

# ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on 22 February 2021 at 6.00pm**

### **Present**

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

**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

**1.2** To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

**1.3** To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate

Cllr Hodge declared an interest in item 5.1.

**Public Participation for a maximum of 15 minutes in total** *(for the public to comment only on the items below. Anything else please email the clerk)*

There were 3 members of the public present.

**Cllr Gomersall joined the meeting at 18:12.**

Julian True spoke about the St Germans Recreation ground asking for financial support of £2000.00 for tree felling work following a recent tree survey which has highlighted ash dieback issues. They have received £800.00 from the Community Shop Fund. They have also asked if the Parish Council can take on the grass cutting work on the main grass field. The Parish Council are going to hold a separate meeting to discuss this.

A resident from Bethany spoke about the Bethany chapel survey and the Nut Tree article saying that she didn't feel it was clear what people were being asked for. She expressed support for a green space in Bethany but not a hall. She also asked about reinstating old off-road paths in the area which have since been withdrawn since the tenant farmer changed.

**Cllr Mackeen joined the meeting at 18:26.**

**2. Apologies for absence** – None received.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25 January 2021** *(to approve the minutes as a correct record)*

It was proposed by Cllr Barnes to approve the minutes. Seconded by Cllr Elliott. All in favour. The minutes will be signed by Cllr Pipe.

**4. Councillor Reports**

**4.1 Cornwall Councillor Foot – report on all relevant matters** – Tuesday 23 February there is a full council meeting where the budget with a proposed increase in council tax will be debated and members will vote on the proposals before them. Local elections are still

scheduled for 6 May 2021. Cornwall Council are looking to get the air quality meetings underway again with local residents and the Parish Council.

#### **4.2 Cllr Witton – Gateway meeting**

Cllr Witton attended this meeting and noted the following:

- Police update – 13 new officers in South East Cornwall with 4 more due  
Two speed watch people have retired but will be replaced as soon as the checks can start again.  
Crime figures are still running low – be expected to climb as soon as lockdown eases.
- There is a “Tamar Crossings” summit being organised for June to get a long-term plan for all crossings over the Tamar and a new bridge as capacity on crossings is a problem.
- The local Highways Fund (from which I have been getting the money) will continue in the next Cornwall Council.
- Setting up a Gateway Climate Group to exchange ideas from around the area.

#### **Highways Plans**

1. The safety package from Trerulefoot to the Tamar Bridge (RIS3) under Highways England will roll out a public consultation process this year to prioritise works. If you don't attend your voice will not be heard.
2. Menheniot junction – preliminary study this year – again!
3. A38 study on road safety measures (Saltash to Bodmin) will be published soon for consultation.
  - 21st March 2021 is Digital Census Day. Publicity will start soon. There will be a phone number to get out paper forms to those without digital access and teams will make visits to non-returners

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

**Cllr Hodge left the meeting.**

#### **5.1 Application number - PA21/00760**

**Proposal** Reserved Matters application for the construction of a detached dwelling

**Location** Clover Park Tideford Cross

It was proposed by Cllr Carter to make no comment. Seconded by Cllr Skelton. Agreed by all.

**Cllr Hodge returned to the meeting.**

#### **5.2 Application number – PA21/00005/NDP**

**Proposal** Plan Proposal submitted for Menheniot Neighbourhood Development Plan

**Location** Menheniot Parish Council

Noted. No comment.

#### **5.3 Application number – PA21/01623 – for information only**

**Proposal** Removal of dead elm tree

**Location** Highfield House St Germans

Noted. No comment to make.

#### **5.4 Application number – PA21/01385**

**Proposal** Roof conversion with pitched roof dormer to rear

**Location** Petrusha Newport St Germans

It was proposed by Cllr Witton to support this application. Seconded by Cllr Stroud. Agreed by all.



<b>Balance</b>	£	£
Instant Account	40,001.31	
<b>Less: unrepresented cheques as at 31 January 2021</b>		
From Instant Account only		

<b>Cheque number</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
No cheques		

(£0.00)

**Add Interest of 0.68p**

**Net bank balance as at 31 January 2021** **£40,001.99**

**Balance per Clerks sheet as at 31 Jan 2021** **£40,001.99**

**Current financial position - Bank Reconciliation for Nat West Community Current account**

Local Council Name – **St Germans Parish Council**

County – **Cornwall**

Financial period ending 31 January 2021

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 22 February 2021

**Balance as at 31.01.2021** £ £

Current account 80,000.00

**Less: unrepresented cheques as at 31 January 2021**

From current account only

<b>Cheque number</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
No cheques		

(£0.00)

**Net bank balance as at 31 January 2021** **£80,000.00**

**Balance per Clerks sheet as at 31 January 2021** **£80,000.00**

The bank reconciliations and current bank statement (for Lloyds accounts) were distributed to all councillors. Cllr Chilton proposed these are all approved. This was seconded by Cllr Barnes. All in favour.

