

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the June Parish Council meeting held at the Eliot hall on Monday 27th June 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 N Witton & Cllr R Elliott
Bethany Ward: Cllr P Chilton and Cllr P Pipe

06.22/1 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 2 members of the public present. 1 was a prospective new councillor for Tideford and the other came to speak about the bus changes.

The PC were asked if they have been informed of the imminent changes to the buses? How important a bus service is needed from Millbrook to St Germans and the proposed service will not give people what they want. By removing the bus from Torpoint means removing the St Germans service. Cuts to the bus service became apparent at last Monday's meeting held at Sheviok village hall. There appears to be lots of gaps in the proposed new service from September. Councillors confirmed that they have not been given any prior notice of the cuts. Bus cuts to be added to July's agenda.

06.22/2 Apologies for absence

Apologies sent by Cllr Skelton as he is on holiday. Cllr Ewert has a poorly child. Accepted by all.

06.22/3 Approval of Minutes of the May Annual Council meeting held on Monday 23 May 2022 *(to approve the minutes as a correct record).*

It was proposed by Cllr Chilton to approve the minutes. Seconded by Cllr Hodge. Agreed by 5 with 2 abstentions (Cllr Stroud and Cllr Elliott) and 1 against (Cllr Witton).

06.22/4 Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert – *May report previously circulated by email*

Cllr Pipe summarised some of the points from Cllr Ewert's May report as follows:

On May 24th we held our Cornwall Council AGM, Cllr Pauline Giles was re-elected unopposed as Chair of the Council, and Cllr Jordan Rowse as her Vice-Chair; they seem to work very well together and Pauline certainly does her duty well of representing Cornwall Council around the Duchy. Cllr Linda Taylor was re-elected as Leader of the Council, albeit with a challenge from an Independent Cllr, Loic Rich. At the same meeting I was pleased to move a motion on Homelessness and Transport which was supported by members of my group and members from Mebyon Kernow. The motion called for regularisation in our school

transport policy so that children of families that are being housed in emergency accommodation, oftentimes a good distance from their own communities, will still be able to stay in the schools where they are settled and feel safe. Currently our policy is we will pay for school transport for a term and then the child would need to move to a school near the emergency accommodation they have been placed in. The problems we are finding, as we are gripped by the housing crisis, is that families are now staying in emergency accommodation for 5 months plus, but frequently being moved from one town to another. We must do all we can to protect these children and give them a semblance of normality while their worlds are turned upside down. The other part of the motion called for proper resourcing of the department at the Council that investigates breaches in our post RTB (right to buy) policy - currently there isn't the capacity to investigate and implement breaches to the covenants on these properties and this isn't good enough.

Council Housing is built from the public purse, for the public good - it shouldn't be used for profiteering while we have families camping in Premier Inns for months on end. The motion was referred to Cabinet for discussion, as it had financial implications which is what we expected but we are pleased that these important issues are being discussed.

At Children's and Families Oversight and Scrutiny Committee I raised concerns regarding the NHS dentistry provision on the Rame Peninsula, especially in regard to our children and young people, some of whom haven't seen a dentist for 3 years. There was much agreement that this is an issue impacting children across Cornwall and we have agreed to put this on our work programme for the coming year.

06.22/5 Planning Applications (please view all applications at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/online-planning-register/>)

1/Application PA22/03100

Proposal Proposed extension to store

Location Marae Barn St Germans Saltash Cornwall

To note what was agreed following the site visit where delegated authority was agreed at the May meeting in conjunction with the Clerk:

An application PA22/03100 has now been received for an extension to the barn again for a implement store of some 89 sq metres. A number of St Germans Parish Councillors visited site on the 7th June 2022. On entering the barn there appeared to be two cars under covers and a ride on mower parked within the barn. There was a small area behind portable barriers for sheep but none were there. Half of the barn was unoccupied together with the mezzanine floor above. Bearing this in mind and that it was stated that the applicant is a hobby farmer with 4 sheep we cannot agree that a further implement store is necessary particularly considering the plot size. Therefore it is the St Germans Parish Councils considered opinion that the existing barn is of sufficient size for the land under the applicants ownership and as a consequence **object** this application.

