

## ST GERMAN'S PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST GERMAN'S PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2024 AT THE RBL, TIDEFORD AT 6.30PM

#### Present:

<b>Tideford Ward:</b>	Cllr A Hodge (Vice Chairman)
<b>St Germans Ward:</b>	Cllrs. N Witton, J True, B Skelton
<b>Polbathic Ward:</b>	Cllrs. S Barnes, T Hooper.
<b>Bethany Ward:</b>	Cllrs. P Pipe (Chairman), P Chilton.

**Also attending:** Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)  
Two members of staff from Wildanet.

**1.. Chairman to open the meeting followed by the public session.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the representatives from Wildanet to address the meeting. Julie Jasper was their Community Ambassador and she explained the history of the Liskeard based company that had been providing broadband services since 2017 throughout Devon and Cornwall. Along with her was colleague Lewis from the network building side of the company, they explained the St Germans area was currently being surveyed to upgrade the connectivity as the current copper lines would be disconnected in 2017. The company was an independent provider but shared the infrastructure with BT. Local public consultation events would be held and residents invited to attend. Following questions, the Chairman thanked them both for attending. They left the meeting at 6.50pm.

**2. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr R Elliott and Cornwall Cllr. K Ewert.

**3. Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda.** Cllrs Witton and Barnes declared an interest on agenda item 6a) PA24/07205.

**4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 30 September 2024.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 30 September 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman; proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Chilton and agreed by those who attended. Cllr Skelton abstained.

**5. Report from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert.** Cllr Ewert was unable to attend the meeting. The Clerk will circulate her monthly update, once received.

#### **6. Planning applications –to discuss and vote whether or not to approve:-**

**a) PA24/07205 Quay Sailing Club, The Quay, Quay Road, St Germans – Listed Building Consent to install two low profile CCTV cameras on the Quay Sailing Club club house external walls, and one CCTV on Lime Kiln.** Cllrs Witton and Barnes left the meeting for this agenda item. It was proposed by Cllr Pipe, seconded by Cllr Hodge and unanimously agreed to defer this to the next meeting as the site notice had not been displayed.

**b) PA24/07305 North Cottage, Polbathic – Demolition of 1 sqm rear porch on existing double storey residential dwelling; and replacement with double storey rear extension. Single storey side extension and single storey front porch extension to be added respectively.** It was noted the correct address for this application was in Polbathic and not St Germans as written on the planning consultation letter to the parish council. The council resolved to object to this application for the following reasons; the proposal was an

overdevelopment of the site; the appearance was not in-keeping with the neighbouring properties and local area. Existing materials should be retained or renewed to match. Proposed by Cllr Witton, seconded by Cllr Hooper and agreed by the majority. Cllr Pipe abstained.

**7. Cornwall Council Planning decisions and reports to be noted:**

- a) **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.
- b) **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** Awaiting a decision. It was noted that previous work on this site had now stopped.
- c) **PA24/06426 Tyhanner, Old Road, Polbathic – Construction of incidental use building consisting of gym/lounge/home office and shower room and associated works.** Approved.
- d) **PA24/06721 1A Lower Fairfield, St Germans – replacement windows and external doors, rendered external wall insulation system, whole house ventilation system (MVHR).** Awaiting a decision.
- e) **PA24/06802 Treskelly Farm, St Germans – Extensions and alterations to existing house including solar PV panels to adjacent outbuilding.** Awaiting a decision.
- f) **PA24/07122 Causeway Cottage, Fore Street, St Germans – Non material amendments to decision PA21/03218 dated 10.06.2021 to change the proposed traditional solid garage door on the extension to an aluminium framed 3 pane glass bifold door in anthracite grey to match all other windows.** Approved.

**8. To note any Planning Enforcement matters that need to be reported.** Nothing to report.

**9. 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 Witton, seconded by Cllr Chilton and unanimously agreed the accounts be approved and paid.

