

## GERMANSWEEK PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 via zoom

Minute No 205

Present: Councillors J Theobald (Chair - part), S Watkinson, A Pullinger (Chair – part), L Moyse, C Walker, Southcott (WDBC)

Clerk: R Ward

Members of the public: None

Open forum: Cllr Theobald, as a member of the public spoke against item 5.1.1 raising concerns about drainage and the lack of a bat survey.

1. Apologies: Cllr Mott (WDBC),.
2. Report from West Devon: sent round previously via email.
3. Declaration of Interest: None
4. Minutes: 21<sup>st</sup> Oct **Agreed But not signed due to remote meeting**  
Cllrs Theobald and Moyse left the meeting
5. Planning:
  - 5.1.1 3137/20/FULProposal: Change of use from D1 (places of worship) to C3 (dwelling house) to be used as holiday rental. Installation of log burner flue and solar hot water panels to roof Site Address: Eworthy Methodist Church, Eworthy, Germansweek, EX21 5AH.Comment: The Parish Council is very concerned about the proposed drainage. This area is already prone to flooding and there are concerns that the proposed soak always will aggravate this, causing damage to the road and neighbouring property. Whilst not disagreeing in general with this application, until this issue is resolved the council cannot offer their support. **Object**
  - 5.1.2 2982/20/TCA Proposal: T1: Sycamore - Crown height reduction by 2m, lateral reduction by 2m on South and West sides to provide clearance of overhead services and balance crown. T2: Monterey Cypress - Fell to ground level to manage trees within boundary hedge to be laid. G1: Mixed species group. Conifer x1 & Eucalyptus x1 - Fell to ground level to manage overgrown shrub bed. Elm x1 - Lateral reduction by 1m on North West and West sides to prevent encroachment onto driveway. G2: Mixed species group -Ash x1 - Fell to ground level due to ash dieback. Hawthorn hedge, Holly x2, Oak x2, Sycamore x5 - Crown height reduction by 3m to existing hedge height. T3: English Oak - Crown height reduction by 2m, Site Address: Longfield House, Germansweek, EX21 5BQ – WD Planning dept. forgot that they had given us an extension to respond and have approved works already.
  - 5.2 None

Cllrs Theobald and Moyse re-joined the meeting
6. Finance:
  - 6.1. Bank reconciliation, Budget monitoring (RFO Report): **Agreed**
  - 6.2. Draft Budget: A small increase was approved budget for recommendation in January of £4,217
  - 6.3. To note the following payment:
    - K Greenaway (Christmas tree) £95.00To approve the following payments:
    - RFO Wages £32.64
    - Clerk Wages £277.74
    - HMRC £77.60
    - The Royal British Legion £42.00

**Agreed**

7. Phone box/information Kiosk:– The kiosk needs to be dried out and ventilation considered. An electrician is needed (clerk to investigate) It was agreed to wait for drier weather in the spring to determine the extent of the issue.
8. Ditches and Roads: We only got about 1.5 days from Glynn and Richard this year (usually 4-5) there is still flooding at Bovey Farm however all points on current list were addressed. A new list is being compiled and parishioners are reminded to use the DCC report it page.
9. Remembrance Sunday: Hatherleigh Silver Band played and the event was attended by some 20 parishioners. The names of those who died were read out.
10. Christmas tree and event: (Cllr Walker) The planned quiz/village walk was discussed. The prize will be purchased from Scone box funds up to a max of £15. **Agreed**  
It was **agreed** that Cllr Pullinger would buy smaller lights if needed for the new tree. Lights would be put on from 5th December. Hall access will be required.
11. Dog waste bin: Cllr Theobald reported that there did not seem to be an increase on dog waste around the parish but we will continue to monitor the situation.
12. Footpaths P3: currently too wet to walk
13. Jubilee Woods: Waiting for quotes for the removal of the dangerous tree limb over hanging Higher Buddle.
14. Website – accessibility and GDPR compliance: It was agreed to pay for planning to be added to the site at a cost of £12 pa.
15. Website and Roundabout: ditches, salt, Tree light and xmas trail
16. Correspondence: None
17. Date of next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_