

# GERMOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Germoe Parish Council held on Thursday June 9, 2022 at 7:00pm in Germoe Church Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs G.Praed (Chairman) Cllr Mrs K.Doeser  
Cllr R.Johnson  
Cllr D.Blencowe Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitor:** There were no visitors present at the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from CCllr J.Keeling, Cllr Bell and Cllr Mrs V.Marshall.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

Cllr Blencowe declared a registrable interest in Agenda Item 9 (PA22/03941).

**of gifts (received as a result of being a member of the Council) of a value greater than £50 either in the form of a single gift or as a cumulative total**

There were no declarations of gifts of a value greater than £50.

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Mrs Doeser proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 5, 2022 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

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

To general agreement, the Chairman stated that the Council owes Ian Foster an enormous vote of thanks. His energy, enthusiasm and organisational skills contributed in no small way to the success of the wide variety of events held within the Parish over the four days of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations ... and he even managed to arrange some good weather! Further thanks are due to Julia Forbes and the Rainbows for starting the holiday off with a Cream Tea Party; to Vicki Marshall for planting flowers around the parish; to Gillian Allen who played the fanfare at the beacon ceremony and to everyone involved all of whom were responsible for making such a success of this unique occasion. Finally, she offered the Council's especial thanks to Richard Johnson who had made himself responsible for our beacon, physically carrying it and the gas cylinder to and from its position near the War Memorial on Tregonning Hill. There had been between fifty and eighty people on the hill (all of whom must have been very grateful to Kathy Doeser for organising some solar lighting on the path through the quarry) when it was lit and Richard had been personally thanked by close to forty people.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Keeling reported that

- although he had attended the Rainbows' cream tea, his injury had prevented him joining in any of the other Platinum Jubilee celebrations
- however, he had attended HM the Queen's Garden Tea Party on May 18

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- Cornwall Council's AGM was held on 24<sup>th</sup> May when the current Leader of the Council, Cllr Linda Taylor, was re-elected Leader, which suggests that Councillors can now get on with the important business of providing services to the people of Cornwall in this financially difficult time
- he had presented the combined Annual Report of the five Overview and Scrutiny Committees, outlining some of the policy review and development work, as well as critical friend challenges. He had particularly emphasised the rising rate of inflation and the need to ensure the Council continues to provide essential services within the framework of the 2022/23 budget
- he had been re-elected Chairman of the overview and scrutiny committee
- he outlined concerns about 'Levelling Up' stating that rural areas, such as Cornwall, currently receive £107 less per head of population from Central Government than urban areas
- he hopes to be back on his feet very shortly.

## 7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Resignation of a Parish Councillor

The Clerk reported that the resignation from the Council of Cllr I.Foster has been conveyed to the Governance department at Cornwall Council. Notices of a Casual Vacancy are awaited.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### The Community Library at Trewithen Terrace

The Clerk reported that, following the exchange of correspondence concerning the current use of the Council-owned telephone box at Trewithen Terrace as a library, he had cancelled the installation booked with Davey and Gilbert. However, further developments had meant that he had re-booked the installation of the defibrillator for June 15.

## 9 PLANNING

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

*As an immediate neighbour and having declared a registrable interest in the following application, Cllr Blencowe left in the room.*

PA22/03941 Mr O.Ross – Construction of dwelling and associated works – land North of Towan Cottage, Chycarne Farm Cottages, Balwest. Cllr Doeser proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *The Council requests a Cornish Hedge be constructed along the Northwest limit of the site in order to provide a "rounding off" boundary that will act as a barrier to further growth and preserve the character of the landscape in this location. The Cornish hedge would also help mitigate the jarring appearance of a modern structure in this rural location when viewed by the public from the bridleway overlooking the site from the northwest, and would provide valuable protection for the proposed planting along the boundary.*

*Significant boundary planting is included within the application: the Council would like to see a specific landscape and maintenance plan to mitigate for the loss of mature trees and vegetation.*

*In order to limit the visual intrusion of the building into the countryside caused by the white painted portion of the northwest facing wall, the Council suggests an alternative colour be chosen that would be more sympathetic to the rural setting.*

PA22/04750 Mr N.Oliver – Conversion and Extension of Existing Outbuildings to Incidental Use to Main Dwelling House and Associated Works – Chywoon Farm, Rosudgeon. Cllr Blencowe proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons.*

*The footprint of the proposed annexe is considerably greater than 50% of the footprint of the main dwelling, contrary to the requirements of the Chief Planning Officer's Annexe Guidance Note (May 2020)*

*There is no proposal in the application to demonstrate how the annexe would be incorporate into the main dwelling when there is no longer a need for the annexe, contrary to the requirements of the Chief Planning Officer's Annexe Guidance Note (May 2020),*

PA22/04751 Mr N.Oliver – Erection of agricultural barn – Chywoon Farm, Rosudgeon. Cllr Johnson proposed Cllr Blencowe seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the observation *Germoe Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons.*

*The proposed development within the open countryside is of a scale inappropriate to its location contrary to the requirements of CLP Policy 5 and will result in an adverse visual impact for those using the public footpaths.*

*The proposed use of the unclassified road junction with the A394 at Kenneggy Down, by an increasing volume of commercial vehicles, will be hazardous to road users.*

*The proposed use of the single lane track crossing Greenbury Down, by an increasing volume of commercial vehicles, will be hazardous to road users.*

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## Decisions

PA22/01460 APPROVED – Non-material amendment with respect to decision PA08/00346/F dated 29.04.2009 to omit construction of the chimney stack – Nettle Cottage, Germoe – *noted*

## 10 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Germoe Parish Council's financial position as at June 9, 2022. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

		GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC		£ 202.60		
Biffa (2 litter bin emptying in advance)		£ 315.58	£ 262.98	52.60
R.Sanders				
Open areas	£ 190.00			
Newtown noticeboard	£ 220.00			
	total	£ 492.00	£ 410.00	£ 82.00
Mole Valley Farmers (propane gas and cylinder)		£ 71.90	£ 63.71	£ 8.19
Frederic Wearne and Sons		£ 1,111.20	£ 926.00	£ 185.20
Colin Chapman				
Salary (May)	£ 305.27			
telephone	£ 29.76			
office expenses	£ 44.83			
travelling	£ 10.00			
use of home as office	£ 20.00			
	total	£ 357.46		

Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr Blencowe seconded and it was agreed that the above six accounts should be paid.

Members noted the following receipt

CC Community Chest £ 200.00

## 11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk stated that he had nothing to report.

## 12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs Doeser suggested that thought should, in the very near future, be given to the appointment of a new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Cllr Johnson reported problems of access along the line of a footpath within the Parish. The Clerk undertook to see what could be done.

## 13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments.

## 14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion on the agenda for future meetings were tabled.

## DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday July 7, 2022 at 7.00pm in Balwest Methodist Schoolroom.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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