

ST GERMAN'S PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST GERMAN'S PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 26TH JANUARY 2026 AT 6.30PM AT THE RBL TIDEFORD.

Present:

Tideford Ward: Cllrs. A Hodge (Vice Chairman), T Price.
St Germans Ward: Cllrs. R Elliott (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)
Sixteen members of the public.

1.. Chairman to open the meeting followed by the public session. The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the members of the public to address the Council, if they so wished. Cllr K Ewert reported on the Cornwall Council parking consultation that indicated parking charges could be introduced for the car park at Tideford, stating that numerous Cornwall Council parking areas throughout the County were being considered. Cllr Ewert was making enquiries about the possibility of having this car park passed over to the Parish Council. She encouraged the public to comment on the consultation.

Residents expressed their views and objections to the introduction of charges in this much needed local parking area. A question was asked about the ownership history of the land.

Residents were made aware of the Tideford crossing that would be installed in 2026.

The applicants for a planning application on tonight's agenda spoke about their proposals.

Recent storms and the impact on flooding and blocked drains was reported. The run-off of water coming down Church Road in Tideford had been particularly bad. The fields at the top of the hill had been used for arable crops and this may have impacted on the situation.

(Cllr Ewert left at 6.55pm to attend another meeting).

2. Apologies for absence. There were no apologies.

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 meetings held on 24th November 2025 and 5th January 2026.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th November 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman; proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr Skelton and unanimously agreed by those who attended.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th January 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman following an amendment to Item 4 (the date being May 2026). Proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Hodge and unanimously agreed by those who attended.

5. Report from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert. Cllr Ewert reported under Item 1 of this meeting.

6. Planning applications –to discuss the following planning applications and any other applications received between the publication of the agenda and the meeting.

- a) **PA26/00268 Land South West of Meadowsweet, Trerulefoot – Application for Permission in Principle for the construction of up to 2 dwellings (minimum of 2, maximum of 2).** The Parish Council support this application. Proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Hooper and unanimously agreed.

(Members of the public left the meeting at 7.05pm)

Planning Matters – to note any planning matters requiring attention.

PA25/03300 Land West of St Germans Railway Station, St Germans – Construction of two dwellings, car park and associated works. It was noted the site notice had now been displayed.

Developments at Barapill Farm were noted and will be monitored. The Clerk will clarify planning permissions.

7. Cornwall Council Planning decisions and reports to be noted: Noted.

- a) **PA25/07097** The Coach House, Nut Tree Hill, St Germans – Redevelopment of existing workshop , internal and external amendments, addition of solar panels. APPROVED.
- b) **PA25/03300** Land West of St Germans Railway Station – Construction of two dwellings, car park and associated works. AWAITING A DECISION.

8. Finance

- i) **to note and approve current financial position on all accounts.** The bank reconciliation was noted and bank account balances were verified by the Chairman.
- ii) **to approve and authorise the payment of accounts, as circulated.** It was proposed by Cllr Hopper, seconded by Cllr True and unanimously agree the accounts be paid.

Staff & HMRC	Salary & PAYE	1186.82		1186.82
Tamar Accounting	Monthly fee	20.00	4.00	24.00
Tideford & St Germans RBL	Room hire 26.01.2026	40.00		40.00
BH Gardens	Grass / Maint Oct / Nov	490.00	98.00	588.00

iii) **to consider a grant application from the St Germans Youth Project for essential repairs to their community shed.** Following a discussion, it was agreed by the majority to grant £1,200 (one thousand two hundred pounds) to the St Germans Youth Project for the community shed repairs. Proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Hooper. Cllr Chilton abstained. Cllr Price felt a larger grant could have been given.

iv) **update on changes to signatories on the bank account.** New signatory forms were being obtained.

9. Parish Councillor reports

- i) **Safe 38: - Cllr Hodge – to report on any updates.** Cllr Hodge was unable to attend the online meeting held on the 20th January 2026.
- ii) **Cornwall Council Community Area Partnership Meeting (CAP) – Cllr Hodge – to note the report from the meeting held on the 6th January 2026.** Cllr Hodge had circulated the presentation.

Councillors discussed the proposed increase to the Tamar Tag administration costs that were now going to remain the same and be reviewed in the future.

It was suggested that PCSO Sarah Draper be invited to attend a future meeting.

The infrastructure of the Devonport National Defence was noted.

10. Correspondence – to be noted. Councillors noted correspondence and agreed the Emergency Plan should not change.

The consultation by Cornwall Council on car park charges (also discussed under Item 1 of this meeting) was reiterated and Councillors agreed to pursue the possibility of Cornwall Council devolving the Tideford car park to the Parish Council.

11. Nut Tree – to nominate the Clerk /a Councillor to write a report for the next parish magazine.

The Clerk will submit a report for the March 2026 edition.

Cllr True had attended the group meeting for the Nut Tree publications and reported back to the Council.

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

13. Burial Ground – to receive an update and approve any work required. To decide to replace or remove the shelter (existing shelter was damaged in recent storm and beyond repair). Councillors questioned the need for a shelter, and alternatives for supplying water to the site. Cllr Chilton had spoken to the Councils contractor about this and awaited a quotation for work that could be done. It was agreed to defer this until the next meeting.

Disposal costs for the removal of the damaged shelter had been requested. The shelter had been moved back onto the bank as it was obstructing the entrance.

Cllr Chilton spoke about using a new section of the burial ground for future plots.

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

i) St Germans / Treland. To note inspections and agree actions to be taken. Cllr True reported the drain near the entrance by the steps was blocked. It was noted the pipe went under the play area. The lower Fairfield gate regularly needed adjusting.

Cllr True to carry out forthcoming inspections.

ii) Tideford. To note inspections and agree actions to be taken. Cllr Skelton spoke about the inspection report that identified some maintenance work needed. The grass and base of the hedges required trimming. Cllr Hodge to carry out the next inspections.

15. Review of the bins throughout the parish. Report of dog bin adjacent to the park continually full. Councillors noted the current Cornwall Council contract for emptying of bins. The Chairman suggest the bin be reviewed in conjunction with any plans to revamp the Treland play park. Councillors identified the existing bins that required some maintenance. The Clerk will report these to Cornwall Council.

16. 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.

Twinning Association – Cllr True was happy to represent the parish at the event on the 14th–17th May 2026. He offered to bring costs back to Council.

Polbathic Notice Board – The Clerk reported on work needed to repair the inside of the notice board. Cllr Skelton will ask a contractor to have a look.

17. Parish Council vacancies – Bethany (1) Polbathic (1) Tideford (1) St Germans (1) Publication of co-option notice. The Clerk distributed vacancy notices.

18. Date of next Parish Council meeting – Monday, 23rd February 2026 at Polbathic Hall.

19. To close the meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Dated. 23rd February 2026

Signed.