

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the July Parish Council meeting held at the British Legion hall on Monday 25 July 2022 at 6.30pm

Present

Tideford Ward: Cllr N Griffin & Cllr D Hale
Polbathic Ward: Cllr S Barnes & Cllr L Stroud
St Germans Ward: Cllr N Witton, Cllr B Skelton & Cllr R Elliott
Bethany Ward: Cllr P Chilton and Cllr P Pipe
Cornwall Council: Cllr K Ewert

07.22/1 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

There were no interests declared.

07.22/2 Co-option of Daniel Hale to Tideford ward

It was proposed by Cllr Barnes to co-opt Daniel Hale, seconded by Cllr Chilton. Agreed by all. Daniel signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

Public Participation for a maximum of 15 minutes in total, unless directed by the Chairman of the meeting *(for the public to comment on the items below. Other items not listed can be raised but it would be helpful to email the clerk beforehand)*

Cllr Stroud joined the meeting.

There were 8 members of the public present. 7 were present to ask about the current status with Tideford playpark. The Council responded to say they were doing everything they could to move things along but the lease itself was still going through the legal process and they are tied in with Port Eliot timescales. The members of the public are considering a response themselves and the PC offered to help in providing contacts within Port Eliot or Savills if needed.

Mr Cousins came to speak about the A38. He said the transport science is divided. Evidence can show that building a by-pass may help with traffic flow and congestion but also traffic develops faster and travels faster to then fill the space. If the Parish Council are committed to net-zero, then evidence shows building a by-pass does not help with net zero. The amount of carbon tied up in building new roads is huge. He asked that if the PC were to vote on a possible new by-pass they consider and look at the evidence beforehand. He believes it needs an integrated approach.

Cllr Ewert said that the people who live along the A38 are suffering as a result of air quality. Cllr Pipe apologised about the last entry in the Nut Tree if it was misleading.

07.22/3 Apologies for absence

Cllr Hodge sent his apologies. He is unwell. Accepted by all.

07.22/4 Approval of Minutes of the June Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27

June 2022 (to approve the minutes as a correct record).

It was proposed by Cllr Stroud to approve the minutes. Seconded by Cllr Chilton. Agreed by 8 with 1 abstention (Cllr Skelton).

07.22/5 Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert – report on all relevant matters

Cllr Ewert has been receiving many complaints about the Port Eliot steam fair at the weekend. She has written to Event Planning in Cornwall Council.

With reference to the air quality monitoring devices in Tideford it appears that PM2.5 and NO2 are not aligning so Cornwall Council are not currently sharing the data. Cllr Ewert to follow this up with Cllr Witton and a meeting will be arranged for September time.

Cllr Ewert also mentioned about the prosperity fund that is available. The Clerk will be sent the details which she will place on the Parish Council website for all to see.

Cllr Ewert will be taking some time off over August but will respond to anything urgent.

Cllr Ewert left the meeting.

07.22/6 Planning Applications (please view all applications at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/online-planning-register/>)

1/ Application PA22/05657 – for information purposes only

Proposal Works to trees in a conservation area (CA), works include Yew tree 30% crown reduction

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

/2 Application PA22/06364

Proposal Single-storey rear extension.

Location 60 Lower Fairfield St Germans Cornwall PL12 5NH

There were two proposals.

(1) It was proposed by Cllr Stroud to support this application with the following comment: the flat roof is made into a green roof and the new windows are triple glazed. Seconded by Cllr Chilton. Agreed by 8 with 1 abstention (Cllr Witton).

(2) It was also proposed by Cllr Elliott that the cladding is sympathetic in colour. Seconded by Cllr Stroud. Agreed by 8 with 1 abstention (Cllr Witton).

07.22/7 Planning Applications received after publication of this agenda – None.

07.22/8 Planning Appeals – None.

07.22/9 Planning Decisions

/1 28/06/2022 PA22/02944 APPROVED

Location: Bechers Tideford Cross Saltash Cornwall PL12 5JY

Proposal Remodelling, alterations and two storey rear extension with variation of condition 2 of decision notice PA20/08824 dated 17/12/2020. **Noted.**

07.22/10 Planning Correspondence and Reports – None.

07.22/11 Planning matters raised by councillors – None.

