

ST GERMAN'S PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ST GERMAN'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT POLBATHIC HALL AT 6.30PM

Present:

Tideford Ward: Cllr A Hodge
St Germans Ward: Cllrs N Witton, R Elliott, B Skelton
Polbathic Ward: Cllr S Barnes
Bethany Ward: Cllrs P Pipe, P Chilton

Also attending: Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)
Cllr K Ewert (Cornwall Council)
Three members of the public

1.. Chairmans to open the meeting. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the members of the public to address the council, if they so wished.

- The applicant had attended to listen and observe, having been made aware his planning application (agenda item 7e) was considered at the last meeting. The resident informed the council that he had submitted further drawings and measurements to the planning department and outlined the dimensions and position for the proposed garage, presenting a copy of the plans to Councillors.
- Nicki Harwood detailed the work of The Creative Gym (Winter Art Club) and why an application for grant funding had been submitted. The club worked in conjunction with Volunteer Cornwall and planned to hold 12 sessions at the Eliot Hall.

2. Apologies for absence. None.

3. Declarations of Interest relating to matters on the agenda. Cllr Elliott declared an interest in agenda item 6b) planning application PA24/06426.

4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 29 July 2024. The minutes of the meeting held on the 29 July 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman noting that Cllrs Pipe, Barnes and Chilton had also attended the meeting at Port Eliot (agenda item 5). Also item 18 confirmed the electrical work being carried out within the Saltash tunnel. Proposed by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Barnes and agreed by the majority. Cllr Skelton abstained having not been at the meeting.

5. Report from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert. Cllr Ewert presented her report with little going on during the summer recess. The appearance of the 20mph signs in St Germans were noted. There was currently no traffic regulation order in place to enforce this limit.

The old cemetery had become overgrown. This was the responsibility of Cornwall Council, not the Parish Council.

Cllr Ewert had received no complaints following the recent music events at Port Eliot. The absence of security staff until the Thursday evening was noted. With the wet weather conditions traffic leaving the site had left mud on the road but this can be addressed for next year should the same situation arise.

Cllr Ewert also spoke about the need for extra trains in the South West.

6. **Planning applications – to discuss and vote whether or not to approve:-**
- a) **PA24/05652 Old East Iron Works, Polbathic – Reserved matters application for construction of 19 dwellings and landscaping following outline approval PA17/12198, without compliance of condition x of decision PA21/10521 dated 21.01.2022**
No objections, proposed by Cllr Skelton, seconded by Cllr Barnes and unanimously agreed.
 - b) **PA24/06426 Tyhanner, Old Road, Polbathic – Construction of incidental use building consisting of gym/lounge/home office and shower room and associated works.** Support, proposed by Cllr Witton, seconded by Cllr Barnes and unanimously agreed.

7. **Cornwall Council Planning decisions and reports** were noted. Application PA24/05016 (item 7e) was now supported.

- a) **PA24/03621 Keepers Cottage, Cutmere, Tideford – Demolition of existing conservatory / sun room and workshop and construction of a single storey extension.** Approved.
- b) **PA24/03222 1 -6 The Gallery, Gallery Lane, St Germans – Listed building consent for replacement flat roof decking. This will raise the roof by 130mm.** Approved.
- c) **PA24/04465 10 Bridge Road, Tideford – Proposal to remove existing outbuilding and construction of single storey side / rear extension with mono pitch tiled roof. Replacement of entrance and porch and an extension of existing easement allowing continued access around the property by a neighbour.** Approved.
- d) **PA24/04585 Lynher House, St Germans – Proposed laundry room with garden room over and amendments to previously approved snooker room over existing garage.** Approved.
- e) **PA24/05016 11 Fairfield, St Germans – Proposed garage.** Awaiting a decision. Having seen no details for this application the council unanimously agreed to support the application; proposed by Cllr Skelton, seconded by Cllr Witton.
- f) **PA24/02733 Horsemans Hill Farm, Trerulefoot – Change of use of site from agricultural to Regenerative Low Impact Development including erection of off-grid low-impact dwelling (retrospective), erection of polytunnel, erection of workshop and erection of compost toilet. Demolition of a shed.** Awaiting a decision.

8. **Planning Enforcement matters, if available.** Nothing to report.

9. **Finance:**

- i. **to note and approve current financial positions on all accounts.** The bank reconciliation was circulated by the Clerk and bank account balances confirmed by the Chairman. It was suggested the Clerk requests fortnightly bank statements.
- ii. **to approve and authorise the payment of accounts as circulated.** It was proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr Witton and unanimously agreed the accounts be approved and paid; noting the contractor had not yet trimmed around the notice board at Bethany.

