

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the March Parish Council meeting held at the Eliot hall on Monday 28 March 2022 at 6.30pm

Present

Tideford Ward: Cllr A Hodge & Cllr N Griffin
Polbathic Ward: Cllr S Barnes & Cllr L Stroud
St Germans Ward: Cllr R Elliott & Cllr N Witton
Bethany Ward: Cllr P Chilton and Cllr P Pipe

The Chair asked that Councillors wishing to speak during the meeting, please can they raise their hand, in line with standing orders.

03.22/1 Declarations of Interests and Request 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)*

There were 8 members of the public present.

The majority were there to raise concerns with the speed of traffic along Bagg Lane in St Germans. They said they desperately need a solution; they would like to see speed bumps in the road. Many people living in this area have restricted vision. They have noticed a big increase since Covid. A resident was approached 4-5 years ago about having a speed trap located in their garden but this never happened.

Councillor Witton briefly mentioned a return of Speed Watch, but doesn't know when. He also said about possible plans to move the 30mph zone further back and to change the 60mph to 40mph plus install dragons' teeth in the road. He hopes for an update by October 2022 and confirmed a village meeting will be held.

Another member of the public came to talk about moving the garage in the middle of the garden at The Old Smithy to a more suitable location. It was suggested a Pre App would be the best option to Cornwall Council. Cllr Stroud mentioned about flooding issues at that property in the past which should be considered.

Two more people spoke about public transport – Alan asked if the Parish Council have been consulted about the proposed bus changes effective 10 April? The Clerk confirmed they have not been. The new proposal will mean the 71 will be replaced by the 75A which means both Craffhole and Portwrinkle will be dropped.

He also asked if we had been contacted about a cheap fare programme trial. The Clerk confirmed we haven't.

Leaflets on the current transport survey were distributed.

Cllr Pipe thanked everyone for attending and all but one left the meeting.

03.22/2 Apologies for absence – apologies received from Cllr Kate Ewert and Cllr Skelton. Accepted by all.

03.22/3 Approval of Minutes of the February Parish Council meeting held on Monday 28 February 2022 (to approve the minutes as a correct record). It was proposed by Cllr Barnes to accept the minutes. Seconded by Cllr Chilton. Agreed by all. The minutes were signed by Cllr Pipe.

03.22/4 Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert – *circulated by email*

On Tuesday 22nd February, Cornwall Council met to debate and vote on the budget for Cornwall for the next financial year. There were several 'alternative budgets' proposed by Councillors from my own Labour Group, the Lib Dem Group and the Independent Group. Really, these could best be described as amendments to the overall budget but because of the constitution of the Council they are described as alternate budgets. Our alternate looked to reverse cuts to some very specific programmes within the Children's and Families Service, specifically Family Conferencing - which is working with extended families to keep children within their family groups, and the behavioural team which works with those children with exceptional needs. Unfortunately, this was voted down, all opposition Councillors supported the amendment.

At the same Full Council meeting, Councillors were asked to approve the proposed price rises for users of the Torpoint Ferry and Tamar Bridge. While I absolutely understand that there is a funding deficit for the Tamar Crossings, I felt that the 30% increase was too much in one go especially with the cost of living crisis that is looming for working people. I also felt that agreeing to raise the costs for tag users months before cash users was not fair or just. Many residents approached me over this issue and asked me to vote against the price hike, and against the disparity in when the rise will take effect and I can confirm that, alongside most of the Councillors for South East Cornwall, I voted against the recommendations in the report. Unfortunately, while there seemed to be a free vote on this item, it still passed and we will see price rises fairly soon.

We have recently found out the Catherine Thomson, our Community Link Officer, for the Cornwall Gateway area is to stay with us after the recent job losses and reshaping of the Localism team. I am sure you will all be as delighted as me with the news that Catherine will continue to work with us here - Catherine will now be taking over an extra Community Network Area which means her time will be even more precious, and I am certain we will all take that into consideration.

Around the Peninsula

We have now reached the end of our Community Chest grant period for this financial year. Each Cornwall Councillor was given an increased funding pot this year of £3000 to reflect our much larger divisional areas. I am pleased to report that I used every penny of my grant on causes that have a direct impact on residents of the Rame Peninsula and St Germans division. As far as we know there will be another Community Chest Grant for next financial year so if you know of any community organisations that could benefit from this - ask them to look out for an announcement on my social media. Please see the table below for how this years' grant was awarded.

