

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 28 JULY 2025 AT THE RBL, TIDEFORD STARTING AT 6.30PM.

Present:

Tideford Ward: Cllr. A Hodge.
St Germans Ward: Cllrs. R Elliott, B Skelton, J True,
Polbathic Ward: Cllrs. S Barnes, T Hooper.
Bethany Ward: Cllrs. P Pipe (Chairman), P Chilton.

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

1.. Chairman to open the meeting followed by the public session. The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming the members of the public.

Residents of St Germans expressed their concerns about the work being carried out at the Three Corner Field where inert waste material was being brought onto the land and what appeared to be levelling of the site that could impact on the watercourse and natural springs. There was a history to this site which had allowed public access and the planting of memorial trees.

The field that lies within a conservations area also fronts onto three listed properties.

The land was owned by the Port Eliot Estate.

The parish council and Cllr K Ewert offered to contact Cornwall Council Planning Enforcement and the Environment Agency. The parish council will also send a letter to Lady Eliot advising her that the parish council had been made aware of the activities on the site.

2. Apologies for absence. None.

3. Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda. Cllr Hodges declared an interest on agenda item 8a) planning application PA25/03903

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 30 June 2025. The minutes of the meeting held on the 30 June 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Eliot, seconded by Cllr Barnes and unanimously agreed.

5. Report from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert. Cllr Ewert gave an updated on the A38 average speed cameras being installed between Carkeel and Trerulefoot, along with additional work planned for Tideford. The bus stop and pedestrian island work on the A374 at Trerulefoot was planned to start in the September 2025.

Cllr Ewert also spoke about the pedestrian and traffic management for the forthcoming festival events at Port Eliot.

Cllr Ewert notified Councillors she had been elected on to the Tamar Crossings joint committee.

Cllr Skelton questions the repair work to the damaged wall adjacent to the park at St Germans. Cllr Ewert confirmed the bus company had accepted liability and the repair would be done once costs and insurance had been sorted.

(Cllr Ewert left at 7.08pm to attend another meeting)

6. Three Corner field, St Germans – work being carried out. Discussed under Item 1 of this meeting. Councillors supported the actions to be taken; proposed by Cllr Skelton, seconded by Cllr Hooper and unanimously agreed.

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

Artificial flowers. Cllr Chilton had met Mr Stacey (monumental mason) to discuss the remainder of the work to raise the memorial tablets to ground level. Councillors agreed to carry out the work on a further 20 tablets, the cost being the same as before. The clerk will order 2 dumpy bags of topsoil.

Cllr Chilton spoke about an alternative for memorial flowers and the use of spiked vases. Costs will be obtained for the council to consider this in the future. Cllr Chilton wanted to look after the graves that were no longer visited. A meeting of the burial committee will be held to discuss options available.

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

a) PA25/03903 North Wall Farm, Tideford Crosss – Proposed enlargement of existing access to allow for vehicular access and additional parking. Cllr Hodge declared an interest and left the meeting for this item. Cllr Skelton abstained from voting. Support, proposed by Cllr Barnes, seconded by Cllr Elliott and agreed by the majority.

Planning Matters – to note any planning matters requiring attention. No matters reported.

9. Cornwall Council Planning decisions and reports to be noted:

a) PA25/04243 The Old Rectory, Old Quay Lane, St Germans – Works to trees in a Conservation Area for conifer (T1) and conifer (T2) remove. Trees have grown very large and are losing branches in high winds and overshadowing mature oak and beech trees which are becoming out of shape due to overcrowding. Plum (T3) – reduce by 1 metre to a height of 4 metres. Decided not to make a TPO. Noted.

10. Finance

i) to note and approve current financial position on all accounts. The bank reconciliation was circulated and bank 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 Chilton and unanimously agreed the account be paid.

BACS	J Hoskin & HMRC	Salary & PAYE	1063.01		1063.01
BACS	Tamar Accounting	Monthly fee	20.00	4.00	24.00
Cheque	Tideford & St Germans RBL	Room hire	40.00		40.00
Cheque	Parish Magazine Printing	Nut Tree August	259.37		259.37
Cheque	Lloyd Edwards	Paint etc for railings	271.75		271.75
Cheque	BH Gardens	Grass cutting etc	1520.00	304.00	1824.00

iv) update on the new bank account. Awaiting completion. The council agreed the amount to be transferred to the new bank account; proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr Hopper and unanimously agreed.

11. Repairs and repainting of the metal railings on the causeway adjacent to the cemetery in St Germans (old and new). Update. Councillors had been forwarded the latest emails from both Cormac and the contractors who were going to carry out the work.

12. Parish Councillor reports

i) Safe 38: - Cllr Hodge notified the council there were no meetings until September 2025, and he reiterated the developments along the A38 as reported by Cllr K Ewert (item 5 of this meeting).

ii) **Cornwall Council Community Area Partnership Meeting (CAP)** – Cllr Hodge confirmed the next meeting was being held in October 2025.

13. 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.

Budges Shop direction sign – The Clerk will report the broken sign to Cormac.

14. Correspondence – to be noted. Noted.

Code of Conduct - Cllr Pipe had watched the Cornwall Council online Code of Conduct training session.

Bridge Road Dog Bin – Councillors approved the £50 needed to repair the post for the dog bin in Bridge Road. Proposed by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Barnes and unanimously agreed.

Cornwall Association of Local Council – Councillors agreed not to become members of CALC this year.

15 Nut Tree – to nominate a Councillor to write a report for the next parish magazine. There was no magazine in September 2025. The Clerk will submit a report for the October edition.

16. Traffic noise and speed through Polbathic. Cllr Barnes reported the ongoing speed of traffic through Polbathic with many drivers exceeding the speed limit, many with load exhaust noise. Cllr Hodge offered to mention this to the police at the next CAP meeting. Cllr Hodge had attended two meetings about the “Torpoint Twisters” arranged by Shevioc Parish Council when it was suggested a survey be carried out between Trerulefoot and Torpoint but had heard nothing since.

17. To consider seeking volunteers to reinstate the Community Speed Watch. Nothing to report. It was noted that many volunteers carrying out Community Speed Watch had felt intimidated by motorists and the public.

18. Parish Council Policies – update on the next policy to be reviewed. Cllr True had looked at the Freedom of Information policy and will circulate to Councillors.

The Clerk and Cllr Hodge will review the Grant Application policy and Complaint policy.

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

i) **St Germans / Treland.** Cllr True reported on the inspections at Treland and identified a bolt on the handle of the see-saw that needed tightening. Cllr Elliott offered to do this. Weeds around the perimeter of the park need treating. The Clerk will speak to the contractor. Cllr Elliott will carry out the next inspections.

ii) **Tideford.** Cllr Skelton had no issues to report with the equipment. The grass had been cut. Weeds in the basketball area need treating and the inside of the boundary hedge (adjacent to the car park) needed to be cut back. Cllr Skelton will carry out the August inspections.

20. Date of next Parish Council meeting – Monday, 1st September 2025 at Polbathic Hall
The following meeting will be held on Monday, 29th September 2025 at the Eliot Hall, St Germans.

21. To close the meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Dated. 1 September 2025

Signed.