

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025 AT POLBATHIC HALL STARTING AT 6.30PM.

Present:

Tideford Ward: Cllrs. A Hodge, T Price.

St Germans Ward: Cllrs. J True

Polbathic Ward: None

Bethany Ward: Cllr P Pipe

Also attending: Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk), Cllr K Ewert (Cornwall Council) and one member of the public.

1.. Chairman to open the meeting followed by the public session. The Chairman welcomed the member of the public and invited them to address the Council, if they so wished.

Nigel Witton reported on the completion of the work to repair and repaint the metal railings in St Germans, a project he had started when he was a Councillor and managed throughout the duration of the work. The railings were 632 feet in length. The dog waste bin had been moved, and the general rubbish bin had been emptied and a new bag fitted inside. The Chairman thank Nigel for his work and expressed the councils appreciation to Cllr Hodge, Cormac and the contractor who carried out the work.

A question was raised about the asset transfer of St Germans Play Park to the Parish Council. Cllr Ewert offered to obtain an update from Cornwall Council.

It was noted that an adjacent property had made a gateway into the woodland area, and someone had burnt the remains of an ash tree.

Councillors also noted a bus had got stuck on the traffic island in St Germans when trying to negotiate the junctions.

Hydrogen sulphate had been seen coming out the drains in Treglister Gardens during recent heavy rain; and residents of one property flooded with sewage will need to vacate their home until repair work had been carried out.

2. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs. P Chilton, B Skelton, S Barnes, R Elliott, T Hooper

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 meeting held on Monday, 28 July 2025. The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th July 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman following amendments to the grammar on Items 1 and 5. Proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Hodge and unanimously agreed.

5. Report from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert. Cllr Ewert notified Councillors of the quote to repair the damaged wall adjacent to St Germans Play Park. This had been accepted by Cormac and work should start within the next few weeks.

A planning enforcement case had been created for the operations going on at the Three Corner Field in St Germans. The local MP had been contacted by residents.

The Tunes in the Park at Port Eliot Estate was well organised overcoming the problems experienced with the Wild Gardens event organisers.

The Community Area Partnership (CAP) Highway Scheme would launch in the Autumn for minor highway works. Cllr Ewert had received a request for double yellow lines in areas of St Germans although this would restrict some parking in the village if implemented.

Residents of Tideford appeared happy with the reduced 30mph speed limit through the village. A consultation was being organised for a pedestrian controlled crossing for the village with the location yet to be confirmed.

(Cllr Ewert and the member of the public left the meeting at 7.50pm)

6. Three Corner field, St Germans – work being carried out. Nothing further to report. Item discussed under Item 5 of this meeting.

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

The Clerk and Cllr Elliott were monitoring the burial ground until Cllr Chilton was able to resume this duty.

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

a) **PA25/05878 Leycott, Tideford Cross – Proposed single storey rear extension.** Support; proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr True and unanimously agreed.

Planning Matters – to note any planning matters requiring attention. Nothing to report.

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

a) **PA25/03903 North Wall Farm, Tideford Crosss – Proposed enlargement of existing access to allow for vehicular access and additional parking.** Approved.

10. Finance

i) **to note and approve current financial position on all accounts.** The bank reconciliation was noted and bank balances checked by the Chairman.

ii) **to approve and authorise the payment of accounts, as circulated.** Councillors unanimously agreed the accounts be paid; proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr True.

The Clerk notified the council of the delayed salary payment owing to Tamar Accounting moving their payroll work to another office following David's retirement. This was discussed and the Chairman offered to speak to the company, if needed.

BACS	J Hoskin & HMRC	Salary & PAYE	1081.08		1081.08
BACS	Tamar Accounting	Monthly fee	20.00	4.00	24.00
Cheque	Polbathic Recreation Room	Room hire 01.09.2025	20.00		20.00
Cheque	Western Web	Annual renewal website	85.00	17.00	102.00
DD	Lloyds Bank	Charges June / July	5.75		5.75

iv) **update on the new bank account.** Awaiting completion.

11. Repairs and repainting of the metal railings on the causeway adjacent to the cemetery in St Germans (old and new). Update. Discussed under Item 1 of this meeting. It was agreed the contractor be paid as soon as possible following receipt of an invoice.

12. Parish Councillor reports

- i) **Safe 38: - Cllr Hodge – date for the September meeting.** There was no meeting in August. Cllr Hodge notified of the next meeting being held on the 17th September 2025.
- ii) **Cornwall Council Community Area Partnership Meeting (CAP) – Cllr Hodge – date for the October meeting to be confirmed.** Cllr Hodge stated this will be an online meeting with the date yet to be announced.

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.

Cllr True will speak to a representative from the Methodist Chapel and report back to the next meeting.

Cllr True had received copies of parish council paperwork from the family of a late Councillor. It was established this was only Councillor copies and they could be destroyed. Cllr True to action.

14. Correspondence – Circulated and noted.

15 Nut Tree – to nominate a Councillor to write a report for the next parish magazine. The Clerk will submit the report for the October edition.

16. Parish Council Policies – Review of the parish councils Grants Policy and Complaints Policy – Clerk and Cllr Hodge. Review completed with no recommended changes.

Freedom of Information Policy – Cllr True had amended the policy and will circulate to Councillors. Approved.

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

i) **St Germans / Treland.** No issues to report. The Clerk notified the meeting that the Tree Consultancy Company were visiting the park today. The report will be circulated, once received.

ii) **Tideford.** Cllr Hodge reported a loose bolt on the slide had been tightened. Costs are being obtained to carry out maintenance work to the log walk. Trees on the boundary hedge needed to be trimmed. The Clerk will speak to the contractor.

18. Date of next Parish Council meeting – Monday, 29th September 2025 at the Eliot Hall, St Germans.

19. To close the meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.43pm

Dated.

Signed.