

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT THE ELIOT HALL, ST GERMANS STARTING AT 6.30

Present:

Tideford Ward: None.
St Germans Ward: Cllrs. R Elliott, J True.
Polbathic Ward: Cllr. T Hooper.
Bethany Ward: Cllrs. P Pipe (Chairman), P Chilton.

Also attending: Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)
Three members of the public.

1.. Chairman to open the meeting followed by the public session. The Chairman welcomed everyone, opened the meeting and invited the members of the public to address the council, if they so wished. Representatives from St Germans Snooker Club spoke about their resources, the lack of investment within the building over many years and the need to now upgrade the facilities and the including a replacement cloth for the snooker table, new floor covering, upgrading of the heating and lightening and improvements to insulation and seating. The team was enrolled in the Liskeard league. The projects costs were identified and club members confirmed the amount of funding that had already been raised which was a little short of the match funding approved by Sport England. The Chairman thanked the club for coming along and presenting their grant application request (agenda item 9iii)
Members of the public left the meeting at 6.40pm.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A Hodge, T Price, B Skelton and Cllr K Ewert.

3. Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda. Cllr True declared an interest on agenda item 9iii) grant application from St Germans Snooker Club.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 1st September 2025. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st September 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman following an amendment to Item 5. Proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Pipe and agreed by the majority. Cllrs Hooper, Chilton and Elliott abstained.

5. Report from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert. Cllr Ewert was unable to attend the meeting and present a report.

6. Burial Ground – to receive an update on the burial ground and approve any work required. Cllr Chilton reported that glass bottles were still being left on two burial plots that the contractor was unable to trim. It was agreed the matter be addressed by the Burial Committee along with a review of the wooden fencing around the cremated remains area.

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

- a) PA25/05900 Agricultural Shed, Tideford Cross Lane, Tideford – Erection of a single self-build dwelling.** Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Pipe, seconded by Cllr True and unanimously agreed to arrange a site meeting for this site.

- b) PA25/06259 Land South of Clover Park, Tideford Cross – Temporary agricultural workers dwelling.** The Council resolved to support this application with the recommendation that permission be granted for a period not exceeding five years. Proposed by Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr True.

Planning Matters – to note any planning matters requiring attention.

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

- a) PA25/05878 Leycott, Tideford Cross – Proposed single storey rear extension.** It was noted this application had been approved.

9. Finance

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

- ii) to approve and authorise the payment of accounts, as circulated.** It was proposed by Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Hooper and unanimously agreed the accounts be paid.

J Hoskin & HMRC	Salary & PAYE	960.96		960.96
Tamar Accounting	Monthly fee	20.00	4.00	24.00
Eliot Hall	Room hire 29.09.2025	22.00		22.00
Parish Magazine Printing	October 2025	221.76		221.76
Lloyds Bank	Charges July / Aug	8.75		8.75
BH Garden Services	Cutting, maint Aug/Sept	1710.00	342.00	2052.00

- iii) to consider a grant application from St Germans Snooker Club.** Cllr True declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

Having considered the application and tonight's report from Committee members it was proposed by Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr Chilton and unanimously agreed the Parish Council grant £1,000 towards the cost of the project.

- iv) changes to bank signatories – to add Cllr True.** It was agreed Cllr True be added as a signatory on the Parish Council bank accounts.

- v) update on the new bank account.** Nothing to report.

- vi) conclusion of the 2024/2025 Audit.** The Clerk announced the audit had been completed and the notices were distributed for the notice boards.

10. Mill Road, Tideford – Proposed pedestrian crossing and consultation. The Parish Council supported the provision of a pedestrian crossing. Councillors had received no feedback from residents.

11. Parish Councillor reports

- i) Safe 38: - Cllr Hodge – date for the September meeting.** Cllr Hodge was unable to attend this meeting but would forward a written report for Councillors.

- ii) Cornwall Council Community Area Partnership Meeting (CAP) – Cllr Hodge – date for the October meeting to be confirmed.** Nothing to report.

12. 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.

- **Remembrance Service** – Cllr True offered to circulate details of the service being held on the 9th November 2025.
- **Bathany Chapel** – The Clerk notified Councillors that a Methodist Church building near St Austell had been sold to the local Parish Council for community use. Was the purchasing of Bathany Chapel something the Parish Council wanted to pursue in the future?

13. Correspondence – to be noted. The Parish Council continued to receive email updates about the tipping operations continuing at the Three Corner Field in St Germans.

14. Nut Tree – to nominate a Councillor to write a report for the next parish magazine. Cllr True agreed to write a report for the November edition. The Chairman asked Councillors to join others in submitting reports for the magazine.

15. Parish Council Policies – to confirm the next policy review and elect a councillor to look at this with the Clerk. Cllr True offered to look at the GDPR policy.

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

i) St Germans / Treland. Cllr Elliott reported on the gate scraping the ground surface when opened. Cllr Elliott and True will look at the work needed to adjust the hinges.

The Clerk will circulate the annual play park inspection report along with the tree survey report once received. Cllr True offered to carry out the next inspections.

ii) Tideford. Cllr Hodge was unable to attend the meeting and present his report. The Clerk will circulate the annual play park report once received.

17. Parish Council vacancies and Councillor resignations. Cllr Pipe announced her resignation from the Parish Council as she was moving away from the parish. On behalf of the Parish Council Cllr True proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Patricia Pipe and her long service and dedication to the Parish Council and its residents.

18. Date of next Parish Council meeting – Monday, 27th October 2025 at the RBL, Tideford. St Germans.

19. To close the meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40pm

Dated:

Signed: