

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Eliot Hall in St Germans on 28th January 2019 at 7.00pm

Present

Tideford Ward: Cllr D Carter and Cllr L Gomersall
Polbathic Ward: Cllr S Barnes and Cllr A Gowing
St Germans Ward: Cllr N Witton, Cllr G Mackeen, Cllr B Skelton and Cllr G Willis
Bethany Ward: Cllr P Pipe
Cornwall Council Cllr J Foot

The Vice-Chair stated that on behalf of the Council he has received the resignation of Cllr Alan Hodge as both Councillor and Chairperson with immediate effect.

- 1. Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensations** *(a member may not participate in any discussion or vote upon a matter at the meeting in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest).*
 - 1.1** To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

Cllr Witton declared a personal interest in Item 9.16.

- 1.2** To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)
 - 1.3** To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate

Public Participation for a maximum of 10 minutes *(for the public to comment on the items below)*

1 member of the public was present to speak in support of declaring the climate emergency. This is a movement that is going on throughout the country. Building things from the ground up. Parish Councils are being asked to declare a climate emergency and to try and conduct their business in a way that is environmentally sound. Some examples were given like; planning, to promote more sustainable buildings, be climate neutral, install solar panels, etc. To reduce, reuse and recycle. Spread the word amongst the electorate. Members of the public are writing monthly tips for the Nut Tree on this subject.

- 2. Apologies for absence** (members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting. The members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted).
Apologies were received from Cllr P Chilton.

- 3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 17 December 2018** (to approve the minutes as a correct record)
It was proposed by Cllr Witton and seconded by Cllr Pipe that the minutes be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were signed by Cllr Willis.

4. Councillors Reports

4.1 Cornwall Councillor Foot – report on all relevant matters

Cllr Foot is still chasing up the name query with the Boundary Commission. The full Council approved St Germans and Rame but it appears to be Rame and St Germans in the Boundary

Commission documentation. With regards to the scrap yard in Polbathic Cllr Foot is still waiting to hear back from the Licensing Officer. The Safe38 campaign is very active. Please share and look at supporting this local group. The Community Governance Review requires a simple response back. Cornwall Council passed a motion to declare a climate emergency, they have called on Central government to give Cornwall Council the powers to become carbon neutral by 2030. They also committed to commission a report to confirm what they will achieve within 6 months. It has a 3-stage commitment. Jesse took another motion to CC regarding the Cornish tickbox to continue campaigning. This is about improving data reporting.

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes (not appearing elsewhere on the agenda, but decisions cannot be made)

5.2 Highways – ongoing issues

5.2.1 Treland fencing and Branchecoombe corner – Clerk reported that Branchecoombe corner work has now started and Treland fencing is due to start in the middle of February 2019.

5.2.2 Doctors Lane closure and repair – Work has now been carried out. Cornwall Council have said there are a couple of items still outstanding before the path can be reopened. Clerk will monitor.

5.2.3 Footpath from Trerulefoot to Polbathic - The Clerk received a request for the path from Trerulefoot to Polbathic to be maintained. Passed to Highways who confirmed this is a Cornwall Council maintained path and cut twice a year. The Clerk has been asked to check the frequency and also the current state of the path as it is used by bus users who disembark at Trerulefoot.

5.2.4 Budes Shop flooding - A member of the public reported to the Clerk that flooding is regularly experienced at Budes Shop. The Clerk contacted Highways who said they were in touch with the individual and also Cornwall Council. Cllr Pipe said that 2 houses in particular are affected, with flooding to their kitchens. Clerk to follow up to try and get a resolution.

5.2.5 Vehicle oil leak in Fairfield - This item has been withdrawn.

5.3 Community Projects as a result of the Community Benefit Contribution relating to the land at Trequite

5.3.1 The balance remaining £5779.53

The Cllrs agreed to provision some of this money for the ground works for the proposed bus stop for Bethany.

5.4 Nut Tree

Cllr Witton did last month and Cllr Pipe will do March's entry.

