

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mr Alan Hodge

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 4th May 2022 at 6pm

Present

Tideford Ward: Cllr A Hodge, Cllr N Griffin
Polbathic Ward: Cllr S Barnes
St Germans Ward: Cllr B Skelton, Cllr R Elliott and Cllr N Witton
Bethany Ward: Cllr P Pipe and Cllr P Chilton
Cornwall Council Cllr K Ewert

There was 1 member of the public present.

MINUTES

1. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present to the annual meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Stroud was unwell (approved absence).

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous annual Parish meeting held on Monday 29th April 2019

The minutes were noted and agreed by all. Cllr Hodge signed the minutes.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Cllr Ewert arrived and Cllr Witton left.

5. Chairman's report

Cllr Hodge reported there have been a number of changes in the past year, most significant was the sad death of Councillor Graham Mackeen. Graham was dedicated to not only his ward but the whole parish. He will be sadly missed as a councillor and a friend.

Cllr Lizzy Stroud and Cllr Nicola Griffin were both co-opted.

Cllr Kate Ewert was elected as Cornwall Councillor for Rame and St Germans on a 4-year term.

Safe 38 and Tideford air quality members; thank you for all your efforts.

Tideford playpark lease renewal is still ongoing; we hope to get that resolved soon and new equipment can then be considered.

Bethany chapel appears unchanged.

We have continued to support a number of local projects for example, St Germans rec, Eliot hall toilets and PPG.

Cllr Witton returned.

Thank you to the members involved in SARS, air quality, Safe38 and the gateway work. Thanks for the efforts from the councillors and the Clerk.

6. Presentation of the accounts for the year ended 31.03.2022

The Clerk reported that the bank accounts have been reconciled to the income and expenditure spreadsheet as at 31.03.22 and the balances are as follows:

Lloyds treasurer +£20,323.56.

Lloyds savings +£40,006.31

Nat West community +£80,000.00

The Cambridge Building Society +£70,000.00

Copies of the spreadsheet and budgets were distributed and it was noted there was a mistake on the income total for grants. This was corrected but the Chair asked for the information to be re-presented at the next meeting.

7. Statement of Councillors attendance

A table setting out the Councillors' attendance over the year was distributed by the Clerk.

Cllr Chilton arrived.

8. Guest speaker, Wailim Wong, Communications Officer from Citizens Advice Cornwall

Citizens Advice Cornwall is an independent local charity which has been established for 83 years. It is part of a national federation but they have to self-fundraise.

They rely totally on volunteers.

They have 3 principles; independent, free and confidential. They are here for 'everyone'.

The main issues in Cornwall are generally; debt, benefits, consumer issues, housing and discrimination.

Over the past 6-month period they have received 49 issues from this parish and these issues have been about benefits, debt, housing and financial services. There was also 1 issue about homelessness. 57% were women and 43% men and 50% of these people have a long-term health issue or disability. Most of the people were aged either 55 years old+ or 85 years old+.

As well as volunteer advisors they also have specific advisors in:

Pensions, victims of crime, domestic abuse and emergency aid.

They work with the charity Pentreath (mental health) and some of their advisors go into schools to build up financial awareness with the children.

They also have current projects focusing on energy.

There is a computer installed at Scholars in St Germans which you can access free of charge and speak to an advisor face-to-face online. Staff should be on hand to help so no technical knowledge is necessary. You can also use the free internet phone to talk to an advisor or use the webchat facility. The computer is in a secure area so you can talk in confidence. To make an appointment contact Scholars on 01503 230600 or pop in.

They are always looking for volunteers and you don't need to have any prior

experience as training will be provided. If you are interested, please look at:
<https://citizensadvicecornwall.org.uk/volunteer-with-us/>

Cllr Hodge thanked Mr Wong for his time and presentation.

9. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 6:55pm.

Signed as a true record of the meetingChairman

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