BACS	J Hoskin & HMRC	Salary & PAYE	1058.88		1058.88
BACS	Tamar Accounting	Monthly fee	20.00	4.00	24.00
Cheque	Western Web – renewal	Domain/web space	160.00	32.00	192.00
Cheque	BH Garden Services	Grass cutting maint work	1935.00	387.00	2322.00

Cheque	N Witton	Costs for play area resin	44.60		44.60
Direct Debit	SSE	Street lighting Tideford			71.81

- iii. **to consider a grant application request from The Creative Gym (Winter Hub Art Club) following more information from the organisation.** Following a discussion and considering the information provided in the public session of this meeting, Councillors by the majority agreed to pay for the hire of the Eliot Hall for the winter art sessions. The hall to invoice the parish council directly. Proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr Chilton. Cllr Skelton did not support this decision feeling these sessions should not be free of charge for those who attended.
- iv. **reminder of the date for the F & GP meeting, Wednesday 25 September 2024 and items for this agenda.** The date and agenda items were noted.

(At this point of the meeting, Cllr Ewert and the member of the public left, the time being 7.40pm)

10. Burial Ground - to receive an update on the burial ground and approve any work required.

Cllr Chilton asked if the picnic tables from Bethany Chapel could be brought over to the burial ground as they were not being used. The Chairman wanted them to remain in situ. Cllr Witton stated a bench from the Treland site could be moved to the burial ground. The contractor will be asked to do this.

The broken branch on the nut tree would be looked at.

The annual cutting of the overgrown area not used for burials will be carried out within the next few weeks.

11. Nut Tree – report for the next parish magazine. Cllr True had agreed to write the report for the October edition. The Clerk will confirm he is still able to do this.

12. Parish Council Vacancies – response to the advertised vacancies for the following parish wards - Tideford (2), Polbathic (1) and co-option. Nothing to report.

13. Church Road, Tideford – update from Cllr Witton on the request for signage. Cllr Witton outlined the results from the Cormac radar report that recorded the speed of passing vehicles for the period 8th – 15th August 2024. Cllr Witton will discuss the report with a Cormac officer to establish if further action is required, and if so, how this can be addressed.

14. Consultation on the 20mph limit for St Germans – response on the consultation. Discussed under item 5 of this meeting. Cllr Witton will speak to Cormac about the 20mph signs that have been fitted around the village.

Cllr Witton will also seek information on any data obtained for traffic speeds for vehicles travelling between Polbathic and Trerulefoot.

15. Parish Council Policies – to authorise the Clerk, Cllr Witton and any other Councillor to review and update the council’s policies and report back. Agreed.

16. Playparks :- to identify and approve any matters requiring attention. The Clerk reported Cornwall Tree Consultancy were carrying out a survey of the trees within the play areas and burial ground on Monday, 16 September 2024.

i) **St Germans. To include the survey of the trees on the boundary hedge.** Cllr Witton had obtained the resin for the roundabout surfacing repair. No issues to report. Cllr Elliott offered to carry out the forthcoming inspections.

ii) **Tideford – Cllr Hodge** had no issues to report and would continue with the inspections.

17. 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.

- **St Germans sewage works** – Cllr Witton informed councillors of a meeting at the sewage works at 11.00am on the 4th September where a guided tour would be given and the opportunity to ask questions.
- **Overgrown vegetation.** Cllr Barnes reported the overhanging willow tree on the road from Polbathic towards Torpoint had been trimmed back. Cllrs. Witton and Barnes will look at areas in Polbathic that need trimming and speak to the contractor.

18. Parish Councillor reports - Safe 38: - Cllr Hodge reported on the date of the next meeting, 18th September 2024.

19. Defibrillators – update on the new maintenance contract with Duchy Defibrillators. Nothing to report. Councillors will continue to monitor the defibrillators in their own wards.

20. Footpaths – review of the footpaths and maintenance. To consider and approve the cost to trim back the beech hedge adjacent to the footpath at Lower Fairfield. Work on the paths was noted. Cormac were responsible for cutting the path from the railway bridge in Quarry Road, St Germans to Longfield; this being a designated highway.

21. Correspondence – Noted.

22. Date of next Parish Council meeting – the next meeting will be held on Monday, 30 September 2024 at the Eliot Hall, St Germans.

23. To close the meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Dated

Signed