

**MINUTES OF THE ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023  
AT TIDEFORD RBL HALL COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

**Present:**

**Tideford Ward:** Councillor A Hodge (Vice Chair)

**St Germans Ward:** Councillors B Skelton, N Witton and R Elliott

**Polbathic Ward:** Councillor S Barnes

**Bethany Ward:** Councillors P Pipe(Chair) and P Chilton

Parish Clerk K Partridge

No members of the public for the forum.

**21.2023: Apologies for absence** received from County Councillor K Ewert.

**22.2023: Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda:** None.

**23.2023: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023:** It was resolved the minutes be signed as a true record, proposed by Councillor Hodge, seconded by Councillor Chilton and agreed.

**24.2023: Planning Applications:** None.

**25.2023: Planning decisions:**

PA22/10457, Kersapine Bara Pill, Trerulefoot, revised application – approved.

PA22/10474, Vodafone Cell no 1866, Polyne Garage, Trerulefoot – approved.

**26.2023: Refurbishment of phone box at St Germans:** Use of the phone box was discussed and it was agreed to install shelving for use as a library/plant exchange. Proposed by Councillor Pipe, seconded by Councillor Hodge and agreed.

**27.2023: Finance:**

**i) To note and approve current financial position on all accounts:** It was resolved to accept the information given by the clerk, proposed by Councillor Hodge, seconded by Councillor Elliott and unanimously agreed.

Possibility of moving some funds from Lloyds Instant Account into Lloyds Treasurers Account due to payment for Tideford Playpark, it was agreed to monitor the situation, Councillor Witton will arrange a transfer of funds if and when required.

**Balances of accounts as at 19 January 2023:**

Lloyds Treasurers Account      £76,728.53

Lloyds Instant Account      £40,042.94

Cambridge Building Society      £70,000.00

NatWest      Nil

**ii) To approve payment of accounts as previously advised:** It was resolved to approve payment of accounts, proposed by Councillor Hodge, seconded by Councillor Barnes and unanimously agreed.

Payee	Details	Net	VAT	Total
Tindle Newspapers	Clerk advert	229.00	45.80	274.80
K Partridge	Clerks expenses	56.54	0	56.54
Earth Wrights	3 <sup>rd</sup> payment, play park, Tideford	24,950.00	4,970.00	29,820.00

**iii) To approve clerks hours from 1<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023:** Clerks total hours of 41.25 were agreed.

**iv) Update on moving investment to Nationwide BS:** Cheque for £80,000.00 had been deposited into Lloyds with a view to moving into a with interest account at Nationwide Building Society. Councillor Witton will forward information to the clerk in order to begin the process of opening an account.

**v) Insurance payment to St Germans Recreation Ground:** The clerk had emailed asking for further information, reply not received.

**28.2023: Policy documents:** Financial Regulations and Investment Strategy updated. Standing Orders required more work than initially realised, these will be available at the next meeting. Health and Safety and Lone Working policies will also be available for discussion/approval at the next meeting.

**29.2023: Burial ground:** Councillor Chilton reported the Yew tree has now been planted. Moles are causing issues, it was agreed to contact the mole catcher, Councillor Witton will arrange.

Concerns received from a relative regarding subsidence on a family grave. It was agreed to arrange for a delivery of topsoil, Councillor Elliott will arrange.

Councillor Witton reported Pear Technology should update the burial records, this has not been carried out since 2017; he has been in touch with them and this will be rectified.

It was necessary to ascertain whether someone was a resident or non-resident in order for the correct charge to be made for work on a memorial stone. No-one in possession of a copy of the Electoral Register – the Clerk will arrange for all Members to have their own copy.

**30.2023: Matters arising from previous decisions:** None.

**31.2023: Playparks:**

**i) St Germans:** Councillor Elliott reported all was in order apart from lots of water running across the playpark. It was agreed to investigate the drains. Councillor Witton to make arrangements.

It was also reported moss is rife; it was agreed to treat the moss and then clean with a power washer. Councillor Witton will speak to the grounds maintenance contractor.

**ii) Tideford:** Councillor Hodge reported the unofficial opening of the refurbished playpark will be on Easter Sunday; an official opening is planned for 22 April at 11.00am; further details will follow.

**32.2023: Defibrillators:** Nothing to report.

**33.2023: Appointment of new clerk:** It was agreed to arrange interviews for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at Eliot Hall; clerk to book. Interview panel agreed.

**34.2023: Nut Tree:** Councillor Hodge to forward information to Councillor Pipe for the next edition of the Nut Tree.

**35.2023: Parish Councillor reports:**

**i) Safe 38:** Councillor Hodge reported he attended an online meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Main points included:

- James Millidge addressed Cornwall council in respect of improvements to the A38
- Letter from Sheryll Murray lobbying to get some of the safest measures brought forward rather than R11S3.
- Mention of improvements for the road structure in South East Cornwall if the devolution bill is accepted, however, wording in Government document differs from Cornwall Council document.
- Treasurer reported the bank balance stands at £564.59 and an additional £27.00 had been collected locally.
- Linda Taylor, leader of Cornwall Council, will be in Saltash Guildhall on 26<sup>th</sup> January to answer questions on the devolution bill.
- Next meeting is 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**ii) Traffic Consultation:** Councillor Witton reported the traffic consultation will be discussed at the Scrutiny Committee at Cornwall Council on 8<sup>th</sup> February. It is understood there will be a programme running over the next few years when 20mph speed limits are rolled out. St Germans will be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase due during 2024.

**iii) Speed Watch:** Councillor Hodge reported the last meeting was cancelled, the next one will be on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**36.2023: Grant application from Tideford cricket club:** It was agreed to invite them to attend the next meeting to give further details. Clerk to arrange.

**37.2023: Relaying of slabs in millennium garden:** Councillor Witton will speak to Bradley Harper.

**38.2023: Toll free Tamar:** Request received from the action group asking the Parish Council for their comments. It was agreed individuals should make their own comments rather than a collective one from the Parish Council.

**39.2023: Correspondence:** Request received from Funding for Warm Space; approximately £450.00 is available to support residents in St Germans, suggestions welcome. Following discussion it was agreed to put forward the idea of providing a meal for residents, to include residents of the Alms Houses and Sheltered Housing.

**40.2023: Date of next Parish Council meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Polbathic Hall and will commence at 6.30pm with a 15 minute public forum, if required.

The meeting closed at 19.58pm.