5.5 New Parish website

Cllr Willis gave an overview on the work done to-date. WesternWeb to produce the structure in mid-February. All members were happy to wait for the next stage.

5.6 Bus stop application for Bethany

Clerk to arrange a site visit with Highways. Cllr Pipe and Cllr Barnes asked to be involved.

5.7 Climate change motion

Cllr Witton made a proposal to support this. Seconded by Cllr Carter. All were in favour.

5.8 Public traffic consultations proposed for April/May 2019

Dates have been set. All members informed. A more detailed map to be provided to Cllr Witton from Highways (Clerk to chase). A rota needs to be drawn up to cover dates and times. The idea with the consultations is to listen to any traffic problems for the Parish and to then come up with a plan to execute. A questionnaire will be produced both in paper form and electronic.

5.9 To update on the proposed car park next to St Germans railway station

Cormac consultant work is still on hold.

5.10 Land below Treland Park

A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 31st January 2019 with Cornwall Council. Members will report back next month. This is part of the Community Asset Transfer.

5.11 2019 Off-Street parking order

No comments were made. Clerk to respond.

5.12 Cornwall Community Governance Reviews

Proposed by Cllr Pipe that we remain the same. Seconded by Cllr Witton. All in favour with the exception of 1 abstention.

5.13 Bethany benches

Cllr Pipe to look at the 2 benches behind the Church at the bus stop site visit (to be arranged) and then report back.

5.14 Annual defib training

This has been scheduled at the Eliot Hall on Wednesday 27th February at 6.30pm. The Clerk will advertise.

6. Playparks

6.1 St Germans

The weekly inspections were carried out by Cllr Mackeen and the next inspections will be by Cllr Witton. The annual inspection has just been carried out on the park and a report will be available for the next meeting.

6.2 Tideford

Cllr Skelton carried out the last inspections.

Cllr Gomersall will do the next inspections.

Cllr Carter has offered to help and the Clerk will check on required training.

Following the annual inspection it has been reported that two items need urgent repair. The swings/wooden frame in the toddler area. The swings have now been removed and a notice issued. The second being the wooden beam, this too has been closed with a notice displaying the closure. The Clerk is making arrangements to get the beam replaced asap. The swings will be repaired when the land lease is renewed with Port Eliot. Proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Mackeen. All in favour with the exception of 3 abstentions.

The quotations from B Harper to install 2 dumpy bags of play park graded bark were accepted. Clerk to arrange. It was proposed by Cllr Gomersall and seconded by Cllr Carter.

	expenses £133.26	
8.2.2	Clerk's January 2019 salary plus processing fees	D.D
8.2.3	Clerk's Pension £40.00 (£20.00 Parish Council, £20.00 Parish Clerk)	D.D
8.2.4	£90.75 PMP Invoice – Nut Tree for December 2018 edition	626
8.2.5	£42.00 Eliot hall hire – 3 rd and 28 th January 2019	627
8.2.6	£11.00 Clerk's mobile phone	D.D
8.2.7	£64.00 local litter picking and bin emptying (24 Dec 2018 – 14 Jan 2019)	628
8.2.8	Southern Electric – Tideford lighting £6.01	D.D
8.2.9	Hi-Line tree assessment of the Holm Oak in St Germans - £216.00	629
8.2.10	2 x burial cremations at £230.00 each totalling £460.00	Credit

It was proposed by Cllr Carter that the above income and expenditure items be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Pipe. All were in favour. Cheque signatories for these payments will be Cllr Willis and Cllr Barnes.

8.3 Requests for spending

8.3.1 Sowenna Appeal £250.00

Members considered this and it was proposed by Cllr Pipe to accept this and Cllr Witton seconded. All were in favour.

8.3.2 1 x speed flashing device for Polbathic £9,000.00

Members considered this and it was proposed by Cllr Witton to accept this which was seconded by Cllr Carter. All in favour.

8.3.3 Wild flower seeds £200.00 for the burial ground – It was discussed to plant red poppy and ox eye daisy seeds at the burial ground. This was then proposed by Cllr Witton and seconded by Cllr Mackeen. All in favour with the exception of 1 abstention.

