

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Eliot hall on Monday 29th April at 7.30pm

Present

Tideford Ward: Cllr D Carter and Cllr L Gomersall
Polbathic Ward: Cllr S Barnes
St Germans Ward: Cllr N Witton, Cllr G Willis, Cllr G Mackeen and Cllr B Skelton
Bethany Ward: Cllr P Pipe (Chair)
Cornwall Council Cllr J Foot

1. Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensations *(a member may not participate in any discussion or vote upon a matter at the meeting in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest).*

1.1 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

1.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

1.3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate *(in line with the Council's Code of Conduct 2012)*

Cllr Witton declared an interest in items 5.8 and 9.14.

Cllr Willis declared an interest in item 5.8.

Public Participation for a maximum of 15 minutes *(for the public to make recommendations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any items on this agenda. Those present will be minuted).*

There were no members of the public present.

2. Apologies for absence *(members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting. The members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted).*

No apologies were received.

3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 25 March 2019 *(to approve the minutes as a correct record)*

It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Skelton that the minutes be approved. All were in favour with 1 abstention. The minutes were signed by Cllr Pipe.

4. Councillors Reports *(to report only)*

4.1 Cornwall Councillor Foot – report on all relevant matters

Councillor Foot reported on the A38 air quality asking for people to look at the Safe38 petition if they haven't done so already. The report from Highways England (due 1st April 2019) is still outstanding. The report is expected to provide information on the short-term safety improvements for the Carkeel to Trerulefoot section. A Task Group is being set up in Cornwall Council. More to follow.

Cllr Foot encouraged members of the PC to attend the Community Road Safety Forum event in May 2019, as this is aimed at Town and Parish Councils who have concerns over speeding and road safety in their areas. Most of the speeding cars and traffic issues are usually by people living locally. The coalition is changing over in May 2019.

He also has a Community Chest fund available. If you're interested then please go to:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/community-and-living/grants-advice-service/cornwall-councillor-community-grant/> or contact Cllr Foot directly jesse.foot@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk

4.2 Meet the planners meeting on 29th March 2019

Councillor Foot said it was an opportunity to meet the local planning officers for our area. A presentation was distributed about their role and important points. This has been distributed.

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes (not appearing elsewhere on the agenda, but decisions cannot be made)

There were no matters arising.

5.2 Highways – ongoing issues

5.2.1 Budes Shop flooding

Highways are scheduling a CCTV survey but the date is not confirmed.

5.2.2 Polbathic speed devices

Following a site visit with Paul Allen the Councillors were disappointed to hear that only solar devices are now being proposed by Highways due to a lack of power in the area. The Councillors have asked the Clerk to ask that the PC fund the electric installation on the garage side of the road and they will look to install their own device on the Pub side of the road. The Clerk will follow this up.

5.2.3 Tideford – A38 – Full Council Meeting

Cllr Witton went to the Cornwall Council meeting to query about the information provided as it appears the measuring devices to monitor air quality were not accurate. It was said "they know Tideford has a problem and the local MP will be contacted for support." Cornwall Council are waiting for a response from Highways England on short-term safety proposals. Frustration felt all round. All pushing to try and get a response. The first part of the full meeting was about getting SE Cornwall Development Strategies like Liskeard to Torpoint cycle path, amongst other proposed projects. They are appointing a Liaison Officer. To-date there has been very little investment in South East Cornwall. This was approved by Full Council. They are also looking at using maritime resources for the Tamar river. Next stage is a feasibility study.

5.3 Community Projects as a result of the Community Benefit Contribution relating to the land at Trequite

5.3.1 The balance remaining £5779.53 until 31 August 2020

5.4 Nut Tree – Cllr Pipe did last month and Cllr Witton to do June's entry.

5.5 New Parish website – The Councillors were asked to spend some time looking at the new website and to provide feedback to the Clerk and Cllr Willis.

5.6 Bus stop application for Bethany – Clerk waiting for 2nd groundwork quotation.

5.7 Public traffic consultations – Final consultation this Wednesday at the Eliot Hall. Both previous sessions were well attended.

Cllr Witton and Cllr Willis left the room

5.8 Land below Treland Park – Clerk to request for the title plans for the properties adjoining this piece of land. Clerk will then work with Cllr Pipe. Following this a site meeting will take place.

Cllr Witton and Cllr Willis returned to the room.

5.9 August Parish Council meeting – This will be discussed at the next meeting to see if there will be an August meeting or just Planning.

5.10 Road Safety and Community Speed engagement event - 14 May 2019 in Truro at 09.30. Cllr Witton hopes to attend.

5.11 High Street Clean up Grant – No response made by the Councillors.

5.12 Weed control – Supply and apply herbicide for the control of weeds & grasses to 4.3 Km of road in St. Germans - **also see item 8.3.2**

Proposed by Cllr Witton and seconded by Cllr Skelton to go ahead. 5 were in favour with 2 abstentions.

