

# ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 6.30pm**

### **Present**

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

There were no members of the public present.

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Chairperson's welcome**

The Chairperson welcomed all present to the Annual Parish Meeting.

#### **2. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence

#### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

It was proposed by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr Willis that the minutes be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were signed by Cllr Pipe.

#### **4. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **5. Chairperson's report**

Cllr Pipe reported on the opening of the St Germans Recreation field during 2018.

There have been some changes in personnel in the past year; Councillors Pauline Chilton and Graham Mackeen were co-opted onto the council in June 2018, followed by Councillor David Carter in September 2018.

Tributes were paid to previous Chair and Councillor Alan Hodge, giving thanks for his time and commitment.

Sadly, Councillor Avril Gowing passed away earlier in the year.

Thanks was also given to the Clerk and Cllr Foot for their work.

During the year the Parish Council have been involved in maintaining playparks, (although we are waiting to hear about the lease options on Tideford).

We support and contribute each month to the Nut Tree.

We are in the process of carrying out traffic consultations in all wards, on matters like traffic, car parking, speed of traffic, etc.

The Parish Council have signed up to Cornwall Councils climate emergency and are looking at ways to be carbon neutral by 2030.

We have contributed financially to the maintenance of the Eliot hall toilets and Sowenna.

The Chairperson thanked the Councillors, the Clerk and Cornwall Councillor Foot for their continued support.

**6. Presentation of the accounts for the year ended 31.03.2019**

The Clerk reported that the bank account has been reconciled to the cash book as at 31.03.19 and that the balance at that date was £142,473.75. Copies of the cash book and budgets were distributed.

**7. Statement of Councillors attendance (Clerk)**

A table setting out the Councillors' attendance over the year was distributed by the Clerk.

**8. Guest Speaker, Peter Blenard on Reuse and Recycling in Cornwall**

Peter Blenard presented on provisions they have and provisions they hope to have. The last landfill site in Connon bridge closed in April 2018. This used to have 120 lorries a day visiting the site! Now all remedial waste goes to the EnergyFromWaste Plant (EFW) in St Denis.

In St Germans and Landulph the recycling average is 26.30% compared to an average of 34.9% in Cornwall. There are 13 household and recycling centres in Cornwall and 60% of all waste they receive is currently recycled.

All material Cornwall collect for recycling is reprocessed in the UK or Europe.

In the black bin bags put out by householders each week, 43.1% is residual waste and 35.15% is food waste! Cornwall Council would like to see this reduced.

In 2020 CC are introducing a new system, where the black bin bags are collected every other week and recycling and food compost bins are every week.

Cornwall Council are looking to get an anaerobic digester system for food waste (this will be totally closed).

They use a family business called "Green Waste Company" for the garden waste.

There are various other projects going on, for example, a countywide repair café network, where they are trying to get people to repair their IT equipment rather than disposing of it. There were questions asked of Peter, like how will CC educate the people who do not currently recycle their waste, and what about the costs currently being charged at household/recycling centres. Peter took these questions away which he will respond to separately.

The Chairperson thanked Peter for his presentation and it was agreed that we would continue to liaise with his department.

Further information can be obtained from <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/recyclingteam>

**9. Close of Meeting**

Meeting closed at 7.20pm.

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

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