# Germansweek Parish Council

Minutes of meeting 220 held on 28th September 2022

Present: L Moyse, A Pullinger, S Watkinson, – WDBC T Southcott and Clerk R Ward

Public Open Session: (restricted to 15 mins)

1. Apologies: C Mott (WDBC), Cllr J Theobald, Cllr C Walker
2. Report from West Devon: Cllr Southcott (WDBC) asked councillors what they would like to see from the links meetings: the reply was that we would like to put people in touch with support for the financial crisis – energy support. It was good to visit and network with other councils. Cllrs Pullinger and Watkinson said they would try to attend,

Cllr Southcott said he was organising a training session on Planning, probably at Lewdown, soon

1. Declaration of interests: None
2. Minutes: 17th August (219) ***agreed***.
3. Planning:
   1. None
   2. None
4. Finance:
   1. Bank reconciliation, Budget monitoring (RFO Report):
   2. To **note** the following payments:

PPC grant (Paid May 22) £175.00

Village Hall donation (Paid May 22) £200.00

To **approve** the following payments:

PCC grant towards grass cutting a community space £175.00

Germansweek Village Hall donation £200.00

J Collins (August grass cutting) £ 30.00

Wages Clerk (Aug/Sept) £300.70

RFO (Aug/Sept) £ 35.40

HMRC (Aug/Sept) £ 83.80

***Noted and approved***

1. Risk assessment and asset register: on going
2. Roads and Ditches: (Clerk Cllr Watkinson/Cllr Moyse) update. Cllr Moyse has spoken to SWW and someone has look at the trees. She will follow this up.

Cllr Moyse has ordered some more salt and is storing it in her barn

1. Hi speed broadband: (Cllr Watkinson) A Parishioner has written a letter of complaint to Openreach about timescales and attitude. Cllr Watkinson will contact Connecting Devon and Somerset about Airband’s desire to inset new poles where BT poles already exist – we will have more poles than houses if this plan goes ahead. Clerk spoke to an Airband representative who said that where they exist Airband would be using BT poles and that they would not be running new cable where properties are already served by FTTP.
2. Footpaths P3: (Cllr Pullinger – update) Cllr Pullinger has had no response from P3 at County. He will follow up.
3. Operation London Bridge – feedback: Big Thanks to Cllr Pullinger for raising and lowering the flag as appropriate. One family signed the pages of condolences and this has been sent to the appropriate archive. The Flag pole seems to be working well.
4. Phone box refurbishment: Cllr Watkinson has sealed all the windows, which seems to have stopped any leeks, and will clean the box tomorrow. Thank you Cllr Watkinson.

Councillors to start to consider use of phone box at Eworthy too.

1. Jubilee Wood: (Cllr Pullinger – update) A tree has come down in the wood – Clerk to contact Whitewood Management to remove it from the path.
2. Website: (Clerk’s report). https://germansweekpc.co.uk “gallery” issues discussed Clerk has resolved them as well as possible for the time being but the issue is ongoing with the web hosts
3. Christmas plans: The same groups of representatives from the PC, PCC and Friends of Germansweek Church have got together to organise a Christmas do. The turning on of the Christmas lights and a Christmas party with a band food and drink. The band is going to cost £250 so the PC offered to pay for this subject to funds being returned should there be a profit. A barrel of Doombar or Tribute will be acquired and the Clerk will apply for a temporary licence.

Cllr Pullinger will put up the lights again this year but would like some shorter ones for the at tree. Clerk will purchase a set of cluster lights nearer the time.

1. Correspondence:
2. Meeting closed at 8.55pm
3. Date of next meeting: 19th October –

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