6. Playparks

6.1 St Germans – Cllr Witton carried out last months inspections. Cllr Willis to do the next inspections. The wheelbarrow will also be removed.

6.2 Tideford – Cllr Carter and Gomersall to do the next inspections. Clerk to provide current inspection sheets to Cllr Carter.

7. Burial Ground

Duchy Cemeteries to do grave topping up and re-seeding 30/04/2019.

8. Finance (*details for 8.1 and 8.2 will be given out at the meeting*)

8.1 To note and approve the current financial position – the bank reconciliation sheet was distributed to all Councillors.

8.2 To authorise payments on the income and expenditure schedule – the income and expenditure sheet was distributed to all Councillors.

It was proposed by Cllr Barnes that the current financial position and payments on the income and expenditure schedule be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Carter. All were in favour. Cheque signatories for the payments will be Cllr Willis and Cllr Barnes.

8.3 Requests for spending

8.3.1 Cornwall Air Ambulance – donation request – Proposed by Cllr Barnes to donate £200.00. This was seconded by Cllr Mackeen. All were in favour.

8.3.2 Weed control **£266.00 + VAT** Proposed by Cllr Witton and seconded by Cllr Skelton to go ahead. 5 were in favour with 2 abstentions.

8.3.3 Clerk request to attend Cemetery and Crematorium Management ICCM Course. **£125.00 + VAT**. Proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Barnes to support this. All were in favour.

8.3.4 Tree risk inspections of all trees in Treland Play Park, Millennium Gardens, Cemetery (burial ground) and Tideford Play Park on 15th June 2019 - **£525.00**. It was proposed by Cllr Carter to support this. Seconded by Cllr Barnes. All in favour.

8.3.5 CALC and NALC annual membership - **£465.17 + VAT**. Proposed by Cllr Witton to support this. Seconded by Cllr Gomersall. All were in favour.

8.4 Financial correspondence

None received.

9. Planning Applications (*please view all applications at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/online-planning-register/>*)

9.1 The following applications have been received by Cornwall Council:

9.1.1 PA19/03194 – Causeway Cottage St Germans – Tree works for information only (to be decided by delegated authority). **Noted.**

9.1.2 PA19/02984 – The Wagon House, Trenithick Farm – Construct a garage
It was proposed by Cllr Barnes to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Mackeen. All in favour.

9.1.3 PA19/03072 – Polmarkyn Farm St Germans – Erection of storage buildings
The Councillors raised concerns over safety, usage, air quality and asked for the Clerk to arrange site visit with the planning officer.

Cllr Witton left the room.

9.1.4 PA19/03191 – 24 Eliot Drive St Germans - Non material amendment for alteration to windows and incorporating Party Wall Award details and measurements (Application number PA17/04898 dated 22nd August 2017 relates)

The Councillors felt they needed clarification on site of the application. It was proposed by Cllr Willis for a site visit. This was seconded by Cllr Skelton. All in favour.

Cllr Witton returned to the room.

9.1.5 PA19/02260 – Rohan Cottage, St Germans - Replacement of existing flat roof with an insulated pitched roof hipped into the existing pitched roof, with rooflights in the new pitched structure. Replacement of all asbestos roof tiles with new natural Slate tiles, in keeping with context. Replacement of garage corrugated roof with Slate tiles. New external insulation and timber cladding to improve the thermal envelope and external appearance. It was proposed by Cllr Gomersall to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Mackeen. 6 were in favour with 1 abstention.

9.2 Planning Applications received after publication of this agenda

9.3 Planning Appeals – Received by the date of this meeting

9.4 Planning Decisions

9.5 Planning Correspondence and Reports

9.6 Planning matters raised by Members

10. Correspondence Received

10.1 Rural Services Network – noted.

10.2 Community Nature Projects – noted.

10.3 Highways Engagement Sessions – noted.

10.4 Wales & West Utilities Stakeholder Workshops – noted.

10.5 Cornwall Countryside Access Forum Recruitment – noted.

11. Urgent Business raised by Ward members and admitted by the Chair (Members can raise urgent matters which if admitted, can be discussed and added to the next agenda. Decisions cannot be made until the next meeting.)

Sowenna Appeal thank you letter and One +all newspaper were circulated.

Cllr Carter proposed that the Cornish Luggars lampshade is given as a Twinning gift.

Seconded by Cllr Witton. All in favour.

Cllr Gomersall asked who owns the millennium clock tower in Tideford. It is believed that the community fund raised for this themselves.

Bethany chapel – Cllr Pipe gave a brief overview on her recent meeting with the Methodist chapel.

Meeting closed at 9.32pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting.....

Chairperson

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Date