

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
AT ELIOT HALL, ST GERMANS AT 6.30PM.**

**Present:**

**Tideford Ward:** Councillor. A Hodge.  
**St Germans Ward:** Councillors. B Skelton, R Elliot.  
**Polbathic Ward:** None  
**Bethany Ward:** Councillors. P Pipe (Chair)

**Also attending:** Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)  
Five members of the public.

**Public Forum:** The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the members of the public to address the council, if they so wished.

Mrs Sue Cousins reported she was standing down from her commitments as a contributor and distributor for the Nut Tree magazine for St Germans but was prepared to deliver the April edition. The Chairman thanked her, and her husband for their hard work and dedication over many years.

The applicant for planning application PA24/01169 (agenda item 5b) attended to explain their reasons for the application and answer any questions.

Resident of Trerulefoot attended to express their concerns about planning application PA24/01169 (agenda item 5b) and the impact they felt this type of development would have on the local area including their property and business. They also made reference to Cornwall planning policies. An email outlining their concerns had been sent to the parish council.

**1.. Apologies for absence** were received Cllrs. P Chilton, S Barnes, N Witton and Cllr. K Ewert (Cornwall Councillor).

**2. Declarations of Interest.** None declared at this stage of the meeting.

**3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman Proposed by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Hodge and agreed by those who attended.

**4. Report from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert.** No report presented at this meeting.

**5. Planning applications – to discuss the following applications:**

- a) **PA24/00946 1 The Cottages, Polbathic – Removal of derelict garage and construction of new 2 storey dwelling.** The parish council object to this application as the design and materials are not in-keeping with neighbouring properties. The proposal is out of character with the area. Proposed by Cllr Skelton, seconded by Cllr Elliott and supported by the majority. Cllr Pipe voted against this proposal.
- b) **PA24/01169 Broadacre Development, Trerulefoot – Development of a new storage building and associated parking and set down area.** Councillors agreed to visit the site on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 to look at the proposals. Following the site meeting the council's comments will be sent to the Cornwall Council planning department and recorded in these minutes.

The parish council object to this application for the following reasons:-

- 1) it is a green field site, used for agriculture in an area of great landscape value, and not an appropriate site for industrial use.
- 2) the increase in traffic for 16 light goods vehicles and deliveries of plant and materials is going to add to the difficulties at the A38 Trerulefoot roundabout.
- 3) this would also add to the traffic flow through Tideford.
- 4) extra light pollution, in addition to that already being created by the neighbouring service station and restaurant would increase the impact that can already be seen from a wide area.
- 5) the position of the site is not appropriate given the effect this would have on the neighbouring property Fairfield.
- 6) the noise from an industrial business would impact on the local area.
- 7) there is currently a narrow access to the east of the field, already used by numerous lorries and tractors and there is very little room for any more traffic even if the road was widened. This road has a footpath running across it to meet the A38.
- 8) the plans show a track to the west of the site running across an adjoining field, leading onto the A38. It would be dangerous to use this track as an access or exit point given its proximity to the Trerulefoot roundabout, the service station and the Menheniot / Bethany turning immediately opposite.

#### **6. Planning decisions and reports to be noted:**

- a) **PA23/10024** Marae Barn, St Germans – Conversion of outbuilding to annex together with extension. **Approved.** It was agreed to place an item on the agenda for the next meeting to address enforcement matters on this site.
- b) **PA24/00007** 3 Cuddenbeake Terrace, Quay Road, St Germans – Revised householder planning application for 1 off-road parking space (following refused application PA23/00118). **Approved.**
- c) **PA24/00490** Lynher House, St Germans – Proposed snooker room over existing garage. **Approved.**
- d) **PA24/00995** Causeway Cottage, Fore Street, St Germans – Roof covering and associated roof accessories replacement. Addition of secondary glazing to front elevation. **Awaiting a decision.**
- e) **PA24/00784** 1 Tiddy Close, St Germans – Proposed extension to front of bungalow. **Awaiting a decision.**

#### **7. Finance:**

- i. **To note and approve current financial position on all accounts.** The bank reconciliation was circulated by the Clerk and bank account balances confirmed by the Chairman.
- ii. **To approve and authorise the payment of accounts, as circulated.** It was proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr Skelton and unanimously agreed the accounts be paid. Cllr Hodge will speak to the RBL Tideford about increase in room hire costs.

Method	Payee	Details	Nett	Vat	Total
BACS	J Hoskin & HMRC	Salary & PAYE Jan 2024	909.84		909.84
BACS	Tamar Accounting	Monthly fee Nov & Dec	20.00	4.00	24.00
Cheque	Tideford & St Germans RBL	Room hire	50.00		50.00
Cheque	Parish Magazine Printing	Feb & March editions	389.20		389.20
Cheque	J Hoskin	Expenses	50.80		50.80
Direct debit	SSE	Tideford lighting January	13.07	0.65	13.72
Direct debit	SSE	Tideford lighting Feb	13.07	0.65	13.72

**8. Burial Ground – to receive an update on the work at the burial ground.** The Clerk had arranged a meeting with Pear Technology to update the digital records. Cllr Elliott advised the council that potentially 80 memorials stones were left to be levelled or raised. It was agreed to wait to see what impact the lowering of the grass cutting had on the site before carrying out any further work.

**9. Nut Tree – report for the next parish magazine.** Distribution of magazine was discussed and it was suggested that collections boxes be placed in various locations at St Germans for parishioners to collect a copy of the Nut Tree. Cllr Skelton offered to obtain some boxes.

**10. Parish Council Vacancies – co-option to fill the vacancies on the following parish wards:- Tideford (2).Polbathic (1) and St Germans (1).** There had been no response to the advertised vacancies.

**11. Update on the replacement directional sign at Bethany.** The sign had been repaired and refitted. The Chairman thanked Cllr Skelton for arranging this work.

**12. Church Road, Tideford – report from Cllr N Witton.** Cllr Hodge reported on a site meeting arranged for the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 with a representative from Cormac.

**13. Playparks – to identify and approve any matters requiring attention.**

i) **St Germans.** Cllr Elliott reported no issues and he was happy to continue with inspections for the forthcoming month.

ii) **Tideford** – Cllr Skelton reported that with the help of Cllr Hodge they had fixed a broken swing chain. It was agreed that owing to the condition of the gate costs be obtained to replace it. Cllr Skelton offered to carry out the inspections for April and Cllr Hodge will do the May reports.

**14. Parish Councillor reports:-**

i. **Safe 38 – Cllr Hodge** reported on the recent meeting and the funding that could be available.

**15. Matters arising from previous decisions, and any urgent matters (which cannot be voted on) at the discretion of the chair. Items for the next agenda.**

o Cllr Hodge had attended the online meeting organised by Sheviocock Parish Council that discussed road issues along the Torpoint twisters from Trerulefoot to Torpoint.

**16. Correspondence.** Noted. A concern about vehicles parking on the grass verges at Fairfields, St Germans will be passed to Cornwall Council Housing as they were the owners of the land. The art club will be sent a grant application form to complete and return. It was noted that new electric buses were travelling around the Torpoint and Rame Peninsula area.

**17. Port Elloit Estate – to confirm a date for Councillors to hold an informal meeting with Savills to discuss current matters and forthcoming events.** To be arranged.

**18. Parish Council Polices –** Review dates were noted.

**19. Date of the next meeting.** Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the RBL Hall, Tideford at 6.45pm.

**20. Annual Parish Meeting – date to be arranged.** Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6.15pm before the parish council meeting.

**21. To close the meeting.** There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.04pm

Dated.

Signed.