Method	Payee	Details	Nett	Vat	Total
BACS	J Hoskin & HMRC	Salary & PAYE	1027.85		1027.85
BACS	Tamar Accounting	Monthly fee	20.00	4.00	24.00
Cheque	Parish Magazine Printing	Nut Tree November	184.16		184.16
Cheque	St Germans Eliot Hall	Room Hire Art Hub x 4	160.00		160.00
Cheque	Polbathic Recreation Room	Hire May, Sept, Nov	60.00		60.00
Cheque	Savills – Tideford rent	Balance for 2024/2025	32.50		32.50
Cheque	BH Gardens	Grass cutting etc	1840.00	368.00	2208.00
Cheque	Tideford & St Germans RBL	Room Hire October	40.00		40.00
Cheque	N Witton	Play area £ 17.16 Phone box repairs £378	395.16		395.16
Cheque	BDO LLP	Audit 2023/2024	315.00	63.00	378.00

The contractor will be asked to cut around the notice board at Bethany.

It was noted the St Germans Recreation Ground Committee were responsible for paying the rent to Port Eliot Estate. The Clerk will look at previous donations to this organisation.

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

Cllr Chilton reported the burial ground was looking tidy. The boundary trees needed to be trimmed especially one leaning towards the road.

An application had been received for a memorial tablet.

The Clerk had received an enquiry from a family wishing to exhume some cremated remains. They had been advised this was not legal without a special licence from Secretary of State and the Commission for burials and cremations.

It was reported that a memorial stone fixed on a plot without the permission of the owner would be removed.

**11. Nut Tree – report for the next parish magazine.** Cllr Witton offered to write the report for the December edition. No magazine in January. Cllr Pipe will submit a report for the February 2025 edition.

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

**13. Church Road, Tideford – update from Cllr Witton on the request for signage.** Cllr Witton had contacted Cormac to discuss alternative options that may reduce costs. Cllr Hodge questioned if a speed advisory sign could be placed further back the road with the possibility of connecting it through the street light rather than have a solar panelled sign.

**14. Consultation on the 20mph limit for St Germans – response on the consultation.** Nothing to report.

**15. Parish Council Policies – to be reviewed by the Clerk and Cllr Witton and presented to the parish council.** The Clerk had looked at the policy review timetable with the Equal Opportunities and Complaint policies next due for a review.

**16. Playparks and public areas:- to identify and approve any work requiring attention.**

i) **St Germans / Treland.** Cllr Witton reported the repairs to the surfacing would be completed once the weather improved. The Clerk will obtain a sign saying “please use the litter bins provided”. Cllr Skelton had two swing seats that could be used to replace existing swing seats.

ii) **Tideford.** Nothing to report. A minor repair had been completed on the post of the rope walk. Further maintenance work is required on the beam pole. Cllr Skelton will carry out the next inspections. Cllrs Witton and Skelton will look at the tree survey report and bring recommendations back to the parish council.

iii) **St Germans Memorial Gardens– ownership and maintenance.** It was agreed the Millennium seat be removed from this site owing to it’s poor condition. Agreed to place this item back on the agenda for the next meeting.

**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.**

- **Tideford Defibrillator** – The Clerk will ask Duchy Defibrillators to check the defib at Tideford following a comment to Cllr Hodge the unit may need replacing.
- **Port Eliot Estate** – Cllr Witton notified the meeting a copy of the event licence had not yet been received.

**18. Parish Councillor reports - Safe 38: - Cllr Hodge.** Cllr Hodge reported the October meeting has been cancelled. The start date for the repair works at the Saltash Tunnel had been delayed.

**19. To identify overgrown hedges and vegetation that need to be maintained by the landowners.** Nothing to report.

**20. Footpaths – review of the footpaths and identify any maintenance work required.** Nothing to report.

**21. Correspondence** – to be noted.

**22. Staffing Committee – to arrange a date for a staffing committee meeting.** The Clerk will liaise with the hall and staffing committee members to arrange a date.

**23. Date of next Parish Council meeting** – the next meeting will be held on Monday, 25 November 2024 at the Polbathic Hall.

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