

ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the February Parish Council meeting held at Polbathic hall on Monday 28 February 2022 at 6.30pm

Present

Tideford Ward: Cllr A Hodge & Cllr N Griffin
Polbathic Ward: Cllr S Barnes & Cllr L Stroud
St Germans Ward: Cllr R Elliott, Cllr B Skelton & Cllr N Witton
Bethany Ward: Cllr P Chilton and Cllr P Pipe

02.22/1 Declarations of Interests and Request 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 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

/2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests *(for which a motion must be passed)*

/3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate

No declarations were made.

Public Participation for a maximum of 15 minutes in total *(for the public to comment only on the items below. Anything else please email the clerk)*

There was one member of the public present who asked for the Parish Council to look into the maintenance agreement for the path to Padderbury Top at Trequite.

02.22/2 Apologies for absence – apologies received from Cllr Kate Ewert who was unwell. Accepted by all.

02.22/3 Approval of Minutes of the January Parish Council meeting held on Monday 31 January 2022 *(to approve the minutes as a correct record).*

Cllr Witton asked for an amendment to be made to page 6, 2nd paragraph from outside to within which was agreed and then proposed approval. Seconded by Cllr Chilton. Approved by all. The minutes were signed by Cllr Pipe.

02.22/4 Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert – *circulated by email*

Cornwall Council – Cornwall Councillors have been working hard to scrutinise the upcoming proposed budget for the next financial year, this has meant budgets for each service area coming before the relevant scrutiny committees. I sit on the Children's and Families Oversight & Scrutiny Committee; we had the opportunity to scrutinise the proposed budget for that area on the 19th January 2022. There are proposed cuts of £5.2m to Children's and Families Services in the coming year, from small items like not providing the book that we normally give to those leaving preschool before heading off to 'big' school to huge things like cutting the family conferencing service which works to keep families together and the behavioural intervention work that helps those with behavioural issues as early as possible. This in addition to cutting advertised posts for Social Workers that have been difficult to fill over the last few years. Opposition Councillors did propose an amendment to the recommendation but, unfortunately, that was defeated.

The new Highways scheme has just been launched, many thanks to parish and town Councillors that attended my Rame Cluster update meeting on the subject –

as we discussed, there is a very short turn around for this first year's projects and I would like to again encourage PCs to submit at least one proposal that is deliverable within this upcoming financial year. There were several questions on the 20 is Plenty scheme, so to be clear – this will be discussed at the next Community Network Panel (16th March) to decide if individual 20mph schemes should be put forward or if they would rather wait for the upcoming Cornwall Council wide 20 is Plenty scheme which will likely bring its own funding.

Around the Peninsula - We had a long overdue meeting on the Looe to Cremyll Cycle Route, as you would expect this has been delayed while undergoing a budget review. The good news is this early planning and development stage will now be completed, and a report is expected imminently from Alexis Field, Looe Valley Trails Project Director. I will provide an update as soon as this is available.

The Air Quality Monitors are now installed in Tideford, there are teething issues with the data dashboard but it is hoped these will be resolved very soon.

Meetings - January was a busy month for attending meetings for me as your divisional member – these included – Full Council, Children's and Families Oversight and Scrutiny Committee, Central Planning, Miscellaneous Licencing

02.22/5 Planning Applications (please view all applications at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/online-planning-register/>)

No applications received.

02.22/6 Planning Applications received after publication of this agenda

No applications received.

021.22/7 Planning Appeals

/1 APP/D0840/C/22/3290171

EN17/01253 - Appeal against enforcement notice – without planning permission, the erection of a wooden structure used for residential purposes

Location – Horsemans Hill Farm Trerulefoot PL12 5BU

It was proposed by Cllr Griffin that the Parish Council support the views of the Planning Officer. Seconded by Cllr Skelton. Agreed by all.

02.22/8 Planning Decisions

/1 21.01.2022 PA21/01248/PREAPP Closed - advice given

Location: East Iron Works Polbathic Torpoint Cornwall PL11 3HD

Proposal: Planning Performance Agreement advice for the preparation of Reserved Matters application for 19 (No.) dwellings following outline PA17/12198. **Noted.**

/2 17.01.2022 PA21/10921 APPROVED

Location: Bara Pill Farm Trerulefoot Saltash Cornwall PL12 5DE

Proposal: Change of use of a redundant rural building to a dwelling (Class C3) with variation of condition 2 of decision PA19/05143 dated 14.08.2019. **Noted.**

02.22/9 Planning Correspondence and Reports – None received.

02.22/10 Planning matters raised by councillors

/1 Mount Pleasant – a new log cabin structure has been built and the PC are not aware of planning. It was proposed by Cllr Skelton to raise an enforcement. Seconded by Cllr Witton. 8 agreed with 1 abstention.

/2 Western Cottage – the replacement of the windows was withdrawn from the application during the early stages, and does not form a part of the permission granted. The other change was the removal of the proposed driveway works, which the applicants have said will form a new application supported by professionally drawn plans and engineering solutions.

