

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday June 1, 2023 at 7:00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Mrs Praed	Cllr Mrs V.Marshall
	Cllr Mrs K.Doeser	Cllr M.Peters
	Cllr G.Bell	
	Cllr Mrs J.Goddard	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitor:** CCllr J.Keeling.

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

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 £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 Mrs Goddard seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 4, 2023 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

Cllr Peters proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday May 4, 2023 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Mrs Doeser reported that Graham Ross, who had served as a Germoe Parish Councillor for more than ten years and as Chairman of the Council for four of those years, has died. The Council expressed its appreciation of Graham's service and asked the Clerk to forward the Council's condolences to Pauline, Graham's wife,

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Keeling reported that

- there was little to report concerning Cornwall Council other than the fact that CCllr Linda Taylor has been re-elected as the Leader and that her deputy is now CCllr Pauline Giles
- he has been busy with a number of issues throughout the Ward, but particularly so in Porthleven and Breage
- the inaugural meeting of the Community Area Partnership will be held in Isaac House on Wednesday June 7
- a Teams' meeting concerning the A394 Route Review will be held on Monday June 5. Funding is in place to implement the changes, but there is a window of opportunity to make changes and additions. He suggested that the recently requested signage at Germoe cross-roads warning drivers of HGVs that the roads into and beyond Germoe are unsuitable for their vehicles might be added to the proposals already on the table
- visibility problems experienced by drivers emerging onto the A394 at Stop Gate has recently been improved following vigorous cutting-back of vegetation.

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## 7 Parish Matters

### Flowering troughs and planters

Members considered underwriting the cost of siting flowering troughs and planters around the Parish. Following some discussion, during the course of which it was noted that a similar initiative last year had attracted a number of favourable comments and that Cllr Mrs Marshall is willing to oversee the planting and siting of planters at Balwest triangle, at Great Work and on Germoe Green, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Goddard seconded and it was agreed to set aside a maximum sum of £150 for the supply of materials and plants for this purpose.

### The War Memorial

Members considered a proposal to repaint the names of those members of the Parish remembered on the War Memorial. It was noted that this work was last undertaken in July 2006 at the time the Memorial itself was repaired. The Clerk reported that he had asked Douglas Wearne for an estimate of the cost concerned and had been given a figure of £200. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Goddard seconded and it was agreed to instruct Frederick Wearne and Sons to do the necessary work. It was further agreed to ask Mr Wearne to repaint the wording on the stone at Germoe Well,

### Noticeboards at Great Work, Balwest and Germoe

Cllr Mrs Marshall reported and Members noted that Mr Andrew Taylor from Trewithen Terrace had indicated that he is prepared to maintain the boards at Great Work, at Balwest and at Churchtown and that he would take a look at the other boards. Following discussion, during the course of which it was noted that Mr Taylor would expect the Parish Council to underwrite the cost of materials, but that he is prepared to give his time free-of-charge, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Mrs Marshall seconded and it was agreed to ask him to proceed and to invoice the Council accordingly.

## 8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Vacancy in the Office of Councillor

Members noted that there have been no formal expressions of interest in co-option.

## 9 PLANNING

### To make observations on planning applications including the following

PA23/02374 Mrs Rowett – Proposed carport – Boscrege Villa, Boscrege, Ashton. Cllr Bell proposed, Cllr Mrs Doeser seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council considers there to be insufficient information in this application to enable a rigorous judgement to be made.*

*There is no explanation as to why the carport is needed and how it relates to the existing dwellings. It appears to be isolated from the rest of the site and there is no description of planned vehicle movements and associated driveway and hard-standing requirements.*

*The Council is concerned that the proposed development could be intrusive to neighbours to the east and it is not convinced there is justification for a new structure in the countryside. On the basis of the information provided Germoe Parish Council objects to this application.*

### Decisions

PA23/00028 REFUSED – Conversion and extension of existing store/garage to a dwelling house – Store/Garage at Higher Chygwins, Main Road – *noted*

PA23/02285 APPROVED – Listed Building Consent:- Install electric vehicle (EV) charge point – Larkspur Cottage, Germoe Lane – *noted*

PA23/03175 APPROVED – Non-material amendment in relation to decision notice PA21/12500 dated 29/04/2022 for reduction in length of the extension – Bowji Barn, Great Work – *noted*

## 9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at June 1, 2023. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Air Ambulance for financial help towards the cost of its work. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Peters seconded all others in favour that Germoe Parish Council should forward the sum of £100 to the Cornwall Air Ambulance together with the Council's thanks for its work within the community.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 207.80		
R.Sanders (Gold paths 2 cuts: 1 <sup>st</sup> cut)	£ 471.74	£ 393.12	£ 78.62
R.Sanders (open spaces 09/05 and 22/05)	£ 240.00	£ 200.00	£ 40.00

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Colin Chapman	
Salary (March)	£ 277.21
telephone	£ 22.00
office expenses	£ 55.84
travelling	£ 10.00
use of home as office	£ 20.00
	total £ 385.05

It was proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Marshall and agreed that the above four accounts should be paid.

#### **10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

#### **11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Members noted that

- a very large section of the Cornish hedge fronting the road at Greenbank Farm has been removed
- the spread of Japanese knotweed onto the track between Germoe Churchtown and Cobbernoon is causing concern
- it may be time to look again at the provision of local needs housing within the Parish. CCllr Keeling offered to speak to Cornwall HomeChoice with a view to ascertaining an idea of the number of folk in need.

#### **12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman had nothing further to report.

#### **13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

#### **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday July 6, 2023 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

*Chairman's initials.....*