

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Eliot hall on Monday 28 June 2021 at 6.30pm

Present

Tideford Ward: Cllr A Hodge
Polbathic Ward: Cllr S Barnes
St Germans Ward: Cllr N Witton, Cllr R Elliott, Cllr G Mackeen and Cllr B Skelton
Bethany Ward: Cllr P Pipe & Cllr P Chilton

06.21/1 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 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda
- /2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests *(for which a motion must be passed)*
- /3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate

Cllr Witton declared an interest in item 06.21/13/2

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 12 people present.

1 person spoke about becoming a Councillor for Tideford ward, explaining she has lived in Bethany for approximately 16 years and has a strong interest in our heritage and conservation. She would like to contribute to the community by being on the Parish Council.

Other members of the public came to voice their concerns about alleged drug use in the village and the need to protect the vulnerable people. Safer Saltash was raised as a local support group. It was suggested that a neighbourhood watch scheme could be beneficial. Also contact the local Cornwall Councillor, Kate Ewert as she has links in to the neighbourhood policing team in Torpoint.

Another member of the public commented on not using herbicide in our parish and asked we look at Saltash Environmental Action (SEA) group.

06.21/2 Apologies for absence

Cllr Kate Ewert sent her apologies as she has a short notice arrangement with the fire service at Millbrook.

06.21/3 Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17 May 2021 *(to approve the minutes as a correct record)*

It was proposed by Cllr Hodge to approve the minutes seconded by Cllr Mackeen. All in favour. The minutes were signed by Cllr Pipe.

06.21/4 Councillor Reports

/1 Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert

Councillor Kate Ewert is involved in the following committees:

Childrens' & families oversight and scrutiny, central planning, miscellaneous licencing and Cornwall AONB partnership. She hopes to be on the Mount Edgcombe joint committee. She has followed up on enforcement concerns and been in touch with a resident regarding parking outside the almshouses and a school bus request. Formal meetings are back face-to-face at new County Hall, with informal meetings and training via teams until at least September. She has been made aware of an increasing amount of Cornwall housing repairs and maintenance that have not been completed. She will be restarting the Rame Cluster meetings in July.

/2 Councillor Nigel Witton – Gateway meeting – Cllr Witton mentioned about local villages working together to adopt consistent signs and markings on the village roads to address speeding vehicles. There is a working group to be set up for climate change. The sector Inspector Rupert Engley was not present but it was said Community Constables are returning soon. Speed Watch should be operating from July. The new footpath in Fore Street is now complete. An economic impact assessment of the tolls on SE Cornwall to be looked at. The continuation of the Highways scheme is awaiting confirmation but Cllr Worth assured he would make representation on the Panel's behalf for the continuation.

The Chair closed the meeting at 6:54pm to allow Alan Cousins to talk.

/3 RPPTUG – Alan Cousins attended the recent Rame Peninsula Public Transport Users Group and he kindly came to the PC meeting to report: discussions were held about bus stop improvements, bus connections from Cremyll and St Germans proposal for an integrated public system which was first raised in January 2020. The majority of trains in St Germans are now stopping every half hour if not hourly. There is currently no bus service on the Rame Peninsula which directly connects with the train station. The proposal is to have some traditional bus services and mini\community buses working on a demand response system. This ties in with the recent Government white paper about combining transport links. It is felt that a survey is needed to understand the types of journey made (GWR commented). Cornwall Council (Melanie Watson) said CC strongly support this but needs to see a covid turnaround in terms of numbers. Nick Truscott said about making improvements to Real Time data.

Meeting opened 7:06pm.

06.21/5 Co-option of Lizzy Stroud to Polbathic ward

It was proposed to co-opt Lizzy Stroud by Cllr Mackeen. Seconded by Cllr Chilton. Agreed by all. Cllr Stroud not present but the declaration to be signed.

06.21/6 Co-option of Nicola Griffin to Tideford ward

It was proposed to co-opt Nicola Griffin by Cllr Chilton. Seconded by Cllr Mackeen. Agreed by all. Cllr Griffin signed the declaration and joined the meeting.

