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DRAFT MINUTES

Annual Parish Meeting (Meeting of the Electors)

St Ewe Village Hall, 7.00 PM

Monday 9 May 2016

PRESENT:

Will Richards (Chairman of the Parish Council), John Dickinson, Allan Brooks, Diane Clemes, Trevor Harman, Trevor Johns, Janet Lockyer, Jenny May, Sam Roberts and 8 other electors of the parish.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mrs Christine Wilson, Clerk to the Parish; PCSO Tony Hemming; Mr Andy Stevenson (Highways & Drainage Manager, Cornwall Council); and Ward Member Cllr Malcolm Harris

The meeting began at 7.00 pm.

Cllr W Richards, Chairman of the Parish Council, chaired the Parish Meeting.

- 1) The minutes from last year's Parish Meeting on 11 May 2015 were approved as a true and correct record (proposed Allan Brooks, 2nd John Dickinson) and signed by the Chairman.
- 2) Year End Reports
 - a) Police Report – St Ewe Parish. PCSO 30297 Tony Hemming gave the following report and answered questions:

This report covers the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016. There are just 11 crimes to report this year. This is one more than my report in 2015.

- 1 x Harassment without violence
- 1 x Non-Counting Action Fraud (investment fraud)
- 1 x Theft of Boat and trailer
- 1 x Burglary
- 1 x Theft from shop
- 1 x Production of a controlled drug
- 3 x Criminal damage to property
- 1 x Attempted theft
- 1 x Common Assault

The high number of burglaries reported in the Gorran Haven area last year has been resolved with the person responsible now behind bars. Overall, burglary has fallen by 14.9% in the Devon and Cornwall area.

The new Neighbourhood Beat manager, PC Kevin Morcom. The number of Neighbourhood Beat managers for the area that includes St Ewe Parish has dropped from 8 to 2. The best way to get in touch with PC Morcom is through Tel: 101 and the operator can tell you whether he is on duty and may give PC Morcom your email address to get in touch with you.

PCSO Hemming's email address is: tony.hemming@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk and his number is PCSO 30297. He emphasised that this email may not be used to report a crime or an emergency. Emergencies, Tel: 999. To report a crime, Tel: 101.

PCSO Tony Hemming left the meeting.

- b) Cornwall Councillor Report. Cllr Malcolm Harris gave the following report, highlighted here:

Cllr Harris has grave concerns about the planning process in which the commercial stakeholders in development, such as South West Water, are also statutory consultees in the decision process. Though statements concerning the infrastructure of certain developments have sometimes been shown to be inaccurate, there is no formal process to check the veracity of commercial stakeholders' reports.

Cllr Harris attended the retirement party of Larry Budge who served for many years as Clerk to St Mewan Parish.

- c) Chairman's Report. Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Will Richards reported:

When I looked through last year's minutes to prepare my annual report it came to my attention that 2015/16 was business as usual for the parish council!

St Ewe parish Council were able to make generous grants to many local organisations including St Ewe Church, St Ewe Village Hall and others, which are beneficial to the residents of the parish.

I am pleased to report that by careful budgeting we were able to set the precept at the same level as the previous year thus avoiding any increases in the parish element of the residents council tax bills.

Much of council's time during our meetings is spent considering our position on planning applications, which of course we are right to do so, as very often any development can mean a great deal to those involved or indeed to those whom the development affects.

As BT are removing their telephony equipment from many of their phone boxes the parish council like many others have taken the opportunity to adopt the Red telephone boxes in the villages of St Ewe and Kestle. We now need to get the parishioner to help us to decide what to do with them! You only need to look around some other local towns and villages to see how innovative people are but in the meantime there will be a working party to make sure that they are in a condition befitting our beautiful villages (and thanks to Malcolm Harris for giving us a grant for the equipment for this).

The thanks for Malcolm Harris continue as I would like to thank him for his support as our ward councillor and the work he has done in the past year.

Also a big thanks to Christine for being our parish clerk and keeping everything running smoothly and for supporting me in my role as chairman.

Not to be forgotten a big thanks to my fellow councillors all of who give up their time freely for the benefit of the local community, without your points of view and input the parish council simply could not function.

- d) Parish Council Financial Report. Christine Wilson, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

For the 2015-16 Financial Year the Parish Council received £8,633 of which £5,104 was requested as precept from the taxpayers of the parish. Payments for the financial year were £6,914, leaving a balance of £1,719. However, a few uncompleted projects will use earmarked funds from this balance, such as the purchase of a projector for 'paperless' planning and wi-fi internet for the Village Hall. Taking these into consideration, the year's balance is approximately £868, which will be moved into the Election Reserve, as budgeted.

As a parish council with an annual turnover under £25,000, St Ewe must comply with the Transparency Code. This is done mainly via the website on the *Council Accounts* page. Parishioners can find there: a Budget v Payments comparison every 6 months, a list of payments for the previous financial year, and the annual return, amongst other financial information. Any questions concerning the accounts may be directed to the Clerk who is the Responsible Financial Officer.

e) Any other reports. No other reports were received from organisations in the parish.

3) Red Telephone Kiosks in St Ewe and Kestle.

a) The Parish Council has bought these two K6 red telephone kiosks and will be refreshing the paintwork. The paint was purchased with a grant from Cllr Harris' Community Chest.

b) The Council is looking into the various uses for the kiosks and would like the final decision to be community led. Two members of the parish have replied to the request for suggestions. The clerk will refresh the request for suggestions which on the *Notices* page of the website. If defibrillators are wanted, they don't take up much space, so the kiosks could still be used for other things as well. The clerk will update the Notice on the website requesting input.

4) Public support for defibrillators. Cllr Brooks is looking into various defibrillators which could be installed in one or both kiosks, at a cost between £2,000 - £3,500 per defibrillator. The Parish Council would like to know if the residents want to raise money for this.

5) Polmassick Culvert Scheme. Mr Andy Stevenson, Highways & Drainage Manager from Cornwall Council reported.

a) The Polmassick Culvert Scheme is an engineering project which will keep the highway from flooding and protect the listed bridge there.

b) Mr Stevenson's team had just completed schematic drawings for a 2nd revised Scheme, which he considers superior to the previous one. The culvert would be constructed on the opposite bank from the previous scheme. It includes land from 2-3 different properties and his department will be contacting each landowner very shortly to discuss the details of the project and to gain their permission. However, Mr Stevenson did emphasise that the scheme was absolutely necessary to protect the highway and his department has powers under Section 100 of the Highways Act to go ahead, within certain guidelines, though they do of course prefer to work in cooperation with the affected landowners.

c) Listed building consent is required and is yet to be approved, but they don't anticipate any problem with this. The previous scheme had already been approved.

d) He brought a drawing of the new scheme to the meeting which will be uploaded to the *Notices* webpage of St Ewe's website so that interested parties can look at the proposal. Affected persons may also email Mr Stevenson with their comments before 1st June (email: astevenson@cornwall.gov.uk).

Mr Stevenson left the meeting.

6) Date of the next Parish Meeting. The next Parish Meeting will be held on 8 May 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

*8 electors of the parish left the room and
the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed after a short break.*

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 25 May 2016