

# ST EWE PARISH COUNCIL

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## DRAFT MINUTES

Parish Council Ordinary Meeting  
St Ewe Village Hall, 7.00 PM  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### PRESENT:

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), Allan Brooks, Rueben Collins, Trevor Johns, Jenny May.

### ALSO PRESENT:

Mrs Christine Wilson, Clerk to the Parish. No members of the public attended.

### ABSENT:

Councillors: John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Diane Clemes, Trevor Harman, Janet Lockyer, Sam Roberts

### Abbreviations:

Councillors' names – abbreviated with their initials. CALC – Cornwall Association of Local Councils. CC – Cornwall Council. CLT – Community Land Trust. LCF – Low Carbon Fund. LMP – Local Maintenance Partnership. PC – Parish Council. VH – Village Hall. \*\*\* indicates consultee comments for planning applications decided by the Parish Council; formal submission is delegated to the Clerk.

### Note on numbering:

The prefix will follow the Municipal Year which begins in May. January and March will carry the 16/ prefix. At the May 2017 meeting the first item on the Agenda will be 17/01.

*The meeting began at 7.15 pm and the Chairman welcomed all.*

### 16/83 Apologies

Apologies from TH and JD because they are out of county, DC because of farming commitments, JL and SR because of illness.

### 16/84 General Power of Competence

St Ewe Parish Council **RESOLVED** (proposed AB, 2<sup>nd</sup> WR) to adopt the General Power of Competence in accordance with Localism Act 2011, Sections 1-8. The Council confirms it is eligible, having more than two thirds of its members elected and a qualified Clerk. St Ewe PC may use the General Power of Competence until the next general election, after which it may be immediately renewed if the conditions are still met.

### 16/85 Councillors' interests

A) Declarations of interest. There were no declarations of interest.

B) Request for dispensation. There were no requests.

### 16/86 Public Session

No members of the public were present.

## 16/87 Meetings and governance

- A) Previous Actions. The application for the Transparency Fund will be completed this month. All other actions have been completed.
- B) The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2017 were a true and correct record (proposed AB, 2nd RC) and they were duly signed.
- C) Election of both County and Parish Councillors is 4<sup>th</sup> May. Any eligible candidate may collect a nomination pack at the One Stop Shop in St Austell in March, but the date is not yet known. All candidates must submit the completed nomination pack in person by 4<sup>th</sup> April. They must make an appointment to have the nomination pack checked to ensure it is valid. More details are available on the Cornwall Council website.
- D) The council **RESOLVED** (proposed AB, 2<sup>nd</sup> JM) to share the cost (25%) of the clerk's attendance at the Society of Local Council Clerk's Practitioners' Conference 23rd & 24th February 2017 in Warwickshire. The total cost at the early bird rate, including mileage, is approximately £390, or £97.50 for St Ewe.

## 16/88 Finance

- A) Clerk's reports on Bank Reconciliation, Budget Comparison and Cash Flow were **NOTED**. It was observed that the payment for the projector was made this year and the 'paperless planning' grant was received last year. The Clerk will adjust the Cash Flow to show the payment for the projector coming from reserves.

*The Clerk left the room for the duration of the discussion and vote on the next Item 88B.*

- B) The council **RESOLVED** to raise the Clerk one salary point for successful completion of the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) to NJC (National Joint Council) Point 19, starting in this next pay period.
- C) The only payment for this period, totalling £447.59 for the Clerk's salary & expenses, was **AUTHORISED** (proposed: AB; 2<sup>nd</sup> WR).

## 16/89 Ward Member Malcolm Harris' report.

**January 2017.** Sorry I couldn't be with you tonight, I have another meeting to attend.

Firstly, a very happy New Year to you all, and however good 2016 was, I hope this year will be even better for us all.

As you know, the Cornwall Local Plan has been adopted, and at it's first real test at Strategic planning last week we failed to make good use of it.

Many councillors accepted an imperfect Plan with a heavy heart, in order to gain much greater protection & power in defending against inappropriate & speculative development- including the ability to influence design and to demand that Cornish Distinctiveness and a sympathetic approach to heritage is achieved.

On Thursday, we were debating an application in Pool which included a Travelodge so generic in its design, it is exactly the same as anywhere else in the UK.

For the first time in our report we had a very strong representation from our own Design Panel recommending refusal on the basis of its inappropriate & unsatisfactory design.

No Cornish Distinctiveness, not even a nod to the site's heritage.

We ignored the Local Plan & we ignored the Design Panel's report.

Just to face the building(s) with Cornish stone may have sufficed. Surely one argument is that if you can't afford to build what Cornwall wants, then don't build it!

I warned the committee that if we allow this development, unchallenged, we are setting a brand new precedent and that the next time we want to use the Plan to challenge a design due to a lack of Cornish Distinctiveness, our case will have been severely weakened and that the message to developers will be that the Strategic committee is a push-over. Build what you like.

I believe that at the first opportunity to test the plan, you, the people of Cornwall have been let down.