06.21/7 Planning Applications *(please view all applications at*

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/online-planning-register/>)

/1 Application number PA21/04181 & PA21/04182 (listed consent)

Proposal Proposed internal and external alterations including removing part of wall between existing kitchen and dining room, Addition of a downstairs toilet, new fascia and soffits and widening of existing driveway to allow easier access.

Location Western Cottage St Germans Saltash Cornwall

Grid Ref 235218 / 57951

It was proposed by Cllr Skelton to support this application **subject to** installing new wooden windows (in-line with the barge boards) and not plastic as its listed. Protection given to the existing Beech tree for the proposed drive work. There isn't a TPO but perhaps there should be. We would also like to see the plans for the drive alteration as it abuts a highway. This was seconded by Cllr Witton. Agreed by 9 Councillors with 1 abstention.

/3 Application PA21/05966 – For information purposes only

Proposal Works to trees in a Conservation Area, namely remove Ash tree (Tag ID 5738)

Location Braeside Newport St Germans Cornwall PL12 5NX. **Noted.**

06.21/8 Planning Appeals – none received.

06.21/9 Planning decisions

/1 PA21/03218 APPROVED 10.06.21

Location: Causeway Cottage Fore Street St Germans PL12 5NR

Proposal: Garage Redevelopment. **Noted.**

/2 PA21/03440 APPROVED 11.06.21

Location: 3 Cuddenbeake Terrace Quay Road St Germans Saltash Cornwall

Proposal: Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension and installation of conservation rooflights to main roof. **Noted.**

/3 PA21/04168 APPROVED 14.06.21

Location: 61 Eliot Drive St Germans Saltash Cornwall PL12 5NL

Proposal: Pitch roof over existing flat roof, porch extension and rear extension - single storey. **Noted.**

/4 PA21/05649 Prior approval not req'd (AF/TEL/DEM) 15.06.21

Location: Land Adj To Bake Sawmills Bake Lane Trerulefoot Saltash Cornwall

Proposal: Prior Notification for agricultural storage building. **Noted.**

06.21/10 Planning correspondence and reports – **None.**

06.21/11 Planning matters raised by members – **None.**

06.21/12 Finance

/1 To note & approve the current financial position on all accounts—carried over to next month.

/2 To authorise payments on the income & expenditure schedule for this month

EXPENDITURE Date	Details	Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Nett (£)	Cheque No (if applicable)
28.06.21	Clerk's June 2021 expenses	£37.95	Nil	£37.95	853
20.06.21	Clerk's June 2021 salary+ processing fees	£999.34	£4.00	£1,003.34	D.D
20.06.21	Clerk's Pension £40.00 (£20.00 Parish	£40.00	Nil	£40.00	D.D

	Council, £20.00 Parish Clerk)				
17.06.21	£11.00 Clerk's mobile	£9.17	£1.83	£11.00	D.D
17.05.21	Southern Electric – Tideford lighting	£5.89	0.29	£6.18	D.D
28.06.21	BH Gardens Invoice 1126	£1505.00	£301.00	£1806.00	854
28.06.21	Nut Tree May ed. Invoice no 7271	£131.75	Nil	£131.75	855
28.06.21	Biffa – weekly bin emptying paid annually. Inv 409M00049	£1774.50	£354.90	£2129.40	D.D
28.06.21	Online playgrounds – resin for Treland	£19.00	£3.80	£22.80	856
28.06.21	April legal fees Port Eliot lease renewal	£142.80	£28.56	£171.36	857
28.06.21	CALC Finance training course	£30.00	£6.00	£36.00	858
28.06.21	Eliot hall; 16 th , 23 rd and 28 th June	£17.00 x 3	Nil	£51.00	859

INCOME

12.05.21	HG Stacey O'Reilly memorial			£90.00
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The income and expenditure schedule was distributed electronically to all councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Witton to approve the schedule, seconded by Cllr Chilton. Agreed by all. The cheque signatories are Cllr Pipe and Cllr Mackeen.

/3 To note & approve clerks timesheet – Noted.