Meetings - February's meetings as your divisional member included –

Full Council / Central Planning / Miscellaneous Licensing / Cornish National Minority Working Group / Meeting with Rame Responders / Meeting with Wildanet representatives and Torpoint TC / St Columba Rugby Club meeting / Millbrook Cllr Surgery / Torpoint TC / Millbrook PC / Sheviok PC.

In addition, there were several teams meeting for ongoing projects in the division and further training on planning.

03.22/5 Planning Applications (please view all applications at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/online-planning-register/>)

1/ Application PA22/02094

Proposal Listed Building Consent for the removal and replacement of sections of concrete floor and plaster, and investigation of the exposed footing and walls for migration of kerosene.

Location 1 The Gatehouse Port Eliot Estate Church Street St Germans

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

03.22/6 Planning Applications received after publication of this agenda

1/Proposal: Listed building consent for construction of two storey extension and demolition of existing sunroom

Location: Springbanks, Church Road, Tideford

A revised design has been submitted and the councillors voted to agree with the planning officer's recommendation. Proposed by Cllr Stroud, seconded by Cllr Elliott. Agreed by all.

03.22/7 Planning Appeals

None received.

03.22/8 Planning Decisions

/1 28.02.2022 PA22/00431 APPROVED

Location: 38 Lower Fairfield St Germans PL12 5NH

Proposal: Single storey side extension replacing garage and new rear conservatory.

/2 22.02.2022 PA21/04181 APPROVED

Location: Western Cottage St Germans Saltash Cornwall PL12 5BQ

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.

/3 22.02.2022 PA21/04182 APPROVED

Location: Western Cottage St Germans Saltash Cornwall PL12 5BQ

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent for 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.

03.22/9 Planning Correspondence and Reports – None received.

03.22/10 Planning matters raised by councillors

Cllr Griffin mentioned how valuable the 'Introduction to Planning' on-line training course was earlier this month. Cllr Stroud also agreed as she attended earlier in the year.

03.22/11 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 14 March 2022

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 24 March 2022

Balance per bank statement as at 14.03.2022

Treasurers Account

	£	£
	92,590.86	

Less: unpresented cheques as at 14 March 2022

Cheque number	Details	Amount £
000907	PMP Nut Tree Dec ed. Inv 7978	152.82
000921	A Cradick Treland digger work	144.00
		£296.82

Net bank balance as at 14 March 2022

£92,294.04

Balance per Clerks sheet as at 14 March 2022

£92,294.04

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

Financial period ending 28 February 2022

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 24 March 2022

Balance

Instant Account

	£	£
	40,005.67	

Less: unpresented cheques as at 28 February 2022

From Instant Account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount
No cheques		

(£0.00)

Interest earned 9 February 2022

+0.33p

Net bank balance as at 28 February 2022

£40,006.00

Balance per Clerks sheet as at 28 Feb 22

£40,006.00

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

Financial period ending 28 February 2022

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 24 March 2022

Balance as at 28.02.2022

Current account

	£	£
	80,000.00	

Less: unpresented cheques as at 28 February 2022

From current account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount
No cheques		

(£0.00)

Net bank balance as at 28 February 2022

£80,000.00

Balance per Clerks sheet as at 28 Feb 22

£80,000.00

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

/2 Income & expenditure for St Germans Parish Council 28 March 2022

EXPENDITURE Date	Details	Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Nett (£)	Cheque No (if applicable)
28.03.22	Clerk's March 2022 expenses	£37.50	Nil	£37.50	000923
16.03.22	Clerk's March 2022 salary+ processing fees	£1039.20	£4.00	£1,043.20	D.D
16.03.22	Clerk's Pension £40.00 (£20.00 Parish Council, £20.00 Parish Clerk)	£40.80	Nil	£40.80	D.D
22.03.22	£11.00 Clerk's mobile	£9.17	£1.83	£11.00	D.D
14.03.22	Southern Electric – Tideford lighting	£5.89	.29p	£6.18	D.D
28.03.22	Eliot hall hire 16.03.22 and 28.03.22	£42.00	Nil	£42.00	000924
28.03.22	St Germans Parish Council	£70,000.00	Nil	£70,000.00	000925
28.03.22	PMP (December Inv 7978)	£152.82	Nil	£152.82	000926
28.03.22	PMP March 2022 ed. Invoice 8305	£142.80	Nil	£142.80	000927
28.03.22	CALC – planning course for Nicola Griffin	£30.00	£6.00	£36.00	000928
18.03.22	ICO renewal	£35.00	Nil	£35.00	D.D
28.03.22	BH Gardens Invoice No 1244	£1280.00	£256.00	£1,536.00	000929