However, it has only strengthened my resolve & I promise to continue to raise my concerns and objections at every opportunity and I will continue my fight, on your behalf, against inappropriate development in Cornwall.

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Albeit slow, and fraught with problems, it's great to see progress now on the flood scheme at Polmassick. I have to say I'm looking forward to a 'celebratory completion beer.'

The Government is bringing forward council tax raising powers recognizing councils' urgent need to tackle social care pressures – although it's the Governments massive cuts that have caused the problem in the first place

West Carclaze is announced as one of 14 new Garden Villages. These developments are supposed to be distinct with their own community facilities and come with limited Government funding. That's funny, infrastructure is going in – but it's not been in front of planning yet!?

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The results of the Cornwall residents survey are in, and in the Community Network Area of St Austell & Mevagissey, of those that responded:

- 33% identified themselves as Cornish
- 93% said their main language was English – 3% said Cornish
- 33% said activities were limited due to health or disability
- Population of the area is 30,975
- Only 33% were satisfied with planning services
- Only 28% were satisfied with road maintenance

The factors in most need of improving are: Road & pavement repairs – Affordable housing – and Wage levels & the cost of living

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Finally, funding from my Community Grant Scheme has been approved for some equipment upgrades for the St Ewe show (which means the bacon rolls should be nicer!) – another gentle reminder that there is still some funding available and the closing date for applications is in February.  
Malcolm.

16/90 NALC's survey about Dependent Carers.

After full discussion, no proposal was made to reply to the survey from National Association of Local Councils about a Dependent Carers Allowance for parish councillors.

16/91 'Don't use Sat Nav' sign.

After full discussion, no proposal was made to request a sign for Drunken Bridge. The council will monitor whether similar signs in put up by the parish council in Grampound are effective.

16/92 Planning. Decisions are listed on the website under *Planning St Ewe Parish* and in *Clerk's Notes*. Enforcements can be found in *Clerk's Notes*.

A) The council reviewed and discussed the Pre-application Protocol proposed as a model for local councils by the Cornwall Planning Partnership organised by CALC. At its meeting in November 2015, St Ewe Parish Council agreed and minuted that it would have an open-door policy toward Pre-apps, so that prospective applicants would feel very welcome to come and discuss pre-

planning applications with the council if they wished. The clerk has explained this on the planning page of the website. At the moment the PC believes this to be sufficient and no proposal was made to adopt a formal Pre-application Protocol.

B) The council **NOTED** the following applications for which consultee comments were not requested:

i. **PA16/12136** | Prior notification for proposed change of use of an agricultural building to two dwellings with associated development | Land North East Of Tregear Farm Tregear Hill St Ewe St Austell Cornwall PL26 6EZ

ii. **PA16/10869** | Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building into a dwellinghouse and associated development | Building At Bosue Vineyard St Ewe St Austell Cornwall PL26 6EU

C) Planning correspondence. There was no correspondence.

D) Applications for Consultee Comments. None.

#### 16/93 Highways

A) A large pothole is forming again at the corner of Drunken Bridge.

B) The drains are full of leaves and need to be unblocked on Tucoyse Hill and Trevithick Hill. The clerk will contact Highways about both these issues.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 16/94 Assets

A) Footpaths and verges. No issues to report.

B) Telephone Kiosks. Kestle's kiosk had a Christmas tree inside over Christmas, which was enjoyed by residents and passers-by. AB will send a photo to the clerk for posting on the website. A resident is making an information board to put in or on the kiosk.

C) Website. Summary of the 2016-17 first six months of accounts was uploaded in September.

#### 16/95 Parish Matters

A) CLT. Nothing to report.

B) Flooding.

i. Polmassick Progress Report. TJ gave a verbal report. JL sent this written report on 5th January 2017: Putting steels in for discharge pad nearly complete. Dug out ready for 1st pipe, 3 pipes in total from pad including a turn then will connect to other stream. I have requested James ( foreman ) as they start to go across the road to contact Sue Hillside Cottage and explain how it will affect her and keep her in the loop. The progress is down to weather of which has been kind to us so far. James has said anyone wanting to have a chat with him please just stop and ask questions.

ii. The council received a letter from a parishioner concerning the lack of progress on the Polmassick Culvert Scheme. It was AGREED to scan the letter and send it to the CC Highways & Drainage Manager with a copy to Cllr Harris.

C) Village Hall. The village hall has installed broadband and will invoice the PC up to the amount which corresponds to the Transparency Fund allocation, received December 2015.

16/96 Correspondence and Invitations. (A complete list in *Clerk's Notes*)

A) A letter was received concerning the dilapidation of some of the fingerposts in the parish and problems were identified. The Clerk will contact Gorran Haven to see what the costs might be to refurbish ours.

**ACTION: Clerk**

16/97 Business for the next meeting.

Fingerposts. The elections and the nomination procedure.

16/98 Date of the next meetings.

The next meeting is Monday, 13 March 2017, starting at 7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall. An extraordinary meeting to discuss planning may be arranged, if required.

*The meeting closed at 8:45 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.*

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 16 February 2017