

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday March 3, 2016 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

**Present:** Cllr S.Geake Cllr Mrs G.Praed  
Cllr D.Blencowe Cllr J.Taylor  
Cllr Mrs K.Doeser Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** Mr Hollis, Mr Johnson and Mr Roberts.

The Chairman welcomed members to the March meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dear and Cllr Royds sent their apologies for absence.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

Cllr Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 8 (PA16/01014).

### 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 Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday February 4, 2016 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED IN THIS AGENDA

Members noted that, because of the weather, the Pancake Race had not been held this year

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public who were present drew Councillors' attention to the unauthorised work which has been done on 'St Germoe's Well' in Churchtown (Members agreed that this matter should be the subject of an agenda item at the meeting in April and the Clerk was asked to invite all interested parties to attend.)

Concerning PA16/01014 (the erection of a dwelling and associated works on land adjacent to Hillside, Tresowes Hill) it was stated that

- the proposed dwelling will have an overbearing effect on the surrounding landscape, both built and natural
- the neighbouring property will lose its privacy
- there are already problems related to the drainage of water from the neighbouring property and the site of the proposed soakaway will almost certainly exacerbate these
- the view from the road up to Tregonning Hill will be lost
- construction will adversely affect both the Conservation Area and the World Heritage Site
- if approved, further applications along the hill will undoubtedly follow and the cumulative effect will alter the landscape
- although the plans as presented show numerous levels and the ridge heights of both Bay View and Hillside are shown, the finished height of the proposed dwelling is absent from the plans.

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## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- Cornwall Council has increased its precept by 3.97% (which means that the average coming year's Council Tax on a Band D house will increase from £1,293.92 to £1,345.29: to this must also be added the Police precept of £172.84 and Germoe Parish Council's precept of £39.16)
- as the population of Cornwall increases and people grow older, the Authority's main concern is the increasing demand for Adult Social Care
- the Housing and Planning Bill currently going through the House of Lords may not have the desired effect of providing local needs housing in Cornwall: he has forwarded a letter to the Housing Minister pointing out some of the housing issues which face the rural community if the Bill is implemented
- all being well, there will shortly be further discussions on the long-awaited lengthsman scheme.

## 7 PARISH MATTERS

### Public Highway application of herbicide

Members considered an offer from CORMAC to spray the pavements and kerbs within the parish of Germoe twice during the coming season at a cost of £150 per km. Following a short discussion, it was agreed to reject this offer.

### Public Rights of Way

Members considered an invitation to renew partnership working with Cornwall Council with the offer of a grant of £1,088.00 (or 100% of the eligible costs whichever is the lower). Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded, all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should accept Cornwall Council's invitation to renew partnership working.

### The War Memorial

The Clerk reported that Douglas Wearne of Frederick Wearne & Sons has repaired and repainted the names of the fallen on the War Memorial.

### Projects within the Parish

The Clerk reported that he has heard nothing further concerning the defibrillator proposed for Germoe Churchtown.

## 8 PLANNING

### Applications

PA16/00420 – Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of extension in lieu – Primrose Cottage, Tresowes. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations*.

*As a near neighbour, Cllr Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following application. He remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the decision.*

PA16/01014 Mr P.Osborn – Erection of dwelling and associated works – land adj to Hillside, Tresowes Hill, Ashton. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council objects strongly to this application. It believes that the size and design of the proposed dwelling will have a detrimental effect on the landscape of both the Conservation Area and the World Heritage Site and that it will intrude on the visual amenities and privacy of the neighbouring property by overlooking both the building and the garden. It believes that construction on this paddock (which is an integral part of the historic adjoining property) will be prejudicial to the character of the World Heritage Site. In terms of the National Planning Policy Framework, the Council considers the site to be in a countryside location, divorced from everyday services and facilities. Germoe Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to protect the dispersed nature of this small, rural community by refusing permission for the development of this site.*

PA16/01078 Mr and Mrs Bell – Replacement of wooden windows with white pvcu. One window to be changed to door – Germoe Veor, Germoe. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *In the absence of sufficient detail concerning the proposed pvcu windows, Germoe Parish Council objects to the proposed inappropriate alterations to this building which lies within the Conservation Area of Germoe Churchtown.*

PA16/01226 IHCCG Properties – Construction of a small outbuilding to house garden maintenance equipment – Outbuilding, Tresowes. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Praed seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should return this application marked *Germoe Parish Council makes no observations*.

### Decisions

PA16/00200 APPROVED – New dwelling (resubmission of PA15/09168) – St Marys, Helston Road – *noted*

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## 9 FINANCE

A copy of a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at March 3, 2016 was placed before members and is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>VAT</b>
HMRC	£ 164.20	
F.Wearne and Sons (War Memorial)	£ 218.40	£ 36.40
Colin Chapman		
Salary (February)	£ 219.31	
travelling	£ 10.00	
telephone	£ 18.89	
office expenses	£ 19.86	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 288.06

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

## 10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

**Tower Mint Ltd** advertisement for commemorative medals celebrating HM Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday – *Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Praed proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded all others in favour to purchase fifty commemorative medals at a total cost of £107.00 + VAT (one medal to be presented to each child attending Germoe School). The Clerk was asked to investigate whether or not beacons are being lit to mark the occasion*

**Clerks and Councils Direct** newsletter – *noted*

## 11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members noted that

- the centre of lane from Germoe Churchtown to Balwest is dangerous for motorcyclists. The Clerk was asked to report this to the Highways Authority
- the land at Trewithen Terrace, which is the subject of an Enforcement complaint is being cleared and it is understood that discussions between the owner and the Enforcement Officer concerned are continuing
- there is nothing further to report concerning the Enforcement complaint about OS Field 7075

Cllr Mrs Doeser reported that she had attended a meeting of the Community Network Panel at which Cornwall Council and Cormac had spoken about highway maintenance. It appears that the current financial situation means that all that can be done is to keep Cornwall's highways safe for users: the Highways Department will react to a report of a potentially dangerous fault on a road, but it will not work proactively. CCllr Keeling had spoken of his interest in promoting a lengthsman scheme within his ward. As a separate matter, Mrs Swift, gave a presentation on the work of the 50+ Forum: one of its main concerns is the social isolation so often felt by the elderly. There was also mention of the Local Devolution Fund which Cornwall Council has introduced to ease the financial burden imposed on Town and Parish Councils when they adopt devolved responsibilities. She herself is involved in the consultation about the devolution of Health and Social Care responsibilities from Central Government to Cornwall Council – the prime objective of which is to save money.

## 12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no further comments.

## 13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

## DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday April 7, 2016 at 7.00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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