

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the September Parish Council meeting held at the Eliot hall on Tuesday 5 October 2021 at 6.30pm

Present

Tideford Ward: Cllr A Hodge and Cllr N Griffin
Polbathic Ward: Cllr S Barnes and Cllr L Stroud
St Germans Ward: Cllr R Elliott and Cllr G Mackeen
Bethany Ward: Cllr P Chilton and Cllr P Pipe
Cornwall Council Cllr K Ewert

08.21/1 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

None declared.

Cllr Stroud joined the meeting.

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 was one member of the public present who came to speak about the piece of land by the sewage works. He confirmed that he intends to sell the land/property and it will be going to auction in November 2021.

08.21/2 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Witton who is shielding. Accepted by all.

08.21/3 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6

September 2021 (to approve the minutes as a correct record).

It was proposed by Cllr Chilton to approve the minutes, this was seconded by Cllr Mackeen.

Approved by all. The minutes were signed by Cllr Pipe.

08.21/4 Councillor Reports

/1 Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert – St Germans specific

Tideford Air Quality – We have now contacted nearly all the residents that we have hoped will be involved in the scheme, all with positive answers. My sincere thanks to Cllr Hodge, Cllr Witton and Mr Fleckney for their support and assistance with this. I am meeting with the Environment Officers in the next week to agree the next steps, and we are hopeful for installation by early November at the latest.

Sir John Eliot Statue – I met with Richard Laugharne the week before last, we agreed that he would establish a small committee to start working on this project which I have agreed to be a part of.

I met with the local Policing team where we discussed the matters raised by the Parish Council.

Whilst delivering my newsletter, I was approached by several residents in Polbathic about the overgrown foot path heading along the A374 towards Trerulefoot, I reported the issue and its believe to have all been cut back and cleared.

Residents in St Germans have contacted me about school transport to Looe school, currently parents are having to meet the school bus for drop off and pick up above Donderry on the corner, but they follow the bus when it is out of service from and to Polbathic, I have requested that the bus route begins and ends in Polbathic as I understand there are now 5 families (7 children) getting that bus that live in St Germans and Polbathic.

On the mirror opposite the Eliot Arms, Highways have responded to say :

Unfortunately, Cornwall Council does not approve the use of such mirrors on the public highway.

This is because experience shows that rather than improving safety, a mirror could increase safety risks, which include;

- reflecting light and interfering with a driver's vision*
- reducing the ability to judge an oncoming vehicle's speed*
- creating an unreasonable dependence on the mirror*
- if dirty, distorting or restricting the view*
- and being an easy target for vandals.*

I have been contacted anonymously about Cornwall Housing residents within St Germans that allegedly aren't living in their Council Properties. If anyone is aware of cases please let me know so I can report them, as well as any that might be let out as AirBnBs.

County Hall

You will all be aware of the Cornwall Council consultation on Saltash Leisure Centre, if you haven't done it, please do so. There is a consultation event next Wednesday evening on Teams which is open to anyone to attend but you must register beforehand. Myself and the other local Cornwall Cllrs are campaigning for the centre to remain open, we believe it is short sighted to close it.

/2 Climate change working group – Cllr Stroud & Cllr Griffin joined this discussion. There were a number of topics discussed; roadside gardening, green transport, plastics.

It was felt that Cllr Stroud focuses on the needs of the public transport users in the whole Rame area, with a specific focus on St Germans station as a hub and combined transport (including cycle paths, buses, footpaths and alternative schemes yet to be dreamt up but in the pipeline); while Cllr Griffin represents the other areas of the parish environment. Next meeting is December 2021.

/3 Safe38 – Cllr Hodge attended this meeting unfortunately not many were present. The group spoke about the National Highways consultation, the AGM has been scheduled for 11 Nov 2021, running a dashcam project and also having an events organiser on board to help towards community events, for example; Saltash Christmas festival on 4th Dec 2021.

/4 Gateway meeting – The Panel's support is welcomed in trying to find a solution to improve road safety along the A374. There are inconsistent road markings and speed measures and signage for motorbikes needs to be updated. The Community Link Officer suggested this is raised at the next Rame Cluster Group Meeting and that she would also follow up with the Police and Cornwall Council's Transport officers.

08.21/5 Planning Applications (please view all applications at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/online-planning-register/>)

/1 Application PA21/08302

Proposal Request for work to a tree with a TPO - remove eucalyptus tree TPO10/00031

Location Tower View Quarry Lane St Germans PL12 5LL

Grid Ref 235946 / 57602

It was proposed by Cllr Barnes to object to felling the tree. Seconded by Cllr Chilton. All in favour.

/2 Application PA21/08836

Proposal To fell a single self sown / non-native eucalyptus that is A) at risk for splitting and damaging property, B) has already damaged a grade 1 retaining wall and C) has rendered a path unusable / unsafe

Location Tower View Quarry Lane St Germans PL12 5LL

Grid Ref 235946 / 57602

It was proposed by Cllr Barnes to object to felling the tree. Seconded by Cllr Chilton. All in favour.

