop shops – *noted*

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that the residential caravan in the lay-by at Tresowes is still in use.

The Clerk was asked to report the deteriorating state of the road surface near Balwest Chapel to the Authority.

13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

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

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday March 6, 2014 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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