

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the December Parish Council meeting held at the Eliot hall on Tuesday 21 December 2021 at 6.30pm

Present

Tideford Ward: Cllr N Griffin
Polbathic Ward: Cllr S Barnes
St Germans Ward: Cllr R Elliott
Bethany Ward: Cllr P Chilton and Cllr P Pipe

12.21/1 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

No declarations were made.

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)*

No members of the public were present.

12.21/2 Apologies for absence – Apologies received from Cllr Stroud, Cllr Witton, Cllr Skelton, Cllr Hodge and Cllr Ewert. Accepted by all.

12.21/3 Approval of Minutes of the October Parish Council meeting held on Monday 29 November 2021 *(to approve the minutes as a correct record).*

It was proposed by Cllr Chilton to approve the minutes, this was seconded by Cllr Griffin. Approved by all. The minutes were signed by Cllr Pipe.

12.21/4 Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert – *report read out by the Clerk*

Air quality monitors are in the appropriate properties now we should start seeing data fairly soon. The external monitors are up and running and providing data. The AQ team are still working on the dashboard before giving access to it, it is a complicated thing I am told. I hope to have an update by the next PC meeting, and we will be arranging another stakeholder meeting in the New Year as well.

Cllr Barnes and I met with Will Glassup (Cormac) and the landlord of the Halfway House about the drainage and flooding issues. Will has made several suggestions for how to protect the pub going forward and he is looking at the design stage of that now. Information will be given to the pub about emergency flood defence systems that they would be entitled to.

I hope you will all have seen that Saltash Leisure Centre has been saved from closure! GLL have agreed to continue running the centre – we haven't been given any further information

as to the details; ie if they will spend the money needed to bring the centre up to standard, or such. As soon as I know more I will pass that information along.

Thank you to those that attended my Rame Cluster meeting, we had a useful presentation from the Policing team and from SARS – it was agreed that we would look at setting up our own version for the Rame and St Germans area.

12.21/5 Planning Applications (please view all applications at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/online-planning-register/>)

/1 Application PA21/12370 – for information purposes only

Proposal Works to trees in a conservation area (CA), works include T1- Sycamore-Fell. This tree has lost a large co dominant leader in recent storms and has left the tree in a very unstable position heavily weighted towards the property and with less than 50% of the main trunk remaining.

Location The White House Old Quay Lane St Germans PL12 5LH. **Noted.**

12.21/6 Planning Applications received after publication of this agenda

None received.

12.21/7 Planning Appeals – Decision on PA21/01719 – Land at Tideford Cross, Saltash - Appeal Dismissed. No Costs claimed.

12.21/8 Planning Decisions

/1 29.11.2021 PA21/08302 REFUSED

Location: Tower View Quarry Lane St Germans PL12 5LL

Proposal: Request for work to a tree with a TPO - remove eucalyptus tree TPO10/00031. **Noted.**

/2 29.11.2021 PA21/08419 APPROVED

Location: Penewin Farm Trerulefoot Saltash Cornwall PL12 5DA

Proposal: Construction of agricultural shed as covered dung store. **Noted.**

/3 03.12.2021 PA21/10700 APPROVED

Location: St Germans Railway Station St Germans Saltash Cornwall Proposal: Work to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order: TPO tree: at Tripcony House St (ref: E2/07/TPO/00086) Single Norway Maple - where required crown lift up to 3m from ground level (over platform only) and reduce any extending laterals by 1-2m away from the rail/platform. **Noted.**

12.21/9 Planning Correspondence and Reports – None received.

12.21/10 Planning matters raised by councillors – Nothing raised.

12.21/11 Parish Councillor reports

/1 Gateway meeting – Cllr Hodge attended the last full gateway meeting; this item is deferred to January 2022 with a report being prepared and sent beforehand.

Gateway Climate change working group - Cllr Griffin and Cllr Stroud attended this group

The main points were: Jo Baskott gave a talk on ‘**gleaning**’; this is where people can go into a farmers field after they have finished harvesting, and pick up any crops/veg that are left which haven’t been picked up by the large machines used in the main harvest, ie they are not viable for the farmers to pick up. There is a Facebook group- SE Cornwall gleaning; produce is then available from community fridges.

There is a network of **community fridge** operators called Hubbub- they can provide free fridges and freezers. There are also mobile units which can visit rural areas. Community fridges are available for all, they are not like food banks. The public can make a donation to the community fridge and enjoy good fresh food otherwise going to waste.

There is a **Nature Recovery Scheme** grant of £2k available for parish councils, to develop carbon action plans.