/3 Application PA21/08319

Proposal Extension to workshop with associated works

Location Land South Of Trebrown Farm Horningtops Cornwall PL14 3PU

Grid Ref 229868 / 60154

It was proposed by Cllr Mackeen to support this application. Seconded by Cllr Elliott. Agreed by all. Cllr Stroud asked that solar panels are considered for this application, agreed by all and to be noted in the comments.

08.21/6 Planning Applications received after publication of this agenda

None received.

08.21/7 Planning Appeals – Received by the date of this meeting – None.

08.21/8 Planning Decisions - The following decisions were made by Cornwall Council:

/1 PA21/05799 APPROVED 14.09.2021 Location: Sunnyside 3 Brenton Terrace Church Road Tideford. **Proposal:** Demolition of single storey garage and erection of 2 storey building with garage on ground floor and residential annexe to first floor. **Noted.**

/2 PA21/05979 APPROVED 09.09.2021 Location: The Cottage Penquite Farm Trerulefoot.

Proposal: Conversion of existing building, previously used as a dwelling, for residential purposes to include front and rear extension. **Noted.**

/3 09.09.2021 PA21/06200 APPROVED Location: Land South of Clover Park Tideford Cross. **Proposal:** Retention of Farm Building. **Noted.**

08.21/9 Planning Correspondence and Reports

/1 National planning reforms white paper – a letter from Bodmin Town Council was noted.

08.21/10 Planning matters raised by councillors – None.

08.21/11 Finance

/1 To note & approve the current financial position on all accounts

Current financial position - Bank Reconciliation for Lloyds Treasurers accountLocal Council Name – **St Germans Parish Council**County - **Cornwall**

Financial period ending 30 September 2021

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 5 October 2021

Balance per bank statement as at 30.09.2021	£	£
Treasurers Account	108,217.08	
		108,217.08
Less: unpresented cheques as at 30 September 2021		
From Treasurers Account only		

Cheque number	Details	Amount £
None		
		(£0.00)

Net bank balance as at 30 September 21	£108,217.08
Balance per Clerks s\sheet as at 30 September 21	£108,217.08

Current financial position - Bank Reconciliation for Lloyds Instant Savings accountLocal Council Name – **St Germans Parish Council**County - **Cornwall**

Financial period ending 30 September 2021

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 5 October 2021

Balance	£	£
Instant Account	40,003.98	

Less: unpresented cheques as at 30 September 2021
From Instant Account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount
No cheques		
		(£0.00)

Interest earned 9 September 2021	+0.34
Net bank balance as at 30 September 21	£40,004.32
Balance per Clerks s\sheet as at 30 Sept 21	£40,004.32

Current financial position - Bank Reconciliation for Nat West Community Current accountLocal Council Name – **St Germans Parish Council**County - **Cornwall**

Financial period ending 30 September 2021

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 5 October 2021

Balance as at 30.09.2021	£	£
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Current account 80,000.00
80,000.00

Less: unpresented cheques as at 30 September 2021
From current account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount
No cheques		

(£0.00)

Net bank balance as at 30 September 21 £80,000.00
Balance per Clerks sheet as at 30 Sept 21 £80,000.00

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

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

Income & expenditure for St Germans Parish Council 5 October 2021

EXPENDITURE Date	Details	Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Nett (£)	Cheque No (if applicable)
05.10.21	Clerk's September 2021 expenses	£107.35	Nil	£107.35	877
21.09.21	Clerk's September 2021 salary+ processing fees	£1262.84	£4.00	£1,266.84	D.D
16.09.21	Clerk's Pension £40.00 (£20.00 Parish Council, £20.00 Parish Clerk)	£40.80	Nil	£40.80	D.D
22.09.21	£11.00 Clerk's mobile	£9.17	£1.83	£11.00	D.D
16.09.21	Southern Electric – Tideford lighting	£6.05	.30p	£6.35	D.D
29.09.21	Annual lease fee for Tideford playpark	£33.75	Nil	£33.75	S.O
05.10.21	Eliot hall hire 05.10.21 & 10.11.21	£42.00	Nil	£42.00	878
05.10.21	PKF Littlejohn – external audit	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00	879
05.10.21	July legal fees Port Eliot lease renewal- Inv 8100167444	£193.80	£38.76	£232.56	880
05.10.21	PMP – Nut Tree Oct edition. Inv. 7762	£147.63	Nil	£147.63	881
05.10.21	January legal fees Port Eliot lease renewal – Inv. 8100100256 (never received)	£559.71	£111.94	£671.65	882

05.10.21	Two playpark inspections. Inv. 49899	£135.00	£27.00	£162.00	883
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INCOME

Date	Details	Amount(£)
06.09.21	Cornwall Council half precept and CTS grant	£28,080.48
20.09.21	Pengelly Funeral Services – Mr Scott x 2	£1000.00
22.09.21	Parson Funerals – Mr Harper	£500.00

The income and expenditure schedule was distributed to all councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Hodge to approve the schedule, seconded by Cllr Stroud. Approved by all. The cheque signatories are Cllr Mackeen and Cllr Pipe.