2/ Application PA22/05655 – for information purposes only

Proposal Works to trees in a Conservation area namely remove one dogwood tree.

Location Fairfield House St Germans Saltash Cornwall PL12 5LS. **Noted.**

3/ Application PA22/05656 – for information purposes only

Proposal Works to trees in a conservation area (CA), works include a Hawthorn to be removed and replaced with another tree

Location Fairfield House St Germans Saltash Cornwall PL12 5LS. **Noted.**

06.22/6 Planning Applications received after publication of this agenda

1/ Application PA22/05343

Proposal Variation of condition 9 of application no. PA12/05275 allowed on appeal APP/D0840/A/13/2190692 dated 30/01/2014 (Erection of a single wind turbine with maximum blade tip height of 67m, formation of new vehicular access track and associated infrastructure)

Location Bake Sawmills Bake Lane Trerulefoot Cornwall

Grid Ref 232012 / 58296

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

06.22/7 Planning Appeals – None.

06.22/8 Planning Decisions

1/ 06/06/2022 PA21/01825 APPROVED

Location Stableyard Port Eliot Estate Church Street St Germans

Proposal Listed Building Consent for restoration of damaged gate pier. **Noted.**

2/ 08/06/2022 PA22/04216 APPROVED

Location 1 Mill RoadTidefordCornwallPL12 5JN

Proposal Single storey rear extension. **Noted.**

3/ 31/05/2022 PA21/09758 WITHDRAWN

Location Land South Of Clover Park Tideford Cross

Proposal Temporary farm dwelling. **Noted.**

06.22/9 Planning Correspondence and Reports – None received.

06.22/10 Planning matters raised by councillors

There appears to have been changes to a property in Newport which is in a conservation area. It was proposed by Cllr Witton that the Clerk raises an enforcement. Seconded by Cllr Barnes. Agreed by all.

06.22/11 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 31 May 2022

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 23 June 2022

Balance per bank statement as at 31.05.2022

Treasurers Account

£	£
42,709.74	42,709.74

Less: unpresented cheques as at 31 May 2022

From Treasurers Account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount £
000823	RBL hall hire 03.05.22	£30.00
000829	Citizens Advice Cornwall - grant to run their service	£500.00

000827	CALC annual membership renewal 2022/23	£618.80
000833	Cornwall Council legal lease renewal for April 8100257618	£191.70

£1,340.50

Net bank balance as at 31 May 2022 **£41,369.24**

Balance per Clerks sheet as at 31 May 2022 **£41,369.24**

Current financial position - Bank Reconciliation for Lloyds Instant Savings account

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

County - **Cornwall**

Financial period ending 31 May 2022

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 23 June 2022

Balance

Instant Account £ 40,006.67

Less: unrepresented cheques as at 31 May 2022

From Instant Account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount
No cheques		

(£0.00)

Interest earned 11 April 2022

+0.31p

Net bank balance as at 31 May 2022

£40,006.98

Balance per Clerks sheet as at 31 May 22

£40,006.98

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

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

County - **Cornwall**

Financial period ending 31 May 2022

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 23 June 2022

Balance as at 31.05.2022

Current account £ 80,000.00

£ 80,000.00

Less: unrepresented cheques as at 31 May 2022

From current account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount
No cheques		

(£0.00)

Net bank balance as at 31 May 2022

£80,000.00

Balance per Clerks sheet as at 31 May 22

£80,000.00

Current financial position - Bank Reconciliation for The Cambridge Building Society account

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

County - **Cornwall**

Financial period ending 31 May 2022

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 23 June 2022

Balance as at 31.05.2022

Current account

£
70,000.00

£
70,000.00

Less: unpresented cheques as at 31 May 2022

From current account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount
No cheques		

(£0.00)

