

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 27TH OCTOBER 2025 AT THE RBL, TIDEFORD AT 6.30PM

Present:

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

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

1.. Chairman to open the meeting followed by the public session. Cllr Elliott chaired the proceedings for this meeting and invited the public to address the council, if they so wished. Applicants for the planning applications on tonight's agenda explained the details of their proposals. A representative on behalf of the Eliot Hall was seeking the councils continued support with the Service Level Agreement for the public toilets in St Germans. Residents from St Germans continued to raise concerns about the operations taking place at the Three Corner Field. The Parish Council confirmed the EA and Cornwall Council Planning Enforcement departments were being kept up to date, and Cllr Ewert was fully informed of the situation. The Clerk confirmed the Parish Council had no powers to intervene but had continued to note the public concerns and report matters to the appropriate authorities. It was suggested a representative from the Port Eliot Estate be invited to a meeting of the Parish Council.

The public session closed at 7.00pm.

2. Apologies for absence. None.

3. Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda. Cllr Hodge declared an interest in agenda item 7 – planning applications PA25/05900 and PA25/06689.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 29th September 2025. The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th September 2025 were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman following amendments to items 1 and 12. Proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Chilton and agreed by the majority. Cllrs Hodge, Skelton and Price abstained having not attended this meeting.

5. Report from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert. Cllr Ewert spoke about the Tideford Crossing Consultation that had now closed. There were 37 responses, with 28 in favour, 5 with added measures and 4 objections. The work will now proceed.

Cllr Hodge requested a larger sign for the car park at Tideford.

The wall, damaged by a bus, adjacent to the Treland play area had now been repaired.

Cllr Ewert spoke about the Cornwall Area Partnership Community Network Highway Scheme and invited the parish to put forward an application for the 2026 year.

A safety review had been carried out along the A374 Trerulefoot to Torpoint that identified improvement work and signage.

Cllr Ewert left at 7.10pm to attend another meeting.

6. Burial Ground – to receive an update and approve any work required. Cllr Chilton reported more moles hills had appeared across the site and the contractor had been asked to return. Trimming work would be carried out the next week. The contractor will also visit Bethany to cut the area around the war memorial.

7. Planning applications –to discuss and vote whether or not to approve:- Cllr Hodge declared an interest and left the meeting for planning applications a) and b).

a) PA25/05900 Agricultural shed, Tideford Cross Lane – Erection of a single self-build dwelling. Support. The application was in-keeping with the village and using local materials. Proposed by Cllr Chilton, seconded by Cllr True and unanimously agreed.

b) PA25/06689 Land North West of Orchard Close, Tideford Cross Lane – Change of use from agricultural land to Sui Generis to use as a dog walking field. The field will remain a level meadow and have fencing of 1.8m utilising current hard standing and buildings. Support, proposed by Cllr Price, seconded by Cllr Skelton and unanimously agreed.

c) PA25/07097 The Coach House, Nut Tree Hill, St Germans – Redevelopment of existing workshop , internal and external amendments, addition of solar panels. Support, recommending the solar panels are not fitted on side of the roof facing the road as the property is within a conservation area. Proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Skelton and unanimously agreed.

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 – Approved.

b) PA25/06259 Land South of Clover Park, Tideford Cross – Temporary agricultural workers dwelling – Awaiting a decision.

9. Finance

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

ii) to approve and authorise the payment of accounts, as circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Hopper, seconded by Cllr Chilton and unanimously agreed the accounts be paid, withholding the payment to Cornwall Tree Consultancy until the report had been received.

Salaries & HMRC	Salary & PAYE	1029.60		1029.60
Tamar Accounting	Monthly fee	20.00	4.00	24.00
Tideford RBL	Room hire	40.00		40.00
BDO LLP	Audit 2024-2025	315.00	63.00	378.00
St Germans Eliot Hall	Winter Art Hub Oct-Dec	450.00		450.00
Savills – Annual fee	Tideford play park	100.00		100.00
AJ Gallagher	Insurance renewal	2174.43		2174.43
Ashley Dowden	Tree consultancy report	350.80		350.80
Parish Magazine Printing	November edition	221.76		221.76
Lloyds Bank	Charges Sept/Oct	6.75		6.75

iii) **to arrange a date for the Finance Committee meeting.** Clerk to arrange.

iv) **Insurance renewal.** Noted and approved.

10. Mill Road, Tideford – Proposed pedestrian crossing and consultation. Update. Nothing further to report. Discussed under Item 5 of this meeting.

11. Parish Councillor reports

i) **Safe 38: - Cllr Hodge – report from the September meeting.** Cllr Hodge had circulated his report and confirmed the date of the next meeting being the 19th November 2025. The traffic noise through Tideford had improved since the speed limit had reduced and a review of the air quality will be carried out in the Spring of 2026.

ii) **Cornwall Council Community Area Partnership Meeting (CAP) – Cllr Hodge – report from the October meeting.** Cllr Hodge had circulated a report of the meeting held on the 7th October 2025 (online). This included an update on the Saltash Tunnel work, operations at the Tamar Crossings and maintenance of the bridge. The next meeting was scheduled for the 6th January 2026 (online).

12. St Germans Public Toilets - to consider renewing the Public Toilet Service Level Agreement for a further four years. Councillors agreed to continue with the SLA for a further four years (2025-2028) with an annual payment of £2,500. Proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Hooper and unanimously agreed.

13. Correspondence – to be noted. Noted.

14. Nut Tree – to nominate the Clerk / Councillor to write a report for the next parish magazine. Cllr True will submit a report for the December 2025 edition.

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

16. Playparks and public areas:- to identify and approve any work requiring attention. The Clerk will circulate the inspection reports, once received.

i) **St Germans / Treland. To discuss the latest tree consultancy report.** Cllr True reported on recent inspections. He had adjusted the gate hinge that continued to allow the gate to drop and scrape the surface. Cllr Elliott agreed to look at the condition of the table and chairs and carry out the forthcoming inspections.

ii) **Tideford.** Cllr Hodge had nothing to report.

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.

- **Old Cemetery Wall, St Germans.** It was noted the Clerk had been contacted by a local resident about the condition of the wall. The Cornwall Council Environmental Department had looked at this in the past. They will be asked to monitor the structure.
- **Notice Boards –** Cllr Hooper offered to put up Parish Council notices in Polbathic now that S Barnes had left. Cllr Elliott offered to put up notices in St Germans.
- **Tideford Churchyard.** It was noted the churchyard at Tideford was very overgrown. The Clerk to notify the Diocese / Cornwall Council.

18. Parish Council vacancies and Councillor resignations. Councillors accepted the resignation of Cllr Steve Barnes and his reasons for doing so. Cornwall Council will now advertise the vacancies left by S Barnes and P Pipe. Current vacancies were Polbathic (1) St Germans (1) Tideford (1) and Bethany (1).

19. Date of next Parish Council meeting – Monday, 24th November 2025 at Polbathic.

20. To close the meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.