07.22/12 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 14 July 2022

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 20 July 2022

Balance per bank statement as at 14.07.2022

Treasurers Account

£	£
37,838.05	37,838.05

Less: unpresented cheques as at 14 July 2022

From Treasurers Account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount £
000937	Clive Murphy internal auditor	524.12
000940	PMP NutTree June 2022 ed. Inv 8726	161.93
		£686.05

Net bank balance as at 14 July 2022**£37,152.00****Balance per Clerks sheet as at 14 July 2022****£37,152.00****Current financial position - Bank Reconciliation for Lloyds Instant Savings account**

Local Council Name – St Germans Parish Council

County - Cornwall

Financial period ending 30 June 2022

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 20 July 2022

Balance

Instant Account

£	£
40,006.62	

Less: unpresented cheques as at 30 June 2022

From Instant Account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount
No cheques		

(£0.00)**Interest earned 9 May 2022****+0.31p****Interest earned 9 June 2022****+0.34p****Net bank balance as at 30 June 2022****£40,007.27****Balance per Clerks sheet as at 30 June 22****£40,007.27****Current financial position - Bank Reconciliation for Nat West Community Current account**

Local Council Name – St Germans Parish Council

County - Cornwall

Financial period ending 30 June 2022

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 20 July 2022

Balance as at 30.06.2022

Current account

£	£
80,000.00	80,000.00

Less: unpresented cheques as at 30 June 2022

From current account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount
No cheques		

(£0.00)

Net bank balance as at 30 June 2022

£80,000.00

Balance per Clerks sheet as at 30 June 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 30 June 2022

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 20 July 2022

Balance as at 30.06.2022

Current account

£
70,000.00

£
70,000.00

Less: unpresented cheques as at 30 June 2022

From current account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount
No cheques		

(£0.00)

Net bank balance as at 30 June 2022

£70,000.00

Balance per Clerks sheet as at 30 June 22

£70,000.00

The bank reconciliations were distributed to all councillors. Cllr Stroud 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

Income & expenditure for St Germans Parish Council 25 July 2022

EXPENDITURE

EXPENDITURE Date	Details	Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Nett (£)	Cheque No
25.07.22	Clerk's July 2022 expenses	£44.95	Nil	£44.95	000835
16.07.22	Clerk's July 2022 salary+ processing fees	£	£	£	D.D
16.06.22	Clerk's Pension	£	Nil	£	D.D
22.07.22	£11.00 Clerk's mobile	£11.55	£1.92	£9.63	D.D
15.07.22	Southern Electric – Tideford lighting	£6.35	0.30p	£6.05	D.D
25.07.22	RBL hall hire	£30.00	Nil	£30.00	000836
25.07.22	SLCC annual membership	£171.00	Nil	£171.00	000837
25.07.22	Legal fees for June 2022 (PE lease)	£76.68	£12.78	£63.80	000838

25.07.22	PMP – Nut Tree July edition	£161.93	Nil	£161.93	000839
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INCOME

Date	Details	Amount(£)
28.06.22	Searle memorial	£95.00

The income and expenditure schedule was distributed to all councillors. (The schedule presented at the meeting had the gross and nett amounts around the wrong way). Cllr Stroud proposed the schedule was corrected (above) and the amounts approved. Seconded by Cllr Elliott. Agreed by all.

The cheque signatories are Cllr Pipe and Cllr Barnes.

07.22/13 Request for spending

/1 +£10.00 + £15.00 Vat **Empowering communities conference (NALC)** for Cllr Griffin – It was proposed by Cllr Stroud to approve. Seconded by Cllr Hale. Agreed by all.

/2 **PC PO Box** £209.10/£310.00 – The PO box service will be replaced by housing an external mail box on the Polbathic village hall. Also see matters arising (below).

07.22/14 Burial ground

/1 **Scything quotation for wildflower areas £150.00** – It was requested that a formal quotation is provided and the proposer tries to scythe the area (as a test beforehand).

/2 **Burial cover for office closure \ legal requirements** – It was proposed by Cllr Witton that the PC put any burial mattes on hold until the Clerk returns. Cllr Elliott and Cllr Chilton offered to take any phone\email enquiries. Seconded by Cllr Stroud. Agreed by all.

07.22/15 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.)

Polbathic village hall have offered to house the PC mailbox on their outside wall. It was proposed by Cllr Hale to support this, seconded by Cllr Stroud. Agreed by 9 with 1 abstention (Cllr Barnes).

