

ST GERMAN'S PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST GERMAN'S PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 30TH MARCH 2026 AT 6.30PM IN THE ELIOT HALL, ST GERMAN'S.

Present:

Tideford Ward:	Cllr. A Hodge (Vice Chairman)
St Germans Ward:	Cllrs. R Elliott (Chairman), B Skelton, J True.
Polbathic Ward:	None.
Bethany Ward:	Cllrs. P Chilton, C Holl.

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

1.. Chairman to open the meeting followed by the public session.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Cllr Holl who signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

A representative from the St Germans Recreation Charitable Trust spoke about the running costs for the recreation field and the expenses met by the Committee. Their grant application requested funding to cover the grass cutting costs and rent. The lease with Port Eliot Estate and Gardens to be renewed in 2027. The Trust were currently carrying out some tree planting.

The treasurer of the May Tree Fair had requested funding from the Parish Council to support this annual event. It was noted the events held in the pub were separate from those held at the field.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. T Hooper and Cllr K Ewert (Cornwall Council). **To receive the resignation of Cllr T Hooper.** The Clerk reported that Cllr Hooper would be leaving in the next few months as she was moving out of the parish. This was accepted.

3. Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda. Cllr True declared an interest in agenda item 8 iii) the application for funding for the May Tree Fair.

4. To approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on 23rd February 2026. The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd February 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman following an amendment to Item 14i) - concrete toadstools not wood. Proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Hodge and unanimously agreed.

5. Report from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert. Cllr Ewert was currently on sick leave and unable to give a report.

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

a) PA26/00298 Elm Cottage, Quay Road Tideford Saltash - Replacement of an unsuitable septic tank with a Harlequin Continuous Aeration Plant - work to be undertaken by Glanville Environmental. Support, proposed by Cllr Hodge seconded by Cllr Holl and unanimously agreed.

Planning Matters – to note any planning matters requiring attention.

It was noted that application PA26/01410 at Cuddenbeake House, Quay Road, St Germans for work to a tree within a Conservation Area (TCA) to clear the tree crown to boundary lines of 5 Eliot Drive had been sent for information only.

7. Cornwall Council Planning decisions and reports were noted:

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). AWAITING A DECISION.

b) **EN25/00649 Land west of St Germans Railway Station** – The Clerk update the Council on the planning enforcement actions for this site now planning application PA25/03300 had been withdrawn.

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 True, seconded by Cllr Hodge and unanimously agreed the accounts be paid.

Payee	Details	Nett	Vat	Total
Staff & HMRC	Salary & PAYE	1024.91		1024.91
Tamar Accounting	Monthly fee	20.00	4.00	24.00
St Germans Eliot Hall	Room hire Winter Art Hub March 2026	180.00		180.00
A Craddick	Move damaged shelter in cemetery	96.00	19.20	115.20
Lloyds Bank	Charges Jan 26 / Mar 26	13.50		13.50
Parish Magazine Printing	April edition	232.98		232.98
BH Gardens	Grass cutting / maint	700.00	140.00	840.00

iii) **to consider and approve the grant funding application for the May Tree Fair.** Cllr True declared an interest and left the meeting for this item. It was proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr Skelton and unanimously agreed £450.00 be given to cover the cost of the toilet hire and insurance.

to consider and approve a grant application from the St Germans Recreation Charitable Trust. Cllr True declared an interest and left the meeting for this item. It was proposed by Cllr Skelton, seconded by Cllr Holl and unanimously agreed to grant £1,100.00 for the grass cutting and rent.

iv) **Twinning visit to Plouguerneau, France.** Cllr True declared an interest and abstained. The Clerk confirmed the £151.63 ferry costs for Cllr True to represent St Germans and attend this event (approved under item 16 of the last meeting).

9. Parish Councillor reports

i) **Safe 38: - Cllr Hodge – to report on any updates.** Cllr Hodge presented his report from the meeting held on the 18th March 2026 at Tideford. The draft minutes had been circulated to Councillors. The building of the new roundabout at Stoketon Cross had been delayed due to the wet weather conditions. Problems with the traffic around this area were discussed and noted by Cllr Hodge. Date of the next meeting, 20th May 2026.
Work on the Tideford crossing should be carried out in April 2026.

ii) **Cornwall Council Community Area Partnership Meeting (CAP) – Cllr Hodge – date of the next meeting to be confirmed.** Cllr Hodge confirmed the next meeting was being held on the 7th April 2026 at East Taphouse.

An extra CAP meeting had been held on the 12th March 2026 to discuss the costs for the Tamar Bridge crossing including the proposed increase in the tag administration fee. Cllr Hodge gave a report of the meeting including the running of the Torpoint ferry, also part of this management.

10. Correspondence – to be noted. Noted.

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 next edition. Cllr Chilton was unable to continue delivering the Nut Tree in the Bethany area without some help and would like to pass this on to someone else. Cllr Holl was happy to assist.

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

13. Burial Ground – to note and approve any work required. Costs for a bin store. Costing and sizes to construct a new bin store were reported. Following a discussion it was decided to build a structure that would provide shelter and include a bin storage area. Cllr Skelton will provide a specification. The offer of a donation towards the costs had been received. A new seat will also be considered. It was noted the appearance of glass bottles on a plot had reduced.

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. Nothing to report. A shopping trolley had appeared in the park and will be removed. Costs to be obtained for a new rubbish bin to be fitted on the wall near the notice board outside the park. Cllr Elliott suggested a company be appointed to inspect the drainage pipe within the play area.

ii) Tideford. To note inspections and agree actions to be taken. No issues identified. Cllr Hodge to speak to the contractor regarding the tree work that needs to be done.

15. Tideford Car Park – update on the results of the Cornwall Council consultation to introduce parking charges, and the request to have the car park devolved to the Parish Council. Councillors were informed the car park at Tideford had been withdrawn from Cornwall Councils proposals to install parking charges. It was agreed to continue with enquiries to have the car park devolved to the Parish Council. Costs to have parking spaces marked out were confirmed.

16. St Germans Priory – Cllr J True outlined the study commissioned to create an all year-round facility for community use in addition to weekly worship. Work to upgrade, install and improve the lighting, parking, toilet facilities and the electrical system were part of the project. Councillors were encouraged to look at the feasibility study and complete the questionnaire. The Parish Council were unable to financially support this.

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. Bethany Chapel to be placed on the next agenda.

18. Parish Council vacancies – Polbathic (1) Tideford (1) St Germans (1). It as noted that Cllr Hooper would leave in May 2026 leaving two vacancies on the Polbathic Ward.

19. Date of next Parish Council meeting – Monday, 27th April 2026 at the RBL, Tideford.

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