Looking into **Nature Recovery Strategies**- apparently Cornwall was a pilot in 2020/21. LNRS are part of the Environment Bill and will have an impact on planning through offset biodiversity. Government explanation <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/land-use/local-nature-recovery-strategies/> Cornwall’s latest update: <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/nature-recovery-plan-overview>

Friends of the Earth have issued ‘20 actions that Town and Parish Councils can take for Climate Change.

The **Rural Services Network** highlighted that the installation of new oil boilers is banned from 2026:(From Future Ready Fuels) The [Heat and Buildings Strategy](#) and [Off-Grid Consultation](#) set out the steps we need to take to reduce carbon emissions from our homes.

Under the proposals, **new and replacement oil boilers will be banned by 2026** and off-grid properties will be first in line to install heat pumps which can be costly and impractical to install in rural homes. The government has opened a consultation to seek opinions on these proposals, which will help to inform future green home heating policy. By sharing your views in the consultation, you can help secure support for a renewable liquid fuel alternative for oil heated homes. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/phasing-out-fossil-fuel-heating-in-homes-off-the-gas-grid> **Hydrotreated vegetable oil** can cut emissions s by 90% and installation costs much lower (£500 for conversion). There is some argument that the best use of biofuels is for aviation, but heating homes is also an option.

Some Communities in Cornwall (Stithians and Chacewater) have set up community interest companies to invest in their own energy production, but there are big difficulties to overcome imposed by Govt, ie you cannot store locally.

From **Cop 26** - Cornwall is ideal for producing wind and solar power, but the grid lacks the capacity for the amount that we could produce.

Landmark Trees, are available for each parish council. The tree can be planted to celebrate or commemorate a person, place or event in the local community, and the Forest for Cornwall team are looking forward to hearing the stories behind each such celebratory tree. It can also be planted in support of the [Queen's Green Canopy](#)

/2 Rame cluster meeting 1st Dec 2021– Cllr Griffin and Cllr Barnes were both present.

The main points were: The **Saltash Area Road Safety (SARS)** committee highlighted the advantages of having an independent group - namely that being independent, it gives credence to their voice with Highways and CC. Cllr Ewert was keen to set up a similar group for her area ie Rame Peninsula, but it was suggested that each parish initially has a representative on the SARS group to learn from their best practice before becoming an independent group. **Speed watch** was mentioned and cameras are held at Saltash and Torpoint police stations and by some PCs, though it was unclear about which types.

Recycling centre for Rame area - no progress. **Safe A38** - next meeting on 19th Jan and councillors are encouraged to attend from all PCs . Highways plan for offline new road to bypass Landrake and Tideford best supported by business case for local economy.

High speed internet - rural areas which are not being put on highspeed internet by Openreach can apply for vouchers. Autumn update

here. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/project-gigabit-delivery-plan-autumn-update>

Looe valley trails - due to budget shortfall and cuts at Cornwall Council it is now under review. It's likely that road improvements and speed will be implemented but the off-road bits will be shelved for later.

20 is plenty - any areas which could change from an existing 30 mph to 20 mph , to contact Catherine Thompson at Cornwall Council.

12.21/12 Finance

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

Current financial position - Bank Reconciliation for Lloyds Treasurers account

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

County - **Cornwall**

Financial period ending 30 November 2021

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 21 December 2021

Balance per bank statement as at 30.11.2021	£	£
Treasurers Account	101,498.54	101,498.54

Less: unpresented cheques as at 30 November 2021
From Treasurers Account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount £
000888	RBL hall hire 02.11.21	30.00
000895	Clerks November expenses	31.95
000896	Polbathic hall hire 29.11.21	25.00
000897	The Green Stationery Company	121.74
000898	Pear Technology - burial s/w annual fee	102.00
000899	Tom Cox burial ground hedges. Inv #884	331.60
000900	PMP NutTree Nov 21 edition	127.50
000901	BH Gardens-Inv 1223	1,686.00
000902	Eliot hall hire 10/11/21	21.00
000903	WesternWeb Inv 22876	108.00

£2,584.79

Net bank balance as at 30 November 21	£98,913.75
Balance per Clerks s\sheet as at 30 November 21	£98,913.75

Current financial position - Bank Reconciliation for Lloyds Instant Savings account

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

County - **Cornwall**

Financial period ending 30 November 2021

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 21 December 2021

Balance £ £
 Instant Account 40,004.67
Less: unpresented cheques as at 30 November 2021
 From Instant Account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount
No cheques		

(£0.00)

Net bank balance as at 30 November 2021 £40,004.67
Balance per Clerks sheet as at 30 Nov 21 £40,004.67

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

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

County - **Cornwall**

Financial period ending 30 November 2021

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 21 December 2021

Balance as at 30.11.2021 £ £
 Current account 80,000.00 80,000.00

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

Cheque number	Details	Amount
No cheques		

(£0.00)

Net bank balance as at 30 November 21 £80,000.00
Balance per Clerks sheet as at 30 Nov 21 £80,000.00

The bank reconciliations were distributed to all councillors. Cllr Griffin proposed these are all approved. This was seconded by Cllr Elliott. All in favour.