Net bank balance as at 31 May 2022

£70,000.00

Balance per Clerks sheet as at 31 May 22

£70,000.00

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

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

Income & expenditure for St Germans Parish Council 27 June 2022

EXPENDITURE Date	Details	Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Nett (£)	Cheque No
27.06.2022	Clerk's June 2022 expenses	£50.05	Nil	£50.05	000930
16.06.22	Clerk's June 2022 salary+ processing fees	£	£	£	D.D
16.06.22	Clerk's Pension £41.63 (£20.00 PC, £21.63 Parish Clerk)	£	Nil	£	D.D
22.06.22	£11.55 Clerk's mobile	£9.63	£1.92	£11.55	D.D
15.06.22	Southern Electric – Tideford lighting	£6.05	0.30p	£6.35	D.D
27.06.22	Eliot hall hire 27.06.22	£17.00	Nil	£17.00	000931
27.06.22	AG Armstrong burial path work. Ref: 382	£1220.00	£244.00	£1464.00	000932
27.06.22	Tom Cox Treland work. Inv 1003	£280.00	£56.00	£336.00	000933
27.06.22	BH Gardens – various. Inv 1300	£1290.00	£258.00	£1548.00	000934
27.06.22	Cornwall Tree Consultancy; Millennium walnut tree	£169.85	Nil	£169.85	000935
27.06.22	Green stationery – new printer toners	£112.04	£22.41	£134.45	000936
27.06.22	Clive Murphy internal auditor	£524.12	Nil	£524.12	000937
27.06.22	Blue Hills Tin – Jubilee coins	£1396.00	Nil	£1396.00	000938
27.06.22	WesternWeb – email	£30.00	£6.00	£36.00	000939

	set up for 2 Cllrs				
27.06.22	NutTree June ed. Inv 8726	£161.93	Nil	£161.93	000940
27.06.22	CALC – contracts and procurement	£30.00	£6.00	£36.00	000941
27.06.22	South West Councils	£444.58	£88.92	£533.50	000942

INCOME

Date	Details	Amount(£)
01.06.22	VAT rebate	£2601.58

The complete expenditure and income schedule was distributed to all councillors. Councillor Elliott proposed this is approved. Seconded by Cllr Stroud. Agreed by all. The cheque signatories are Cllr Pipe and Cllr Witton.

/3 Nat West banking changes to charges and terms – **noted.**

/4 Lloyds banking changes to charges and terms – **noted.**

06.22/12 Request for spending

/1 £65.00 empowering communities conference (NALC) – Cllr Griffin – It was proposed by Cllr Stroud to support this request. Seconded by Cllr Chilton. 4 in agreement, 3 abstentions (Cllr Barnes, Pipe and Witton) and 1 against (Cllr Hodge).

/2 £434.22 request from Safe 38 for advertising stickers, banners, etc – It was proposed by Cllr Hodge to support the funding in principle. Seconded by Cllr Chilton. Agreed by all. It was then proposed by Cllr Hodge to support the request for £434.22, seconded by Cllr Chilton. 5 in agreement, 2 against (Cllr Stroud and Cllr Griffin) and 1 abstention (Cllr Pipe).

/3 £171.00 SLCC membership renewal – An annual membership for the Clerk - Cllr Stroud proposed supporting this, seconded by Cllr Griffin. 4 in favour, 3 abstentions (Cllr Pipe, Hodge and Barnes) and 1 against (Cllr Witton).

06.22/13 Burial ground

/1 Interment of Mr Broad – Noted.

/2 Memorial tablet for T/L Mr Searle – Proposed by Cllr Stroud to accept. Seconded by Cllr Elliott. Agreed by all.

/3 Landmark tree – It was proposed by Cllr Stroud to give the Clerk consent to apply for a Landmark tree at the burial ground. Seconded by Cllr Elliott. Agreed by all.

It was also proposed by Cllr Stroud that the Parish Council will maintain the landmark tree. Seconded by Cllr Griffin. Agreed by all.

06.22/14 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.)

None.

06.22/15 Highways

/1 A38 – there is a public consultation running at the moment regarding the A38 safety changes. Cllr Witton said National Highways had indicated that a new dual carriageway would be 10 times the cost!

