

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday March 2, 2023 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs K.Doeser Cllr Mrs V Marshall  
Cllr G.Bell  
Cllr Mrs J.Goddard Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitor:** There were no visitors.

Cllr Mrs Doeser, acting as the Chairman, welcomed members to the meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Keeling and Cllr Mrs Praed 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 £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 Bell proposed, Cllr Mrs Marshall seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on February 2, 2023 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

There were no matters arising which were not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

In the absence of CCllr Keeling, there was no report from the Cornwall Councillor.

## 7 Parish Matters

### The Coronation of HM King Charles III

Members considered the presentation of commemorative mugs to mark the occasion of the coronation of HM King Charles III. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Marshall proposed, Cllr Mrs Goddard seconded and it was agreed to present a mug commemorating the coronation of HM King Charles III to the children attending Germoe School. Members further noted that discussion concerning a picnic on Germoe Green is in progress.

### Public Rights of Way

Members considered an invitation from Cornwall Council to continue with the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme. The grant offered for the year to March 31, 2024 is £1,457.19 (or 100% of eligible costs, whichever is the lower). Cllr Bell proposed, Cllr Mrs Goddard seconded and it was agreed that Germoe Parish Council should accept the terms relating to the Local Maintenance Partnership as offered by Cornwall Council for the year to March 31, 2024 on the understanding that the grant for the current financial year is paid within two weeks.

## 8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Vacancy in the Office of Councillor

Members noted that there have been no requests for an election and that the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Richard Johnson must therefore be filled by co-option.

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## Cornwall Association of Local Councils

Members considered a proposal to join the Cornwall Association of Local Councils: the subscription for the year to March 31, 2024 will be £278.98 plus VAT. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Goddard and agreed that Germoe Parish Council should become a member of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils with effect from April 1, 2023.

## 9 PLANNING

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

PA23/00028 Mr S.Stone – Conversion and extension of existing store/garage to a dwelling house – Store/Garage at Higher Chygwins, Main Road. Cllr Bell proposed and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council does not believe the proposal represents sustainable development and is therefore unacceptable in principle and is not in accordance with policies 1,2, 5 and 7 in the Cornwall Local Plan.*

*Visual/heritage impacts:*

*By reason of its use of materials, design, scale and appearance, the proposed development would not result in the conversion of the buildings in a sensitive manner or lead to an enhancement to the site and its immediate setting. The development will not be within the footprint of the existing building. The development does not respect the character, appearance and integrity of the existing buildings and parent dwelling and the development will have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of the countryside in this location. The site is visible in the public realm and there are rights of way in the immediate proximity. The proposal will therefore not maintain the character and distinctive landscape quality of the AGLV in this location.*

*Germoe Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA23/00857 Mr and Mrs Bucket – Demolition of previously approved barn conversion and construction of replacement dwelling – Greenbank Farm, Tresowes Hill. Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Germoe Parish Council notes that the application does not include a response to the Highways' Authority's earlier request for the submission of a general arrangement design of the proposed access identifying the achievable visibility splays taken from a 2.4m setback to the carriageway edge.*

*With this in mind, Germoe Parish Council objects to this application because the proposed site access provides insufficient visibility for safe egress of emerging vehicles and would consequently create a hazard to the travelling public using the road between Ashton and Godolphin Cross.*

*The Secondary Distributor road from Ashton to Godolphin Cross carries local commuter traffic, agricultural traffic, delivery traffic, horse riders, walkers and cyclists throughout the year. There is a large increase in traffic during holiday periods caused by tourists using the local camping and caravan sites plus traffic taking a short cut between the North and South Coasts when the Primary Roads are congested.*

*For traffic approaching from the southwest the road changes width and direction just before the access, additionally forward visibility can be adversely affected by variable shade on the approach to a deep cutting that is sheltered by overarching trees.*

### Decisions

PA22/08450 APPROVED – Construction of a replacement dwelling and domestic garage (amended siting and design) – former Rojeska, Tresowes – *noted*

PA22/08862 APPROVED – Full Planning Permission for the change of use and conversion of an agricultural building to form a single dwelling unit with associated curtilage at the Barn, Germoe without complying with conditions 2 and 5 of decision of decision PA20/11046 dated 01/03/2021 – Ocean View Barn, Germoe – *noted*

PA22/09770 APPROVED – Siting of a temporary dwelling (lodge) – Ocean View Barn, Germoe – *noted*

PA22/09771 APPROVED – Construction of agricultural and garage buildings – Ocean View Barn, Germoe – *noted*

## 9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at March 2, 2023. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC	£ 207.80		
R.Sanders (Tresowes notice-board)	£ 1,068.00	£ 890.00	£ 178.00
WEL Medical Ltd (defibrillator battery)	£ 203.94	£ 169.95	£ 33.99

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Colin Chapman

Salary (February)	£ 277.21	
telephone	£ 21.32	
office expenses	£ 27.27	
Cornwall Local Plan	£ 10.00	
travelling	£ 10.00	
use of home as office	£ 20.00	
	total	£ 365.80

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

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

### **Correspondence**

**CC 2023 Off-Street Parking Order** – invitation to comment on the proposals – *noted*

## **11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Speaking of his ambitious long-term aim to create a cycle-route between Helston and Marazion, but more particularly of the stretch between Newtown and Rosudgeon, Cllr Bell reported that he will be making a presentation to St Hilary Parish Council with a view to encourage St Hilary's Councillors to support initiatives that provide a cycle-way between Newtown and Rosudgeon.

## **12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Noting the resignation of Cllr Richard Johnson, the Chairman publically thanked him for the time and energy he has given to the Community in the years he has served as a Councillor.

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

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

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

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

Signed.....

Dated.....

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