/3 Year end conclusion of audit 31 March 2021 - The Clerk confirmed that the external audit has now been completed and the notice of conclusion of audit has been issued. All information was circulated to Cllrs and has been displayed on the website and noticeboards. It was proposed by Cllr Hodge to approve. Seconded by Cllr Barnes. Agreed by all.

/4 Insurance renewal - It was proposed by Cllr Hodge to accept the one year insurance quotation from Pen Underwriting Limited for £1,513.32. Seconded by Cllr Elliott. Approved by all.

/5 Grass and tree contracts/contractors – deferred to next meeting.

/6 To set a Finance committee meeting – Clerk to circulate an email to arrange.

08.21/12 Request for spending

/1 Bindweed at burial ground – deferred to next meeting.

08.21/13 Burial ground

/1 To note interment of Mr Scott – noted.

/2 To note interment of Mr Harper – noted.

/3 Removal of 2 sycamore trees – Cllr Stroud proposed to accept Tom Cox Tree Surgery's quotation of £250.00 to remove 2 dead sycamore trees. Seconded by Cllr Hodge. Agreed by all.

08.21/14 Matters arising from the previous minutes *(problems or questions from a previous meeting to be discussed)*

/1 Bethany chapel – Cllr Pipe asked Cllr Barnes to make enquiries about demolition costs associated with the chapel and to report back.

08.21/15 Highways – ongoing issues

/1 A38 – Tideford air quality scheme looking to start in November 2021.

/2 Polbathic – Residents expressing concern over lack of maintenance of path from Polbathic to Trerulefoot – It is our understanding that Cormac have now carried out maintenance.

08.21/16 Highways – new issues

/1 St Germans – Polbathic path – deferred to next meeting.

/2 Bus stop at Trerulefoot – Cllr Stroud expressed concern at the lack of safety for anyone using the bus at Trerulefoot. Cllr Ewert agreed to look into this to see if there are any better options.

/3 Safety for pedestrians and cyclists Bethany-Trerulefoot – Cllr Stroud expressed concern at the lack of safety for both pedestrians and cyclists when crossing the A38 at Trerulefoot. Cllr Ewert will contact Highways.

Cllr Ewert left the meeting.

08.21/17 Playparks

/1 St Germans – Cllr Elliott to do the next inspections if Cllr Witton is unable to do so.

/2 Tideford – Cllr Hodge said that some vegetation maintenance is needed as well as the basketball court needing attention. We have removed the home-made skateboard ramp in the basketball court at the instruction of the playpark inspector. BH Gardens quoted £820.00+Vat to do various vegetation maintenance work. Cllr Hodge proposed this is accepted. Seconded by Cllr Stroud. Agreed by all.

08.21/18 Lease renewals with Port Eliot – No change.

08.21/19 St Germans Rec – Cllr Stroud made a proposal for the PC to look at funding a half pipe skateboard ramp, as well as the grass cutting of the field being part of our grass cutting contractor agreement and some maintenance being made to the picnic area paths as standard. It was felt this needs to be deferred to the next meeting to be discussed alongside the grass/tree contractor item.

08.21/20 Carbon literacy training – Cllr Griffin to participate.

08.21/21. Proposed housing resolution – Cllr Pipe read out the proposed resolution. It was proposed by Cllr Elliott to accept this, seconded by Cllr Griffin. 6 Cllrs were in support, with 1 abstention and 1 opposition.

08.21/22 Telephone kiosk – Cllr Barnes and Cllr Witton will schedule to do the work asap.

08.21/23 Nut Tree – Clerk to do the next issue.

08.21/24 Sir Walter Moyles almshouses – Cllr Pipe said they are changing the constitution which currently says 2 PC cllrs to be assigned. It was proposed by Cllr Mackeen to change it to 1 councillor. Seconded by Cllr Chilton. All in favour.

08.21/25 New Code of Conduct and training – Cllr Hodge to do next CALC training. Clerk to send Cornwall Council training link to Cllrs Mackeen, Stroud, Chilton and Elliott.

08.21/26 Cllr Barry Jordan email – Cllrs to email Clerk by Tuesday 12 October 2021 with any comments to raise. Clerk to circulate same day in preparation for submission by 15th.

08.21/27 Consultation regarding licensed vehicles in Cornwall – Cllrs didn't feel this survey was relevant to this parish.

08.21/28 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.**

08.21/29 Correspondence

/1 Cornwall leisure centre consultation – Available <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/leisure> until 31 October 2021.

/2 Housing strategy for Cornwall – Available <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/housing-strategy> until 8 November 2021.

/3 NALC election 2021 survey – Noted.

/4 CALC training courses – Noted.

/5 GWRs annual stakeholder conference – Noted.

/6 Cornwall community annual flood conference – Friday 5 November 2021. Register for your free ticket: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cornwall-community-flood-forums-annual-conference-at-heartlands-tickets-170150471641?aff=ebdssbeac>

08.21/30 Urgent business raised by ward members and admitted by the Chair

/1 Cllr Chilton asked that cards for the elderly is added to the next agenda.

/2 Cllr Barnes said the discussion regarding Polbathic car park is back with Cornwall Council.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm.

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

Chairperson

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Date