

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 30 DECEMBER 2024 AT THE ELIOT HALL, ST GERMANS AT 6.30PM

Present:

Tideford Ward: Cllr A Hodge (Vice Chairman)
St Germans Ward: Cllrs. N Witton, R Elliott, B Skelton, J True.
Polbathic Ward: Cllr T Hooper
Bethany Ward: Cllrs. P Pipe (Chairman), P Chilton.

Also attending: Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

1.. Chairman to open the meeting followed by the public session. The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the member of the public to address the council, if they so wished. The local resident spoke about the new 20mph speed limit signs installed throughout St Germans and the traffic that exceeded this limit. Methods of recording traffic speed were discussed and how speed will be monitored following the roll out of the 20mph limit.

The gentleman had reported a speed incident to the police and asked if community speed watch could attend the village. The council agreed to advertise the need for Community Speed Watch volunteers in the next parish magazine report.

(The gentleman left the meeting at 6.48pm)

Julian True as a member of the public and on behalf of the St Germans Recreation Field Charitable Trust spoke about their request to the parish council for funding to assist with rent and insurance costs. Mr True was informed the trust needed to submit a grant application form to the parish clerk.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Barnes and Cornwall Councillor K Ewert.

3. Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda. Cllr Hodge declared an interest on agenda item 6a) planning application PA24/06315.

Cllrs. N Witton and B Skelton declared an interest on agenda item 6b) planning application PA24/09470.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 25 November 2024.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25 November 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman following amendments to item 9iii) correcting the name of the Councillor referenced to Cllr Elliott. The last line of Item 1 was deleted. Proposed by Cllr Witton, seconded by Cllr Chilton and unanimously agreed.

It was noted that Cllr True had removed the seat from the Memorial Gardens (item 17iii)
Item 10 – the clerk will contact the Eliot Hall committee.

5. Report from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert. No report received. Cllr Ewert was unable to attend the meeting.

6. Planning applications –to discuss and vote whether or not to approve:-

a) PA24/06315 Meadow Farm Annexe, Tideford Cross, Saltash – Proposed conversion of steel frame agricultural building into single dwelling. Cllr Hodge declared an interest and left the meeting for this item. The council resolved to support this application; proposed by Cllr Skelton, seconded by Cllr Chilton and unanimously agreed.

- b) **PA24/09470 Lynher House, St Germans – Proposed replacement windows.** Cllrs. Witton and Skelton declared an interest and left the meeting for this item. The council support the use of UPVC providing the contsdesign is retained and the colour to remain white as per the original colour. Proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Elliott and unanimously agreed.

Planning matters:- A Councillor reported that there may be a possible breach of planning in St Germans that will be looked in to.

Cllr Hodge offered to speak with a landowner at Trerulefoot about operations on the agricultural holding.

7. Cornwall Council Planning decisions and reports to be noted:

- a) **PA24/02733 Horsemans Hill Farm, Trerulefoot – Change of use of site from agricultural to Regenerative Low Impact Development including erection of off-grid low-impact dwelling (retrospective), erection of polytunnel, erection of workshop and erection of compost toilet. Demolition of a shed.** Awaiting a decision.
- b) **PA24/05652 Old East Iron Works, Polbathic – Reserved matters application for construction of 19 dwellings and landscaping following outline approval PA17/12198, without compliance of condition x of decision PA21/10521 dated 21.01.2022** Awaiting a decision
- c) **PA24/07205 Quay Sailing Club, The Quay, Quay Road, St Germans – Listed Building Consent to install two low profile CCTV cameras on the Quay Sailing Club club house external walls, and one CCTV on Lime Kiln.** Approved.
- d) **PA24/07305 North Cottage, St Germans – Demolition of 1 sqm rear porch on existing double storey residential dwelling; and replacement with double storey rear extension. Single storey side extension and single storey front porch extension to be added respectively.** Approved.

8. . Finance

i) **to note and approve current financial position on all accounts.** The bank reconciliation was circulated by the Clerk and bank totals confirmed by the Chairman.

ii) **to approve and authorise the payment of accounts, as circulated.** It was proposed by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Hodge and unanimously agreed the accounts be approved and paid.

BACS	J Hoskin & HMRC	Salary & PAYE	1009.01		1009.01
BACS	Tamar Accounting	Monthly fee	20.00	4.00	24.00
Cheque	BH Gardens	Grass cutting	705.00	141.00	846.00
Cheque	Pear Technology	Maplink etc to Nov 2025	95.00	19.00	114.00
Cheque	J Hoskin	Flower gift for cemetery water tank	25.00		25.00
DD	SSE	Tideford lighting	68.39	3.42	71.81
Cheque	St Germans Eliot Hall	Room hire Winter Art Hub December x 3	120.00		120.00
Cheque	St Germans Eliot Hall	Public toilet service level agreement 2024/2025	2000.00		2000.00

iii) to approve the cost of replacement batteries for the four parish defibrillators. It was unanimously agreed to accept the recommendation from Duchy Defibrillators that batteries on all units be replaced and the cost of £1,240 proposed by Cllr Pipe, seconded by Cllr Hodge

iv) Financial matters. The Clerk advised the council that hire costs for the Eliot Hall were going up in 2025. The Clerk had also received the contested and uncontested election costs payable to Cornwall Council for the May 2025 parish council elections.

9. St Germans Recreation Ground – grant funding from parish council. The grant request was put off until the next meeting to allow for submission of the grant form and bank account details.

10. Burial Ground – to receive an update on the burial ground and approve any work required. Cllr Chilton had nothing to report.

11. Nut Tree – report for the next parish magazine. Cllr Pipe will write the report for the next edition.

12. Parish Council Vacancies – response to the advertised vacancies for the following parish ward - Tideford (2) and co-option. No applications received.

13. Church Road, Tideford – update from Cllr Witton on the request for signage. It was noted that funding was not available to move this project forward.

14. Parish Council Policies – to review and approve the policies updated by the Clerk and Cllr Witton. Nothing to report.

15. Playparks and public areas:- to identify and approve any work requiring attention.

i) St Germans / Treland. Cllr Witton offered to carry out the inspections for the next month. Cllr Skelton had met with the tree contractor and cutting work was planned for January 2025. The neighbouring resident had been informed. Cllr Witton asked the Clerk to forward the play park inspection report.

ii) Tideford. Cllr Skelton offered to continue with inspections and reported the grass needed cutting when the weather allowed for this to be done.

iii) St Germans War Memorial – ownership and maintenance. The Clerk had submitted an online application to Land Registry to establish the owner of the land. Cllr Skelton suggested the parish council look after the area until the ownership is confirmed, but not all councillors supported this.

16. Matters arising from previous decisions, and any urgent matters (which cannot be voted on) at the discretion of the chair. Items for the next agenda. None.

17. Parish Councillor reports - Safe 38: - Cllr Hodge had little to report from the December meeting. The next meeting would be held on the 11 January 2025.

18. Footpaths – review of the footpaths and identify any maintenance work required. Nothing to report.

19. Correspondence – to be noted. Noted.

20. Staffing Committee – to confirm the date of the staffing committee meeting. A date was set for the 15 January 2025.

21. Date of next Parish Council meeting – Monday, 27 January 2025 at the RBL Tideford.

22. To close the meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm

Dated

Signed