INCOME

Date	Details	Amount(£)
21.03.22	Burial for Searle	£500.00

OTHER

£2045.90 payment business rates for the burial ground from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2023 which the Clerk has obtained small business rate relief for and therefore the fees are nil.

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

03.22/12 Request for spending

1/ £180.00 to remove graffiti on Lynher house bus shelter or £250.00+Vat. It was proposed by Cllr Stroud to accept £180.00. Seconded by Cllr Witton. Agreed by all. Clerk to arrange.
2/ £100.00 Treland drain clearance – Cllr Witton proposed this. Cllr Hodge seconded. Agreed by all. Cllr Witton to arrange.

03.22/13 Burial ground

/1 Interment of Mr Davies – noted.
/2 Interment of Mr Searle – noted.

03.22/14 Matters arising from the previous decisions of the council\Clerks report

problems or questions from a previous decision of the council that need to be mentioned. No decisions made.)

*Cornwall Council has raised an enforcement on Padderbury top.

*The closed church yard in St Germans is now completely closed to the public due to fallen trees. Clerk will check on current status.

03.22/15 Highways

/1 A38 – air quality – Cllr Witton and Cllr Hodge attended the last air quality meeting. Cllr Witton said the air quality monitors are working both inside and outside. Recent results have shown Tideford to be three times worse than Treliske. The dashboard is not working properly; but once it is working it will be an ideal test bed to see what makes a difference, eg. 5mph slower. Tideford will be a leader for this kind of project. Cllr Hodge said the meeting was very productive. June 2022 is the likely timescale for hearing about a new road.

03.22/16 Lease renewals with Port Eliot – It was proposed by Cllr Witton to proceed with the new 10year lease on Port Eliot's terms. Seconded by Cllr Hodge. Agreed by all.

03.22/17 Queens Platinum jubilee – Cllr Hodge proposed we provide a commemorative gift to all children aged 2-16years old in the parish. This was seconded by Cllr Griffin. 6 for with 2 abstaining.

Cllr Stroud proposed the Tolgus Cornish tin coin with the parish logo on one side and the Queens Jubilee design on the other. The cost based on 216 children will be £1,396.00.

Seconded by Cllr Chilton. 6 voted for with 2 abstentions.

Cllr Witton left the meeting.

Cllr Witton returned to the meeting.

03.22/18 Nut Tree – Cllr Griffin to do the May entry. Please send all details to Cllr Griffin.

03.22/19 Community Emergency Plan – Cllr Witton said Emergency planning was discussed at the last gateway meeting and the outcome is that there will be a Rame Cluster produced plan for the County Council Ward. So, we have no need to discuss it further until a proposed plan comes forward. Cllr Griffin asked that a committee is set up in May for this

03.22/20 Employment committee recommendations – Cllr Witton proposed:

National salary award by N J C Noted for action.

Jubilee bank holiday and minimum leave as per N J C Guidelines Noted for action

Approval of the request for other employment approved.

Seconded by Cllr Pipe. Agreed by all.

03.22/21 Walkover visual tree assessment (VTA) of entire tree stock – Cllr Witton summarised the recommended actions of work and the Clerk has asked the local tree surgeon

for a quote ready for the next meeting. It was also mentioned that at the end of this summer the ash trees will be checked again.

03.22/22 Public attendance at meetings – Cllr Stroud asked for encouragement be given to parishioners to attend our meetings. It was suggested to put this in the May Nut Tree.

03.22/23 Recruitment of new councillors – Cllr Griffin asked if we could highlight the vacancies on the St Germans Community Facebook page. Cllr Witton proposed that Cllr Griffin did this. Seconded by Cllr Hodge. Agreed by all.

