# Germansweek Parish Council

## Minutes - Ordinary Meeting 229 held on 21st June 2023

Present: Cllrs J Jones, S Watkinson, L Moyse, J Yeo, H Millgate, WDBC Cllrs C Mott and T Southcott

Clerk – R Ward

One member of the public

Public Open Session: To receive comments and questions from members of the public (restricted to 15 mins - 3 mins per person) - None

1. Apologies: To receive and consider apologies - None
2. Report from West Devon: (Councillors Mott/Southcott) Appointments will be made next Thursday after which the work will begin.
3. Report from Devon County Councillor: (Cllr Samuels) Emailed round
4. Declaration of interests: Councillors to return their registers of interest if this hasn’t been done. Councillors to advise of any interests in agenda item/s and to remind councillors to keep their register of interests up to date with WDBC and the Clerk. Cllr Yeo declared a pecuniary interest in 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 he will not be involved in the discussion or vote.
5. Minutes: To agree and sign minutes 17th May 2023 (228) ***Agreed***
6. Planning:
   1. Applications
      1. 1412/23/FUL Proposal: Conversion of barn to dwelling - Site Address: Bovey Farm, Germansweek, EX21 5AG ***No Comment*** as the Cllrs were not sure if this planning was for 1 or 2 properties.
      2. 1646/23/FUL Proposal: Erection of dwelling (resubmission of 0972/22/FUL) Site Address: Witherdon Lodge, Germansweek, EX21 5BR ***No comment*** due to missing ecology report.

**Cllr L Samuels arrived**

* + 1. 1794/23/TCA, Proposal: G1: Sycamores x3 - remove back to trunk horizontal branches on southwest side that extend over the paddock from 10ft height to approximately 30ft height, G2: Sycamores x3 remove back to trunk horizontal branches on northeast side that extend over the paddock from 10ft height to approximately 30ft height, G3: Sycamores x2 - remove back to trunk horizontal branches on north side that extend over the paddock from 10ft height to approximately 30ft height - Reason for work the branches are overhanging a paddock which is to be home for horses, by removing these limbs, we are helping to lower the risk of horses becoming sick from ingestion Site Address: Hayfield Cottage, Germansweek, EX21 5BP – ***Support*** this will protect the horses,
  1. Other planning issues - non decision making: Note pre planning application1739/23/PDM

Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to 1No dwelling house (class C3) and for associated development (Class Q (a+b)) Location: Barn at Stockwood Barn, Bangors Farm, Germansweek, Beaworthy, EX21 5AJ - ***Noted***

* 1. Possible Part two at the end of the meeting

1. Finance:
   1. Bank reconciliation, Budget monitoring (RFO Report): issued by email ***approved***
   2. Increase in grass cutting rates to £15 ph – consider contract. ***Agreed*** to retain J Collins’ services
   3. To approve the following payments – according to contract

Jamie Collins – grass cutting £90.00 ***Approved***

1. Roads and Ditches: (Cllrs Jones and Yeo- update) Cllr Yeo will apply for the road warden scheme. There has been an offer of help from a parishioner.
2. Policies and procedures: to adopt the proposed Grievance policy ***Adopted***
3. Hi speed broadband: (Cllr Watkinson – update) this looks like there has been some slippage and we are looking at Oct/Nov due to the amount of new poles needed.
4. Footpaths P3: (Cllrs Millgate) update on P3. Cllr Millgate has walked some of the footpaths. They are passable now, but will be very wet in the winter Cllr Millgate will be meeting with Ros Davies tomorrow and will discuss this with her.
5. D Day beacon: discussion of involvement. 6th June 2024 – keep on the agenda
6. Phone box: Ideas for use – none as yet, Germansweek one is very wet.
7. Jubilee Wood: (Cllr Millgate – update) still looking good
8. Website – (Clerk’s report). <https://germansweekpc.co.uk> The audit has been put on, declaration of interests need to go on – Head shots needed too
9. Correspondence: A lovely thank you card was received from ex Cllr Theobald.
10. Date of next meetings: 20th July 2023 – (note this is a Thursday) In the Parish Hall at 7:30pm

Meeting went into part II at 8:30pm when planning enforcements were discussed.

Signed by Chairman\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Clerk\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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