ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 26TH OCTOBER 2026 AT THE RBL TIDEFORD AT 6.30PM.

Present:

Tideford Ward:	Cllr. A Hodge (Vice Chairman)
St Germans Ward:	Cllrs. R Elliott (Chairman), B Skelton, J True, J Roodenburg.
Polbathic Ward:	Cllr. N Carhart.
Bethany Ward:	None.
Also attending:	Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk) Cllr K Ewert (Cornwall Council)

1.. Chairman to open the meeting followed by the public session. The Chairman opened the meeting. There were no members of the public present.

2. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs P Chilton and C Holl.

3. Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda. Cllr Hodge declared an interest on Agenda item 6a) planning application PA26/06656.

4. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 28th September 2026. The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th September 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman following an amendment to Item 10; proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Hodges and agreed by those who attended.

5. Report from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert. Cllr Ewert presented her report. Along with the MP she had attended The Learning Paddock at Tideford that was now an approved facility for delivering education for children with SEN; stating it was wonderful to have this in the parish.
Work on the Tideford Crossing should commence on the 2nd November 2026.
Cllr Ewert confirmed the CHIP (Cornwall Highways Improvement Programme) had approved funding for the 20mph vehicle activated sign for Church Road, Tideford.
The playground sign on the road surface at Tideford was faded and would be repainted.
The National Highways proposals to close right-hand junctions along the A38 from Trerulefoot to Liskeard were not supported locally, and if implemented would cause chaos on the rural road network in the local areas.
A response had been received from Tunes in relation to questions raised about the sound levels for their 2026 festivals at Port Eliot.
SWWA had resolved a resident's problems in Fairfield, St Germans.
The two broken bollards by the Eliot Arms in St Germans had been replaced.
The recent CAP meeting talked about the Devonport Dockyard defence infrastructure investment project where Sout- East Cornwall and Plymouth could benefit from funding.
A discussion was held about the new roundabouts being built at Stoketon Cross and the impact this will have on traffic journeys.
The cancelled train journeys were coming back to St Germans station in December 2026.
Cllr Ewert spoke to the Council about Neighbourhood Priority Statements. It was noted that a large amount of land within the parish belonged to the Port Eliot Estate.

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

   a) **PA26/06656 Land North of Meadow Farm, Tideford Cross - Erection of one self-build dwelling and an agricultural store.** Cllr Hodge declared and interest and left the meeting for this item. The Council had no objection to the self-build dwelling but question the need for a large agricultural shed given the size of the holding. Further information to be requested. Proposed by Cllr Skelton, seconded by Cllr Carhart and unanimoulsy agreed.

Planning Matters – to note any information relating to planning or enforcement matters. No matters reported.

7. Cornwall Council Planning decisions and reports to be noted: The following were noted.

a) PA26/03379 Polbathic Garage, Polbathic – Construction of one dwelling. **Awaiting a decision.**

b) PA26/04592 Tyhanner, Old Road, Polbathic – Variation of condition 2 in respect of Decision Notice PA24/06426 dated 08.10.2024. **Awaiting a decision.**

c). PA26/06350 The Old Rectory, Old Quay Lane, St Germans - Listed Building Consent for proposed solar panels and associated battery storage, repair works and internal alterations. **Awaiting a decision.**

8. Finance

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

ii) to approve and authorise the payment of accounts, as circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Hodge, seconded by Cllr Skelton and unanimously agreed the account be paid.