/3 38 Lower Fairfield – revised drawings were submitted (under the same application) to step in the external wall of the extension; away from the neighbours wall.

02.22/11 Finance

/1 To note & approve the current financial position on all accounts

Current financial position - Bank Reconciliation for Lloyds Treasurers account

Financial period ending 8 February 2022

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 28 February 2022

Balance per bank statement as at 31.01.2022

Treasurers Account

	£	£
	97,023.84	97,023.84

Less: unpresented cheques as at 8 February 2022

From Treasurers Account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount £
000907	PMP Nut Tree for December 2021	£152.82
Nil	Clerks January pension	£40.80
127-000911	Cornwall Council election recharges	£2,127.69
128-000912	S Barnes consumables for repairing Polbathic bus shelter	£29.99
131-000915	Cornwall Council legal fees for PE lease for Nov 2021. Inv 8100205855	£73.44
132-000916	Cornwall Council legal fees for PE lease for Dec 2021. Inv 8100216026	£159.12
		£2,583.86

Net bank balance as at 8 February 2022

£94,439.98

Balance per Clerks sheet as at 8 February 2022

£94,439.98

Current financial position - Bank Reconciliation for Lloyds Instant Savings account

Local Council Name – **St Germans Parish Council**

County - **Cornwall**

Financial period ending 31 January 2022

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 28 February 2022

Balance

Instant Account

	£	£
	40,005.32	

Less: unpresented cheques as at 31 January 2022

From Instant Account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount
No cheques		(£0.00)

Interest earned 10 January 2022	+0.35p
Net bank balance as at 31 January 2022	£40,005.67
Balance per Clerks sheet as at 31 Jan 22	£40,005.67

Current financial position - Bank Reconciliation for Nat West Community Current account

Local Council Name – **St Germans Parish Council**

County - **Cornwall**

Financial period ending 31 January 2022

Prepared by: Mrs Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Date: 28 February 2022

Balance as at 31.01.2022

	£	£
Current account	80,000.00	80,000.00

Less: unpresented cheques as at 31 January 2022

From current account only

Cheque number	Details	Amount
No cheques		(£0.00)

Net bank balance as at 31 January 2022	£80,000.00
Balance per Clerks sheet as at 31 Jan 22	£80,000.00

The bank reconciliations were distributed to all councillors. Cllr Barnes proposed these are all approved. This was seconded by Cllr Skelton. All in favour.

/2 Income & expenditure for St Germans Parish Council 28 February 2022

EXPENDITURE Date	Details	Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Nett (£)	Cheque No (if applicable)
28.02.22	Clerk's February 2022 expenses	£226.01	£38.65	£264.66	000917
16.02.22	Clerk's February 2022 salary+ processing fees	£1039.20	£4.00	£1,043.20	D.D
16.02.22	Clerk's Pension £40.00 (£20.00 Parish Council, £20.00 Parish Clerk)	£40.80	Nil	£40.80	D.D
22.02.22	£11.25 Clerk's mobile	£9.30	£1.95	£11.25	D.D
14.02.22	Southern Electric – Tideford lighting	£5.89	.29p	£6.18	D.D
28.02.22	Eliot hall hire 16.02.2022	£21.00	Nil	£21.00	000918
28.02.22	Polbathic hall hire 28.02.2022	£25.00	Nil	£25.00	000919
28.02.22	Cornwall tree	£607.85	Nil	£607.85	000920

	consultancy. Inv 214CTC1221				
28.02.22	A Cradick & Son work in Treland area	£120.00	£24.00	£144.00	000921
28.02.22	CALC – planning course for 2 cllrs	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00	000922

INCOME

Date	Details	Amount (£)
22.02.22	Memorial tablet Re: Congdon	£90.00

The income and expenditure schedule was distributed to all councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Stroud to approve the schedule, seconded by Cllr Griffin. Approved by all. The cheque signatories are Cllr Witton and Cllr Pipe.

/3 Amendment to grant for Quay Lane PPG

It was proposed by Cllr Witton that the Quay Lane PPG grant could be used to purchase a BP kiosk at the surgery. Seconded by Cllr Barnes. 8 in support with 1 abstention.

02.22/12 Request for spending – none received.

02.22/13 Burial ground

/1 Burial ground committee meeting recommendations:

~to increase all prices by 5% for 2022-2023 (effective 1 April 2022). To be reviewed in March 2023.

~to add a new regulation regarding refraining from using plastic material on site, exceptions being new interments, Christmas and poppy wreaths.

~to accept an annual price increase of £5.00 by Pear Technology.

~to look at repositioning and re-wording the St Germans PC sign at the burial ground.

~to note the maximum urn space is 16cm diameter and add to the regulations.

~the memorial tablet and interment form details remain unchanged.

It was proposed by Cllr Witton to accept the recommendations. Seconded by Cllr Stroud. Agreed by all.

02.22/14 Matters arising from the previous decisions of the council *(problems or questions from a previous decision of the council that need to be discussed)* None.

