

# ST GERMAN'S PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST GERMAN'S PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 27 JANUARY 2025 AT THE RBL HALL, TIDEFORD AT 6.30PM

### Present:

<b>Tideford Ward:</b>	Cllr A Hodge
<b>St Germans Ward:</b>	Cllrs. N Witton, R Elliott, J True, B Skelton
<b>Polbathic Ward:</b>	Cllrs. S Barnes, T Hooper
<b>Bethany Ward:</b>	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 welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the member of the public to address the council, if they so wished. The parishioner talked about the parish council website and without criticism mentioned some aspects of the site were not up to date. He had attended to explain the reasoning behind planning application PA24/09029 (agenda item 6a) and answer any questions. He also spoke about the current business operations at Penquite Farm, that maybe subject to a further planning application.

**2. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr K Ewert (Cornwall Council).

**3. Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda.** Cllr J True declared and interest on agenda item 8iii) consideration of a grant to the St Germans Recreation Field.

**4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 30 December 2024.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30 December 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr Chilton and unanimously agreed.

**5. Report from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert.** Cllr Ewert was unable to attend the meeting.

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

- a) **PA24/09029 Penquite Farm, Trerulefoot – Removal of existing agricultural shed and construction of new shed for use as dung store and cattle shed.** The council resolved to support this application; proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr Hooper and unanimously agreed.

### **Planning Matters – submission of planning application responses to Cornwall Council.**

Following a discussion about planning, responses and timescales it was proposed by Cllr Witton, seconded by Cllr Pipe and unanimously agreed to place an item on the agenda for the next meeting that the parish council form a planning committee to address planning applications received mid-month (between the full council meetings). Suggestions for Councillors to be elected on to this committee were Cllrs. Witton, Skelton, Barnes, Hodge and True.

**7. Cornwall Council Planning decisions and reports were 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) **PA24/06315 Meadow Farm Annexe, Tideford Cross, Saltash – Proposed conversion of steel frame agricultural building into single dwelling.** Awaiting a decision.
- d) **PA24/09470 Lynher House, St Germans – Proposed replacement windows.** Awaiting a decision.

## 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. Following a question from Cllr True, Cllr Witton confirmed the financial reserves in the bank accounts.

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

Method	Payee	Details	Nett	Vat	Total
BACS	J Hoskin & HMRC	Salary & PAYE	1065.54		1065.54
BACS	Tamar Accounting	Monthly fee	20.00	4.00	24.00
Cheque	Tideford & St Germans RBL	Room hire Jan 2025	40.00		40.00
Cheque	SL Lester	Renovation of telephone box door St Germans	137.16		137.16
Cheque	Parish Magazine Printing	Nut Tree December 2024 and February 2025	405.93		405.93
Cheque	Duchy Defibrillators	Replacement batteries	1240.00	248.00	1488.00
Cheque	St Germans Eliot Hall Community Centre	Public toilet service level agreement 2023/2024	2000.00		2000.00
Cheque	St Germans Eliot Hall Community Centre	Room Hire Art Hub x 9 January / February 2025	405.00		405.00

**iii) to consider a grant application for the St Germans Recreation Field.** Cllr True declared an interest and left the meeting for this item. Having discussed the grant application it was proposed to provide funding of £1,200 to support the rent and insurance for the recreation field. Proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr Hooper and unanimously agreed.

**iv) update on the new Skipton Bank Account.** The Clerk will send a copy of the new account application to the local branch in Plymouth.

**9. Speed monitoring and Community Speed Watch.** It was noted that the reduced speed limit had not been officially adopted although the signs had been installed prior to this regulation order being applied.

## 10. Parish Councillor reports

- i) **Safe 38:** - Cllr Hodge gave a report on the meeting held on the 11 January 2025. The Chairman of the Safe A38 gave a presentation of the work carried out by the group since its formation in 2018.

Cllr Hodge also spoke about the nature of the road that split the villages of both Tideford and Landrake. The work at Notter Bridge had now been completed. Discussion continued about installing average speed cameras from Carkeel to Trerulefoot. Cornwall Council nett zero could be supported by funding from Highways England. The next meeting was scheduled for late February 2025.

It was noted the next Cornwall Council Community Area Partnership (CAP) meeting was in March 2025.

- ii) **Port Eliot** – Cllr Witton had spoken with Port Eliot regarding the war memorial and they were prepared to register the land and take back responsibility for it. Port Eliot would also address issues with the hedges / wall in Quay Lane. The forthcoming festivals was discussed, in particular the traffic congestion and road conditions. It was suggested a public meeting be held with the festival organiser.

The Clerk had organised an informal meeting on Wednesday 5 February 2025 with Sam Hunkin (Savills) to catch on general estate matters.

The Clerk will organise another informal meeting with a Solar Company looking to build a solar farm on Port Eliot land. Date proposed 19 February 2025.

**11. Burial Ground – to receive an update on the burial ground and approve any work required.** Cllr Chilton reported evidence of moles in the burial ground, and the hedge cuttings not picked up. Cllr Chilton will speak to the contractor who agreed to install the new water tank. The Clerk will provide Cllr Chilton with a map of the site.

**12. Nut Tree – to nominate a Councillor to write a report for the next parish magazine.** The Clerk will submit a report for the March edition.

**13. Parish Council Vacancies – response to the advertised vacancies for the following parish ward – Tideford (2) and co-option.** Nothing to report.

**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 reported there were no urgent matters identified in the annual inspection report. Repairs to the wet pour surfacing will be carried out once the weather improves. Cllr Elliott offered to carry out the next inspections.

ii) **Tideford.** Cllr Skelton had no issues to report with the Tideford play park and will continue to do inspections for the next month. Cllr Witton will look at costs to replace the 2 logs.

iii) **St Germans War Memorial.** Reported under item 10ii) of this meeting.

**16. Matters arising from previous decisions, and any urgent matters (which cannot be voted on) at the discretion of the Chairman. Items for the next agenda.**

- **Polbathic Car Park** – The council will monitor the parked van that appeared to be used for storage and not moved for several months.
- **Slaughters Lane (opposite St Germans Church)** – Evidence of a shed being built across an existing public right of way.

**17. Correspondence** – Noted.

**18. Staffing Committee – to confirm the date of the staffing committee meeting 26 February 2025.**  
Noted.

**19. Date of next Parish Council meeting** – Monday, 24 February 2025 at Polbathic Hall.

**To approve the meeting dates for 2025.** Councillors approved the meeting dates for 2025. The Clerk will produce a list of the dates and venues for the parish notice boards.

**20. To close the meeting.** There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Signed

Dated. 24 February 2025