07.22/16 Tideford park lease renewal with Port Eliot – There were three proposals:

(1) It was proposed by Cllr Stroud that the PC write to Savills (Henry) to ask if Port Eliot will sell the playpark land? Seconded by Cllr Hale. Agreed by 7 with 1 abstention (Cllr Skelton) and 1 against (Cllr Griffin).

(2) Cllr Skelton proposed a meeting be arranged with Henry of Savills. Seconded by Cllr Witton. Agreed by 8 with 1 abstention (Cllr Elliott).

(3) Port Eliot's Solicitor had contacted the PC Solicitor to say the current undertaking the PC have already paid has been used up and can they pay more. It was proposed by Cllr Skelton that the PC will pay their fees but is it likely to increase any more than £2,500.00 +VAT? Seconded by Cllr Chilton. Agreed by all. Cllr Pipe said she would be happy to speak to our Solicitor if of use.

07.22/17 Polbathic car park/bus shelter – Cllr Witton reported that the existing Polbathic bus shelter is built on a licence agreement and will need approval before demolition. Catherine Thomson is looking at the land situation.

07.22/18 Highways

/1 **A38** – Nothing more to report.

/2 **The Causeway St Germans** – There is structural work to be carried out along the wall

besides the path in St Germans.

Meeting closed by the Chair.

/3 Bus cuts – A member of the public spoke about bus cuts.

Meeting opened by the Chair.

07.22/19 Neighbourhood planning working group – adjourned.

07.22/20 Millennium gardens tree report – Cllr Witton proposed himself and Cllr Barnes to meet with Tom Cox to look at the paving slabs as per the report and progress the problem. Seconded by Cllr Stroud. Agreed by all.

07.22/21 The event safety guide (the purple book) – Cllr Stroud proposed the PC pay for 1 years subscription at £25.00 to see the value. Seconded by Cllr Griffin. 9 in agreement with 1 abstention.

07.22/22 Nut Tree – The next issue will be written by Cllr Griffin.

07.22/23 Review of policies and working documents – The Clerk offered to review the existing policies and make recommendations but Cllr Witton proposed a working party was established who then look at all policies/working docs and consider more; one every so often. A September meeting to be established. Seconded by Cllr Barnes. Agreed by all. The working party will be Cllrs Pipe, Barnes, Griffin, Skelton and Witton.

07.22/24 Twinning invitation – Cllr Pipe said that whilst the PC support the twinning association, no councillor was able to accept the invitation for this October and the Clerk was asked to write explaining this.

07.22/25 Climate engagement training and mentoring – Cllr Griffin highlighted the benefits of joining this training and proposed it was supported. Seconded by Cllr Stroud. Agreed by all. Cllrs Griffin, Hale and Stroud to join.

07.22/26 Community Emergency Plan – Cllrs Griffin, Hodge and Witton met and they feel there needs to be a plan for all 4 wards. The next Nut Tree is asking for community volunteers to come forward.

07.22/27 To note office closure – 8-29 August 2022.

07.22/28 South West water – Cllr Witton to write to the Marine Management Organisation about concerns with water quality, etc. The Clerk will forward the South West Water offer of financial support to the local 'Well-being hub' and display on website.

07.22/29 CALC training courses – Noted.

07.22/30 Facebook – It was agreed that a policy is needed before any Cllrs engage on facebook.

07.22/31 Parish Councillor reports – *reports circulated does anyone have points or questions to raise?*

1/ Rame Cluster – Cllr Witton reported the Highways signs for St Germans have been approved. It has been suggested about having a pedestrian crossing in Polbathic.

07.22/32 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 Barnes has inspected the footpath from Polbathic to Buttervilla and confirms it is very overgrown. Clerk to continue to follow up.

The VAS (by the garage) does not appear to be working. Clerk to report.

The manhole covers on the A374 are loose. Clerk to report.

Cllr Hale mentioned about the current net carbon initiative that could be raised in the Climate Action group.

07.22/33 Playparks

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

/2 Tideford – Cllr Skelton to do the next weekly inspections. Cllr Hale to be shown by Cllr Skelton what to do.

07.22/34 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.**

07.22/35 Correspondence

/1 The Rural Bulletin – **noted.**

/2 Tamar Valley bulletin – **noted.**

/3 Keep Britain tidy – **noted.**

/4 Cornwall Council support for those with financial worries – **noted.**

/5 Road closure Whitpot Hill – 1-2 August 2022 – **noted.**

/6 Road closure Barn Hill – 2-3 August 2022 – **noted.**

Meeting closed at 8:55pm.

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

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Date