02.22/15 Highways

/1 Community Network New Highways Schemes, St Germans feasibility study & EOI

First proposal by Cllr Stroud to request for signage at each end of the B3249 (where the footpath disappears). Seconded by Cllr Witton. Agreed by all.

Second proposal by Cllr Witton for 4 signs to be requested. Seconded by Cllr Stroud. 5 in support. 4 against.

Third proposal by Cllr Hodge that the Parish Council propose to pay half the signage money. Seconded by Cllr Barnes. Agreed by all.

/2 Proposal to increase Tamar bridge charges – this consultation has now closed.

02.22/16 Lease renewals with Port Eliot – we have not heard anything new.

02.22/17 Queens Platinum jubilee – Cllr Skelton proposed a Jubilee mug proposal is made at the next meeting by Cllr Stroud. Seconded by Cllr Griffin. Agreed by all.

02.22/18 Nut Tree – Cllr Pipe to do the April entry.

02.22/19 Employment committee new member – It was proposed by Cllr Witton to add Cllr Stroud to the employment committee. Seconded by Cllr Elliott. Agreed by all.

02.22/20 Treland tree notes (see email) & full tree report – Cllr Witton to read full report and report at the next meeting.

02.22/21 LMP for 2022/23 – Cllr Witton confirmed there was no change.

02.22/22 Maintenance of access paths to Padderbury Top – It was proposed by Cllr Chilton for the Clerk to write to the farmer about maintenance. Seconded by Cllr Witton. Agreed by all.

02.22/23 Dark skies – It was proposed by Cllr Griffin to support the dark skies initiative. Cllr Stroud seconded. 9 for with 1 against.

02.22/24 Green lanes consultation – Noted but we have no green lanes.

02.22/25 Statue of John Eliot – Cllr Skelton mentioned about the trustees of the priory looking into a statue. He asked if they could come and talk to the PC which was welcomed.

02.22/26 Tunes in the Dunes licensing application – Cllr Witton proposed to know the license conditions before withdrawing. Seconded by Cllr Stroud. Agreed by all

02.22/27 Saltash Civic service – Clerk to confirm Cllr Pipe will attend the service in early April.

02.22/28 Parish Councillor reports – *reports circulated does anyone have points or questions to raise?*

/1 Nature Recovery – Cllr Stroud attended this meeting and reported Becky Hughes provided an overview of how the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy was developed and what could come next. Feedback from the group about the sort of support and information they would like from the Council and what activities they are already getting up to. Becky Hughes works for Cornwall council and has a background in heritage & landscape conservation/ environment & farming. She has worked for Eden & Sustrans. She said that the recovery strategy is to be at the heart of all action, in all areas of the council, and that they have declared an ecological emergency. Their paper has been submitted to Defra & awaiting reply Natural England money is available to councils under the name ‘empowering communities ‘

She talked about the species reintroduction project due to conclude in August by Derek Gow consultancy. Run by Cornwall Wildlife Trust it looks at the practical logistics of reintroducing keystone species such as beavers, pine martens, water voles and red squirrels to Cornwall. The intention is to try to combine community and environment in one document, with the intention to raise awareness & galvanise action. Question of what the council’s responsibility is. Working with local farmers is very important, but there is a balancing act between county farmers and local councils. It was stressed to Becky that what we need is the ability to act now, rather than burying responsibility in layers of paperwork, and thus delaying the imperative measures we need right now to restore our ecology. It seemed a common problem with local councils was having ownership of their own land that parishioners could use for things like allotments, community woodland and orchards. Landraker lead the way in this as they have found they can find places to plant trees, but they don’t have public access!

/2 Safe38 – Cllr Hodge attended the AGM. All the existing committee members remained apart from 1 who wasn’t present. Current bank balance is £353.00; they are looking to do

some fund raising. Next meeting 23 March.

02.22/29 Playparks

/1 St Germans – Cllr Elliott to hand over to Cllr Witton.

/2 Tideford – Cllr Hodge to continue. Vegetation work should be done this week.

02.22/30 CIL payment - Balance £2,143.56 Expires 7 May 2025. To be used to support the development of the local council’s area, or any part of that area, by funding: a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure: or b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. (CIL Regulation 59C).

02.22/31 Correspondence

/1 The Rural Bulletin – noted.

/2 SLCC news bulletin – noted.

/3 Cornwall Council supplier newsletter Feb 2022 – noted.

/4 Free fraud safety webinar – noted.

/5 Tamar Valley news bulletin – noted.

/6 Latest news from the ICO – noted.

02.22/32 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.).

- * Cllr Witton reported of 2 large fallen trees inside the closed churchyard – Clerk to report.
- * Quotation for Lynher bus shelter graffiti removal to be presented at next meeting.
- * Cllr Barnes Polbathic bus shelter – to be added to March agenda.
- * Cllr Witton mentioned about new contact details for contacting Cornwall Council.
- * Cllrs Witton and Hodge will attend the Tideford air quality meeting as stakeholders.

Meeting closed at 8:43pm.

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

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Date