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

EXPENDITURE Date	Details	Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Nett (£)	Cheque No (if applicable)
21.12.21	Clerk's December 2021 expenses	£65.44	Nil	£65.44	000904
16.12.21	Clerk's December 2021 salary+ processing fees	£1039.20	£4.00	£1,043.20	D.D
16.12.21	Clerk's Pension £40.00 (£20.00 Parish Council, £20.00 Parish Clerk)	£40.80	Nil	£40.80	D.D
22.12.21	£11.30 Clerk's mobile	£9.33	£1.97	£11.30	D.D
14.12.21	Southern Electric –	£6.05	.30p	£6.35	D.D

	Tideford lighting				
21.12.21	Fenland leisure – Treland playpark shackles	£24.40	£4.88	£29.28	000905
21.12.21	N Witton – screws to repair bench in Treland	£20.00	£3.99	£23.99	000906
21.12.21	PMP – Nut Tree December edition. Invoice 7978	£152.82	Nil	£152.82	000907
21.12.21	St Germans Rec rent to Port Eliot House and Gardens. Inv 00105	£400.00	Nil	£400.00	000908
21.12.21	Eliot hall hire	£25.00	Nil	£21.00	000909

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

12.21/13 Request for spending

/1 Walkover visual tree assessment (VTA) of entire tree stock £607.85 – the Clerk has been asked to obtain some more details for the next meeting,

12.21/14 Burial ground – nothing to report.

12.21/15 Matters arising from the previous minutes (*problems or questions from a previous meeting to be discussed*) No matters arising,

12.21/16 Highways

/1 A38 – nothing to report.

/2 20 is plenty – Cllr Witton – deferred to next meeting.

/3 Bethany roadside wooden sign – noted needs attention but Cormac have said it's not a priority.

12.21/17 Playparks

/1 St Germans – Cllr Elliott to continue with the weekly inspections. Cllr Barnes to contact T Cradick.

/2 Tideford – Cllr Hodge to continue with the weekly inspections. It was proposed by Cllr Barnes the basket swing quotation should be deferred until the lease is signed. Seconded by Cllr Elliott. Agreed by all.

12.21/18 Lease renewals with Port Eliot – No further update.

12.21/19 Bethany Chapel – No change.

12.21/20 Nut Tree committee – Cllr Griffin is willing to be on the Nut Tree committee along with Cllr Pipe and the Clerk. Cllr Griffin to write the February entry.

12.21/21 2022 meeting dates – Noted and all booked.

12.21/22 CALC Code of Conduct training – Tuesday 25th January 6:30pm – Noted.

12.21/23 Noticeboards – Cllr Pipe said about having a more prominent noticeboard perhaps outside St Germans village shop. Members couldn't identify a suitable spot for a board.

12.21/24 Graham Mackeen memorial – It was proposed by Cllr Pipe and seconded by Cllr Elliott to leave this decision with the family. All in favour.

12.21/25 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).

Cllr Elliott proposed some of this money is used to repair the path at the burial ground. Seconded by Cllr Barnes. Agreed by all.

12.21/26 Correspondence

- /1 Merry Christmas email from Cornwall Council Chief Exec and Leader – noted.
- /2 Happy Christmas from SLCC – noted.
- /3 The Rural bulletin 14 December 2021 – noted.
- /4 Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year from St Germans Rec committee – noted.
- /5 Let’s talk Climate Action event recordings – noted.
- /6 Tamar Valley news bulletin – noted.

12.21/27 Urgent business raised by ward members and admitted by the Chair

(Members can raise urgent matters which if admitted, can be discussed and added to the next agenda. Decisions cannot be made until the next meeting.)

*** The clerk mentioned the email platform is changing around the 30th December.**

Details will be sent to all when the Clerk has been sent them.

*** A landmark tree for St Germans to be considered at the next meeting.**

*** Cllr Barnes has kindly repaired the guttering at the bus shelter on the A374.**

Meeting closed at 7:47pm.

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

Chairperson

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Date