06.21/13 Requesting for spending

/1 Weed control – It was proposed by Cllr Skelton to “wait and see” in accordance with environmental advice and the lack of support by CC. This is for the foreseeable future. Seconded by Cllr Chilton. Agreed by 8 with 2 abstentions.

Cllr Witton left the meeting.

/2 Eliot hall toilet provision – The Eliot hall committee asked for a 4 year service level agreement with an annual contribution of £2,000.00 – It was proposed by Cllr Hodge to support, seconded by Cllr Chilton. Agreed by all.

Cllr Witton returned to the meeting.

/3 Employment committee recommendations – deferred to next month.

06.21/14 Burial ground

/1 To note new memorial tablet consent given for the late Kevin O'Reilly - Noted.

06.21/15 Matters arising from the previous minutes – no matters arising.

06.21/16 Highways – ongoing issues

/1 A38 Cornwall Council and Safe 38 road declaration – A38 Cornwall Council & Air quality – Cornwall Council confirmed funding for the in-door filtration trial (previously proposed in 2019) and it was proposed by Cllr Witton that we write offering our wholehearted support to Highways England with their project. Seconded by Cllr Mackeen. Agreed by all.

Safe 38 road declaration – It was proposed by Cllr Hodge to:

- * declare a Road Safety Emergency on the A38.
- * to write to local contacts to enable the option of a dual carriageway.
- * to support the Safe38 campaign as a priority for our council.

Seconded by Cllr Mackeen. Agreed by all.

06.21/17 Highways – new issues

/1 20 is plenty – Cllr Witton to attend a zoom meeting on 29.06.21 where parishes will be asked to table a motion to support 20's Plenty for Cornwall's aim for default 20mph limits where people live, work, shop, play, learn and spend leisure time with signage and public engagement.

06.21/18 Playparks

/1 St Germans & drainage – Cllr Mackeen to do the next inspections. Cllr Witton and team to repair the tarmac around the roundabout. Cllr Witton met with Highways to look at the drainage concerns in Treland. We are awaiting a quote for trenching and piping. BH Gardens are also quoting.

/2 Tideford – Cllr Skelton to do the next weekly inspections. It was proposed by Cllr Hodge to accept the weed treatment in the park of £120.00 +Vat, seconded by Cllr Skelton, agreed by all.

06.21/19 Lease renewals with Port Eliot – We have now received a response from Port Eliot's Solicitor and now hope the lease will progress more quickly.

06.21/20 Nut Tree – Cllr Pipe to do the next entry.

06.21/21 Adoption of the new Code of Conduct & online training – Clerk to send this to Cllr Griffin to complete. Other Cllrs to consider.

06.21/22 Committees – It was proposed to add Cllr Griffin to the employment committee by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr Elliott. It was also proposed to add Cllr Mackeen to Data & Technology by Cllr Chilton, seconded by Cllr Hodge. It was proposed to nominate Cllr Stroud with Cllr Griffin in support to the Gateway Climate change working group. Proposed by Cllr Chilton, seconded by Cllr Skelton. Agreed by all.

06.21/23 Treland land – Community Asset Transfer – Cllr Witton proposed that the council proceed with the projected transfer of the land to our ownership in response to Catherine Thomson's letter. Cllr Skelton asked to see a proposed plan of the area. Seconded by Cllr Hodge. Agreed by all. Clerk to follow up.

06.21/24 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.**

06.21/25 Correspondence

- /1 Sustainable development fund – Noted.
- /2 Cornwall Council emergency beds – Noted.
- /3 Resurfacing updates on Tamar bridge – Noted.

06.21/26 Urgent business raised by ward members and admitted by the Chair

Cllr Pipe confirmed no response has been received on Bethany Chapel and that the item is added to the monthly agenda.

Clerk asked to check with Natalie Warr on A38 surveys.

Cllr Mackeen reported damaged railing bars along Causeway. Clerk to follow up. Also, the fencing and posts along the woods footpath above Quay Sailing Club.

Cllr Barnes mentioned Polbathic car park and electric charging points which will be added to the next agenda.

Meeting closed at 8.46pm.

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

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Date