A press release was issued on Clean Air Day (16th June) by Cornwall Council titled: Tideford residents take part in pioneering pilot to test indoor air quality:

/2 Transport survey – running until the end of June. Cllr Stroud offered to present the results.

/3 St Germans feasibility study – Cornwall Council are using a consultant called Aecom. Cllr Witton is willing to liaise to ensure the specific areas are covered which are:- Lynher House – 2 bus stops (perhaps one could be moved slightly), speed bump in Bagg Lane, bus stop opposite the White House. Any proposed changes to be consulted with the public before any decision.

/4 Bethany – It was felt by the majority of councillors that the most concerning stretch of road is from the postbox/noticeboard to Barra head and for the two speed devices to be located along here (where feasible, which Cormac will install).

Cllr Witton has also written to Cormac regarding better signage down by the sharp bend near to the power station. Cormac has said they need to check their criteria and will report back.

/5 Cormac workshop engagement events – Clerk to find out more information and report back.

/6 Hessenford Road closure 3 July – Noted.

06.22/16 Lease renewals with Port Eliot – No further update.

06.22/17 Nut Tree – Cllr Witton to do the next entry.

06.22/18 Community Emergency Plan – Cllrs Griffin, Hodge, Witton and Elliott to meet on Monday 11 July.

06.22/19 Polbathic bus shelter – Cllr Witton said the land next to the car park is owned by Cornwall Council. The extent of the land in deed number CL 222506 needs clarification and the covenants have not been complied with in the lack of fencing. It was proposed by Cllr Hodge for Cllr Witton to follow this up, seconded by Cllr Chilton. Agreed by all. The Clerk asked to be kept in the loop. It was suggested that a new bus shelter should be established before the old one is removed.

06.22/20 NALC legal update – noted.

06.22/21 PC postbox – The Clerk advised the PC that she has asked the QSC regarding housing the PC postbox on their external wall. They have asked her to check with Port Eliot first of all. Cllr Elliott also suggested the Polbathic hall who he offered to contact. The Clerk asked Cllr Witton if could ask the Eliot hall committee again if the opportunity arises.

06.22/22 Parish Councillor reports – *reports circulated does anyone have points or questions to raise?*

/1 Climate change – Cllr Griffin – Enquiries to be made regarding the hopper bus for local people to access.

/2 Safe38 – Cllr Hodge – The Safe38 group will be at the Liskeard show on 9th July to continue to campaign for a by-pass. Steve Jackson is preparing new banners and Sarah Martin is preparing a video to be used.

/3 Gateway Community Network panel – Cllr Witton reported:

Highways projects update still working on the last pieces of 1.0.

Project 2.0 has not been signed off yet which includes the “no footway” signs requested. This is expected next month.

Tamar crossings Martin Worth is leading discussions with Government to solve the debt problems and is trying to get them to take over the bridge as per the Wales connections. It is expected the bridge will last for another 80 years. Plans are underway to electrify the ferries but keep the engines as hybrid.

“Bother” is the project to connect Callington to Saltash by bicycle route, choices are expected soon. Working with Sustrans.

Cllr Witton had a chat with Martin and Will Glassup of Cormac and now understand why Cornwall are not in favour with raised roadway platforms and cushions but there could be exceptions if we push hard enough.

Cllr Witton also met a recently retired water company executive who has offered to help Cllr Witton with a Freedom of information request to SW Water.

06.22/23 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.)

None raised.

06.22/24 Playparks

/1 St Germans – Cllr Witton to do the next weekly inspections.

/2 Tideford – Cllr Hodge to carry on with weekly inspections.

06.22/25 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). **Noted.**

06.22/26 Correspondence

/1 The Rural Bulletin – noted.

/2 Contract management newsletter – noted.

/3 Buildings at risk summer update – noted.

/4 NALC Chief Exec’s bulletin – noted.

/5 Cornwall Council carbon neutral Cornwall - noted.

Cllr Stroud thanked the prospective new councillor, Daniel for coming to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

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

Chairman

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Date