03.22/24 Climate action group – Cllr Griffin mentioned that she doesn't feel we are doing anything specific on this. It was suggested a Climate group is established at the May committee meeting. Cllr Stroud mentioned about possibly working with Deviock.

03.22/25 Polbathic bus shelter (in the car park) – Cllr Barnes proposed for the car park bus shelter to be demolished to make way for 2 more car parking spaces. The clerk suggested asking the public if they do use the shelter in the Nut Tree. The clerk was asked to get 2 quotes for demolishing. Seconded by Cllr Witton. Agreed by all. It was also mentioned that following demolition a new shelter will be investigated on the A374.

03.22/26 2022 meeting dates – Cllr Pipe and members confirmed that Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday are all fine for future meeting dates.

03.22/27 Parish Councillor reports – *reports circulated does anyone have points or questions to raise?*

/1 Rame Cluster Group 8 March 2022 – By Cllr Griffin

PC Steve Wilson Community Police gave an update - Olly Ego part of the Tri-service safety officers for our area can come out and do fire checks on homes and buildings.

There has been some anti-social behaviour but nothing serious. PC Wilson is getting an electric bike so he is more visible.

Rame area road safety - Hilary Frank now doing road safety and is looking for volunteers to do speed watch. Previous or new volunteers, names to be collected by Cllr Ewert.

Highways - all parishes submitted proposals to be discussed at next community network panel.

Cllr Ewert said there are severe cuts to bus services about to take effect from April.

Transport user group survey was mentioned.

Jubilee - various activities taking place with Parish Councils doing varying amounts of activities, walks, cream teas etc., and public areas being tarted up e.g. public seats.

Grant available from Cornwall Council for EV charging points, also government funding available.

Emergency plans - It emerged that most Parish Councils have one (except St Germans) but several are in need of updating and it was potentially an area for collaboration. This is being raised at the Community Network Panel.

Gateway Climate Change - 10 March 2022 – By Cllr Griffin

Catherine Thomson (our Community Link Officer) now has two areas to cover.

Each Parish is asked to report on their own area and what actions they are doing:

All councillors reported on activities in their parishes, this highlights the need for a climate action group in St Germans PC.

Everyone was encouraged to do the Cornwall Council climate literacy training (closes 31 March 2022).

/2 Safe38 – Meeting postponed to April.

/3 Gateway Community Network panel – By Cllr Witton - EV2 is a project being

undertaken by Cornwall Council it is about putting in electric car charging points in Council owned carparks They are scoping plan 2 at the moment and expect next to look at small carparks as EV3, do you wish me to express an interest? Proposed by Cllr Witton for Tideford and Polbathic car parks. Seconded by Cllr Hodge. Agreed by all.

Compilation and voting have set the Highways expenditure on the Gateway monies. We are through this major hurdle the next part should be a formality, up the system to the chair of the expending committee, since the vice chair is on this gateway panel we should expect most works to be inside this years' budget i.e. before April next year.

The cost might be £10000 which is the first guess and we contribute half. Lizzy and I will need a walk down the Polbathic road to meet Steve so we can agree the positions of the signs. I know it is not the best option or even the second best but it will still tie in to our overall plan of 20 mph is plenty, and make the road safer for all. Three councils put in for 50/50 funding and we all got through. Emergency planning was discussed and the outcome is that there will be a Rame Cluster produced plan for the County Council Ward. So we have no need to discuss it further until a proposed plan comes forward. Cllr Griffin felt her understanding was different from the Cluster group. Next meeting 15th June 2022.

03.22/28 Any urgent matter to be raised at the discretion of the Chair – this cannot be voted upon

(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.)

Cllr Pipe said there was a vacancy for an Almshouse Trustee and Cllr Chilton said she would like to put her name forward.

03.22/29 Playparks

/1 **St Germans** – Nothing specific to report. Cllr Witton to carry on.

/2 **Tideford** – Cllr Hodge asked for another grass cut. He mentioned rubbish and overhanging branches being removed. He is asking Cllr Skelton to do next months weekly inspections.

03.22/30 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.**

03.22/31 Correspondence

/1 The Rural Bulletin – noted.

/2 Latest news from ICO – noted.

/3 NALC Chief Executives bulletin – noted.

/4 Foodbank newsletter – noted.

/5 Pothole factsheet – noted.

Meeting closed at 8:44pm.

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

Chairperson

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Date