

ST GERMAN'S PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST GERMAN'S PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2025 AT POLBATHIC HALL AT 6.30PM.

Present:

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

Also attending: Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk) and Cllr K Ewert (Cornwall Councillor)

1.. Chairman to open the meeting followed by the public session. The Chairman opened the meeting. There were no members of the public present.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J True.

3. Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda. None declared at this stage of the meeting.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 27 January 2025. The minutes of the meeting held on the 27 January 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Barnes, seconded by Cllr Hodge and unanimously agreed.

5. Report from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert. Cllr Ewert tabled her report confirming the car park at Cawsand was being devolved from Cornwall Council to Rame Parish Council. Cornwall Council had also agreed to keep the car park at Torpoint Sainsburys.

The Rame Peninsula Transport Group were seeking support to retain local transport links via rail and bus network services.

The Cornwall Council "lights off" will begin on the 3 March 2025 in St Germans where the street lighting will go off from midnight until 5.00am.

Cornwall Councillors will enter the sensitive pre-election period (previously known as purda) on the 14 March 2025.

(Cllr Ewert left at 6.40pm to attend another meeting)

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

a) No applications received at the date of the agenda.

Planning Matters – submission of planning application responses to Cornwall Council

Addressed under item 8 of this meeting.

7. Cornwall Council Planning decisions and reports to be noted: The Clerk had contacted the CC Planning Department on the timescale of decisions on applications a) and b) as they had gone beyond the termination date published. A response was read.

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
- c) **PA24/06315 Meadow Farm Annexe, Tideford Cross, Saltash – Proposed conversion of steel frame agricultural building into single dwelling.** Awaiting a decision.
- d) **PA24/09470 Lynher House, St Germans – Proposed replacement windows.** Awaiting a decision.
- e) **PA24/09029 Penquite Farm, Trerulefoot – Removal of existing agricultural shed and construction of new shed for use as dung store and cattle shed.** Awaiting a decision.

8. Parish Council Planning Committee – to formally agree that a planning committee is formed and to delegate planning decisions to this committee when required.
Resolve to make the necessary changes to the parish councils Standing Orders to include this new committee. To agree that the committee consists of a minimum four members elected by the parish council. The Council resolved to form a planning committee that would meet and consider planning applications that were received between the full council meetings, as and when required. An agenda would be published and circulated to all Councillors. Committee members to be Cllrs. Witton, Skelton, Barnes, Hodge and True.
 This would enable the Council to consider all applications without having to request a deferred response date, and would meet the timescale for consultee comments. Proposed by Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr Witton and unanimously agreed.

9. Finance

i) to note and approve current financial position on all accounts. The bank reconciliation was circulated by the Clerk and bank totals confirmed by the Chairman.

ii) to approve and authorise the payment of accounts, as circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr Barnes and unanimously agreed the accounts be approved and paid. It was proposed by Cllr Barnes, seconded by Cllr Elliott and unanimously agreed the Clerk registers the council for online banking.

The Clerk notified the council she had not presented a payment from Cornwall Council and she had requested details of why the invoice, relating to the lease for Tideford park, had been received. Cllr Hodge offered to assist the Clerk with this.

BACS	J Hoskin & HMRC	Salary & PAYE	1046.70		1046.70
BACS	Tamar Accounting	Monthly fee	20.00	4.00	24.00
Cheque	Polbathic Recreation Room	Room hire Feb 2025	20.00		20.00
Cheque	Tom Cox Tree Surgery	Tree work Treland park	550.00	110.00	660.00
Cheque	Parish Magazine Printing	Nut Tree	184.16		184.16

iv) update on the new Skipton Bank Account. The forms to be resubmitted to include a further signature. A cheque was raised for £50 to open the account. Proposed by Cllr Skelton, seconded by Cllr Chilton and unanimously agreed. Additional money will be paid into this account when it is fully operational.

v) **Appointment of Auditor for the 2024/2025 financial year.** It was agreed to appoint L Coles to carry out the audit (same auditor used for 2023/2024 accounts).

10. Parish Councillor reports

i) **Safe 38: - Cllr Hodge.** Cllr Hodge reported on the meeting held on the 19 February 2025 which discussed the Peninsula Transport Group Implementation Plan 2025-2050.

Work to install average speed cameras between Carkeel and Trerulefoot had been delayed by a few weeks. The scheme will also reduce the speed of traffic through Tideford and Landrake from 40mph to 30mph.

The Plymouth Metro were looking at links between Likeard and Ivybridge.

The next Safe A38 meeting was scheduled for the 19 March 2025.

Cllr Barnes notified the meeting that vehicles continued to park in the lay-by adjacent to the railway line just off Trerulefoot Roundabout on the A374.

ii) **Port Eliot – feedback from the meeting with Sam Hunkin (Savills).** Cllr Witton gave a review of the meeting that discussed matters relating to the estate including future plans, solar panels, St Germans Station, the Millennium Gardens, SWWA depositing of sludge on Port Eliot land and forthcoming festival events. This was a positive informal meeting that enabled both parties to discuss various issues relating to the parish and the estate.

11. 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.

- **A38 Brightside Restaurant at Trerulefoot.** It was noted that a temporary events licence had been obtained for a drive through cinema event being held on the 29 March 2025. The clerk will seek confirmation on this.

12. Correspondence – to be noted. To consider the distribution of Lucy Lords questionnaire for her dissertation. To discuss the letter from Redruth Town Council re: second home council tax.

Correspondence noted. Cllr Hooper had replied to the questionnaire from Lucy Lords and it was suggested a link to this be published in the Nut Tree.

The council supported the contents of the letter from Redruth Town Council on the distribution of second home council tax.

13. Staffing Committee – to confirm the date of the staffing committee meeting. Wednesday, 19 March 2025 at Eliot Hall followed by a meeting of the Burial Ground Committee.

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

The Clerk was working with Pear Technology to update the plan. The burial committee will review the fees and regulation at their meeting on the 19 March 2025.

It was proposed by Cllr Witton, seconded by Cllr Hodge and unanimously agreed to authorise expenditure up to £200 to pay the contractor to purchase the materials needed and install the new water tank. Costs over this amount will require a detailed quotation.

It was proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr Chilton and unanimously agreed to appoint a contractor to deal with the moles, as per the cost quoted.

15. Nut Tree – to nominate a Councillor to write a report for the next parish magazine. Cllr Witton to submit the report for the April edition.

16. Parish Council Vacancies – to agree this item be removed from the agenda owing to the elections in May 2025. Agreed.

17. Cornwall Council, Town & Parish Council elections 2025. Nominations packs. The Clerk will collect election nomination packs when available between the 3 – 7 March 2025. She will then meet and distribute them to Councillors.

18. Parish Council Policies – to review and approve the policies updated by the Clerk and Cllr Witton. The Clerk will amend the Standing Orders to include the newly formed planning committee.

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

i) **St Germans / Treland.** Cllr Elliott had no issues to report and will continue with the inspections for the next month.

Cllr Witton had met with contractors working alongside Wildanet who needed to carry out some underground investigatory work in the park relating to the broadband cables.

Cllr Skelton will visit a neighbour about the trees on the boundary hedge. Work had already been completed to address the work required in the tree survey report.

ii) **Tideford.** Cllr Skelton had no issues to report. The grass needed cutting when the weather allows. Cllr Hodge will complete inspections for the next month.

20. Date of next Parish Council meeting – the next meeting will be held on Monday, 31 March 2025 at The Eliot Hall, St Germans.

21. To close the meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Dated. 31 March 2025

Signed.