8.4 LMP for 2019-2020 of £508.03 – Noted.

8.5 Financial correspondence

None received.

9. Planning Applications *(please view all applications at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/online-planning-register/>)*

The following applications have been received by Cornwall Council:

9.1.1 PA18/11797 – 10 Eliot Drive, St Germans – Ground Floor alterations and a dormer-extension.. It was proposed by Cllr Pipe to support this application, seconded by Cllr Witton. All in favour.

9.1.2 PA18/11594 – 16 Eliot Drive, St Germans – Construction of new single storey extension and change of use of garage and car port to form new gym area, dining area and new front entrance. Erection of new timber shed.
Proposed by Cllr Witton to support and seconded by Cllr Pipe. All were in favour.

9.1.3 PA18/11524 – Treboul Barns (Barn 1) Barn Hill St Germans – Barn conversion including change of use and associated external works.
Proposed by Cllr Skelton to support and seconded by Cllr Pipe. 7 in favour with 1 abstain.

9.1.4 PA18/11525 – Treboul Barns (Barn 1) Barn Hill St Germans – Listed building consent for barn conversion including change of use and associated external works.
Proposed by Cllr Skelton to approve and seconded by Cllr Pipe. All in favour with the exception of 1 abstention.

9.1.5 PA18/11632 – Orchard Barn (Treskelly Farm), St Germans – Modification of some openings and forming of a single storey extension.
Proposed by Cllr Mackeen to support, seconded by Cllr Witton. All in favour with the exception of 1 abstention.

9.1.6 PA19/00167 – 6 Tiddy Close, St Germans – Construct a bedroom (built above the existing flat roof single storey accommodation) with a pitched roof and two dormer windows.
Cllr Witton left the meeting.
It was proposed by Cllr Pipe to support this application with the comment that the Parish Council understand that the balcony is now a juliet balcony to consider the neighbours.
Seconded by Cllr Gomersall. All in favour with the exception of 1 abstention.
Cllr Witton returned to the meeting.

9.1.7 PA18/11759 – Primrose Cottage, Bagg Lane, St Germans – Works to trees in a conservation area, namely reduce four stems of ash tree back to boundary and reduce hazel hedge back to boundary – for information purposes only. **Noted.**

9.2 Planning applications received after publications of this agenda

9.3 Planning Appeals – Received by the date of this meeting
None received.

9.4 Planning Decisions

The following decisions were made by Cornwall Council:

9.4.1 PA18/09706 - 5 Sunnyside Polbathic. Approved 20/Dec/2018. **Noted.**

9.4.2 PA18/10410 – Castle Motors. Approved 21/Dec/2018. **Noted.**

9.4.3 PA17/12198 – East Iron Works Polbathic. Outline approved 21/Dec/2018. **Noted.**

9.4.4 PA18/03115 PREAPP – West Park Polbathic. Closed advice given. **Noted.**

9.4.5 PA18/11750 – Screening opinion to create a commuter car park opposite St Germans railway station on land West of railway station – No EIA needed.
(Environmental Impact Assessment). **Noted.**

9.5 Planning Correspondence and Reports
None received.

9.6 Planning matters raised by Members

9.6.1 Exclusion of the Press & Public

Under the 1960 Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act, it is proposed that because of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the business specified in the following item: Enforcement.

The Clerk updated members on current enforcement.

10. Correspondence Received

10.1 Devon and Cornwall Police budget preparations 2019/20 – survey available to all.
Noted.

10.2 CALC Annual Conference - **Noted.**

10.3 Rural Services Network – **Noted.**

10.4 Western Power Distribution Workshops – **Noted.**

10.5 CRCC – Community Buildings Conference – **Cllr Witton expressed an interest.**

10.6 Glasdon leaflets - **Noted.**

11. Urgent Business raised by Ward members and admitted by the Chair (Members can raise urgent matters which if admitted, can be discussed, but decisions cannot be made until the next meeting.)

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting.....

Chairman

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Date