Staff & HMRC	Salary & PAYE	1025.11		1025.11
Tamar Accounting	Monthly fee	20.00	4.00	24.00
Tideford RBL	Room hire October	40.00		40.00
Parish Magazine Printing	November edition	272.51		272.51
South West Play	Tideford repairs	2476.00	495.20	2971.20
BH Gardens	Grass cutting / maint	1120.00	224.00	1344.00
BDO	Audit 2025/2026	315.00	63.00	378.00
Lloyds Bank	Charges Sept-Oct	7.75		7.75

iii) to consider a grant application from the Winter Art Hub. Having considered the grant application from the Creative Gym CIC for the Winter Art Hub at St Germans, Councillors agreed to pay the £1,240 as requested. Proposed by Cllr True, seconded by Cllr Roodenburg and unanimously agreed. The Clerk reported that following the previous application from this group the Parish Council had paid the Eliot Hall hire charges direct.

iv) to commence the preparation of the budget and precept for 2027/2028. Councillors were asked to consider projects for the next financial year. The Clerk will arrange a meeting of the Finance Committee for a date in December 2026.

9. Parish Councillor reports

i) **Safe 38: Cllr Hodge -** Cllr Hodge had circulated the minutes from the meeting. The next meeting to be held on the 18th November 2026.

ii) **Cornwall Council Community Area Partnership Meeting (CAP) Cllr Hodge – report from the meeting held on the 6th October 2026.** Cllr Hodge had circulated the notes from the October meeting. Cllr Elliott also attended this meeting. Items from this meeting had been discussed under the Cornwall Councillors report at the beginning of this meeting (Item 5). Cllr Hodge confirmed the date of the next meeting, being 5th January 2027.

10. Correspondence – Noted. Councillors discussed correspondence from St Germans Priory and agreed to invite the Chairman of the Trustees to the next meeting.
Following an enquiry from a local resident the Council agreed not to take over cutting the grass triangle area at Lower Fairfield, St Germans.

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 December / January edition. It was noted the editorial team were looking for a new distributor for the delivery of the Nut Tree in Tideford. Cllr Hodge offered to speak to a resident.

12. St Germans Recreation Field – to discuss the future of the field following the expiry of the current lease in December 2027. Cllr True confirmed the date of the expiry of the current lease, the views of the St Germans Charitable Trust (with only two current members) and asked the Parish Council if they would consider taking on the recreation field after this time. The Council will discuss this at a future meeting.

13. Burial Ground – to note and approve any work required. Update on work to raise the sunken monumental tablets. To select contractors to quote for the work to build the new shelter / bin storage area. The Clerk will send out details to selected contractors. It was noted the site had no electric supply or mains water for builders to use when on site.

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. To agree that further costs be obtained for new play equipment. No matters reported regarding the equipment. The contractor had submitted a price to fell the tree leaning into the park. Councillors agreed to look at this and report back. It was noted that a table and chair, donated by a resident many years ago, had been removed owing it's deteriorating condition. Cllr True to carry out forthcoming inspections.

ii) Tideford. To note inspections and agree actions to be taken. Update on repairs. Cllr Skelton offered to organise the cutting back of the bay tree at the entrance to the park. The Clerk will ask a play equipment provider to quote for the work needed to replace the beam on the climbing frame and repair the area holing the slide.

15. Devolution of the Tideford Car Park, Polbathic Car Park and the wooded area adjacent to Treland Play Park – update on the request to Cornwall Council to devolve these areas to the Parish Council. Nothing to report.

16. Menheniot Community Bus CIC and report from the Rame Transport Working Group meeting. Update on the provision of a community bus to serve the local areas including St Germans parish. Train services from St Germans station. Cllr Hodge reported that a recent publicity event held in Menheniot was well supported.

17. Neighbourhood Planning Statement – to discuss the aspects of an NPS and if this is suitable for St Germans parish. Cllr True offered to circulate some information to Councillors.

18. Parish Council Policies – to identify the next policy to be reviewed / updated. The Clerk will update the policy review timetable.

19. 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. None.

20. Parish Council vacancies – Polbathic (1) Tideford (1). The vacancies will continue to be advertised.

21. Date of next Parish Council meeting – Monday, 30th November 2026 – Polbathic Hall.
The confirm a date for the December 2026 meeting. Councillors agreed to hold the meeting on Monday, 21st December 2026. Cllr True will check on the availability of the Eliot Hall.

22. To close the meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Dated. Signed.