**6.2 To authorise payments on the income and expenditure schedule for this month**  
**Income & expenditure for St Germans Parish Council 22 February 2021**

<b>EXPENDITURE Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Gross (£)</b>	<b>VAT (£)</b>	<b>Nett (£)</b>	<b>Cheque No (if applicable)</b>
22.02.21	Clerk's February 2021 expenses	£52.88	£4.65	£57.53	803
20.02.21	Clerk's February 2021 salary plus processing fees	£999.34	£4.00	£1,003.34	D.D
20.02.21	Clerk's Pension £40.00 (£20.00 Parish Council, £20.00 Parish Clerk)	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	D.D
20.02.21	£11.00 Clerk's mobile	£9.17	£1.83	£11.00	D.D

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19.02.21	Southern Electric – Tideford lighting	£5.89	0.29p	£6.18	D.D
22.02.21	Just Rods – camera into Quay Road drain	£80.00	Nil	£80.00	804
22.02.21	B Harper grass cutting and moss treatment. Invoice 1073	£350.00	£70.00	£420.00	805
22.02.21	SLCC – Managing local council elections. Invoice BK200774	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00	806
22.02.21	Tom Cox tree work at burial ground. Inv756	£1,250.00	Nil	£1,250.00	807
22.02.21	Cornwall Council legal fees for December 2020. Inv 8100091922	£29.98	£6.00	£35.98	808
22.02.21	Nut Tree Feb edition Inv 6839	£96.00	Nil	£96.00	809

#### **INCOME**

01.02.21	Pearce ashes interment payment	£230.00	Nil	£230.00	
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The income and expenditure schedule was distributed electronically to all councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Barnes to approve the schedule, seconded by Cllr Chilton. Approved by all. The cheque signatories will be Cllr Pipe and Cllr Witton.

**6.3 To sign off 2021-22 LMP** – Proposed by Cllr Hodge to accept. Seconded by Cllr Witton. Agreed by all.

#### **6.4 Requests for spending**

##### **6.4.1 Repair/removal work at Tideford playpark.**

Approved by Cllr Skelton, seconded by Cllr Carter. Agreed by all.

**6.4.2 Weed spraying in St Germans** – the Clerk to investigate alternative options and report back.

**6.4.3 Tree maintenance work in Treland area** – Approved by Cllr Witton, seconded by Cllr Chilton. Agreed by all.

#### **7. Burial ground**

**7.1** New interment request for the late Mrs B Bond. Noted.

**8 Matters arising from the previous minutes** – None arising.

#### **8.2 Highways – ongoing issues**

**8.2.1 New kerb/path Fore Street St Germans** – Cllr Witton has asked Highways for improved visibility when approaching from Tideford direction.

#### **8.3 Highways – new issues**

**8.3.1 A38 Trerulefoot to Carkeel safety package** – the Parish Council to meet separately.

**8.3.2 Drains above Treland** – Cllr Witton confirmed a jetter will be scheduled by Highways to clear and identify end point.

**8.4 Playparks**

**8.4.1 St Germans** – Cllr Mackeen to do the next inspection.

**8.4.2 Tideford** – Remains closed. Repair/removal work to start this week. Cllr Barnes to lock the basketball court.

**8.4.2.1** Crime reference number CR/008420/21 – severed entrance lock 2020 – noted.

**8.4.2.2** Crime reference number CR/008421/21 – severed entrance lock 2021 – noted.

**Cllr Stroud left the meeting.**

**8.5 Lease renewals with Port Eliot** – Review of proposed lease clauses; it was proposed by Cllr Hodge and seconded by Cllr Barnes to remove: accessway via side road, service media, ancillary rights and common item clauses. Confirm the PC would be responsible for existing fencing and hedges. The PC need to be able to make installations/removal of playpark equipment and associated items. The Annual rent and Term clauses are acceptable. The rent review needs to be in-line with CPI (RPI 2<sup>nd</sup> choice). All in favour. Clerk to follow up.

**8.6 Bethany chapel survey results and next steps** – The survey results showed a low public response rate. It was proposed by Cllr Skelton to ‘do nothing’. The Clerk was asked to spend no more time or money on this project. If the agent makes a proposal that can be considered it will be reconsidered. Seconded by Cllr Hodge. All in favour.

**8.7 Bethany area paths** – Cllr Chilton to pull together a local support list and liaise with the Clerk.

**8.8 Nut Tree – April issue** – Cllr Witton\Mackeen will do Aprils entry.

**8.9 CIL payment - Balance £2,143.56** Expires 7 May 2025. To be used to support the development of the local council’s area, or any part of that area, by funding: a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure: or b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. (CIL Regulation 59C). **Noted.**

**9. Correspondence**

**9.1 Special Carbon Neutral Cornwall Newsletter bulletin.** Noted.

**10. Urgent business raised by ward members and admitted by the Chair**

Cllr Mackeen mentioned West End Cottage in St Germans experiencing a flood over Christmas. Highways have now highlighted this as a problem area and it has been nominated as an area to Cornwall Council for future drainage works. In the short term, the jetting unit will attend and clear the sediment in the culvert between Westend Cottage.

Meeting closed at 8.09pm.

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

Chairperson

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Date