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## DRAFT MINUTES

**Parish Council Ordinary Meeting**  
**St Ewe Village Hall, 7.00 PM**  
**Monday 13 March 2017**

### PRESENT:

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Diane Cledes, Trevor Harman, Janet Lockyer, Jenny May

### ALSO PRESENT:

Mrs Christine Wilson, Clerk to the Parish. Ward Member Cllr Malcolm Harris. 5 members of the public.

### ABSENT:

Councillors: Allan Brooks, Trevor Johns, Rueben Collins and 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 7.00 pm and the Chairman welcomed all.*

### 16/99 Apologies

Apologies were received from AB and SR.

### 16/100 Councillors' interests

A) Declarations of interest. None

B) Request for dispensation. There were no requests.

### 16/101 Public Session

*The Chairman brought Item 16/106 forward. See Item 16/106.*

A) A neighbour of the development which received planning permission in September 2016, PA16/06500, at Lefasant, Little Polgooth, explained the issues regarding the access along Bridleways 13 and 14, and the concerns of many of the neighbours about adherence to the approved plans and its visual impact on the surrounding area.

*4 members of the public left the meeting and the agenda resumed in sequence.*

B) Cherilyn Williams, Conservative Party candidate for Cornwall Council, introduced herself and explained she has been visiting all the parishes in this ward to familiarise herself with the issues. Ms Williams remained for the duration of the meeting.

16/102 Meetings and governance

- A) Previous actions. All previous actions have been completed except the information from Gorran Haven about their new fingerposts.
- B) The council **RESOLVED** to move the May meetings of the parish council to **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017** (proposed WR, 2<sup>nd</sup> JL). The election takes place Thurs, 4th May. St Ewe would normally hold its meeting on the second Monday; however, in accordance with Local Government Act 1972, s.16(3) the newly elected councillors do not take office until 9<sup>th</sup> May. There are three meetings on that day: the Annual Parish Meeting, The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council.
- C) The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017, which had been circulated as draft, were a true and correct record (proposed JM, 2nd WR). However, there was not a copy ready for signature, so they will be signed at the next meeting.

16/103 Finance

- A) Three quotes were received to carry out an internal audit for the 2016/17 financial year. It was **RESOLVED** (proposed JD, 2<sup>nd</sup> TH) to accept the quote of maximum £75.00, the other quotes being higher. The chosen auditor has worked as an accountant and parish clerk .  
**ACTION: Clerk**
  - B) Clerk’s reports on Budget Comparison, Cash Flow and Bank Rec were **NOTED**.
  - C) Payments totalling £ 774.24 were **AUTHORISED** (proposed: WR; 2<sup>nd</sup> DC). The final column is recoverable VAT.
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| Mrs C Wilson            | 13 Mar 17 | Clerk salary & expenses                   | 581 | £ | 497.67 |  |  |
| Lime Cloud Media Agency | 13 Mar 17 | Website registration renewal              | 582 | £ | 75.96  |  |  |
| Reuben Collins          | 13 Mar 17 | Grit for grit bins, early 2016            | 583 | £ | 60.00  |  |  |
| Luxulyan Parish Council | 13 Mar 17 | 25% of office supplies, training & travel | 584 | £ | 140.61 |  |  |

16/104 Ward Member Malcolm Harris’ report:

I messaged John Dickinson regarding remaining community chest money, and another request was put in for a gas water boiler for the St Ewe fair, and the funding has been confirmed. The deadline has passed now, although the new round will start again soon. You may want to start thinking about anything our community needs some funding for.

As I’m sure you’re aware, the budget was passed which included a 4% increase in council tax, of which half of it is to be ring-fenced for adult social care – an area in severe crisis due to a serious lack of government funding.

I have been quite vocal in the press lately regarding the state of our planning system, how it’s broken and not fit for purpose. As a result, I have been in discussion with a number of pressure groups, public and the press and am consequently been persuaded to launch a petition campaign to bring the powers of planning back to Cornwall. A Cornwall Planning Policy Framework – not a ‘National’ one.

At CC we are now negotiating the 2nd round of the Devolution Deal for Cornwall and there is practically no ask for more powers of planning. I was told that the Government has said no, so there’s no point in asking. I have told CC and John Pollard that that is totally unacceptable and defeatist, and that I won’t let it rest. If the petition is successful enough, CC and Westminster will have to take

notice.

I'm attending an appeal in Roche over the next few days, a unanimous decision by our committee which is almost certainly going to be overturned, is again more proof that our planning system does not work in the best interests of Cornwall.

My Government petition has been submitted and will go live in the next couple of days, and I will send links to the parish councils as soon as it does. If you support the principal of the petition – the detail will be made clear when it goes live – please sign it, but more importantly persuade other to do the same.

16/105 To consider repair of the fingerposts in the parish.

Photos of two dilapidated fingerposts were discussed. One wooden and one iron. The iron one has a missing 'finger'. It was suggested that a notice be placed on Facebook about the missing finger to see if it can be recovered. JL advised that information about the previous restoration of the fingerposts in St Ewe was in the files. This would show the Grid References for each fingerpost. The clerk will contact St Goran Parish about the price of new fingerposts, and also contact Highways to see if they advise about restoration or replacement of the fingerposts.

**ACTION: Clerk**

16/106 Issues of access using Bridleway 13/1 because of the development at Lefasant.

The Council requested that the clerk write the Right of Ways Officer to ensure that Bridleways 418/13 and 418/14 are properly protected and preserved from permanent harm during and subsequent to the development of PA16/06500.

**ACTION: Clerk**

16/107 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) Planning decisions in the parish and surrounding were **NOTED**, particularly the application in Pentewan Valley. **PA16/11994**. Land At Coyte Farm North East Of Tregongeeves Depot St Mewan St Austell Cornwall PL25 5HL. Outline Planning Permission for the construction of up to 150 homes, public open space, landscaping and all associated infrastructure works. Cllr Harris informed the council that it would be coming before the planning committee shortly.

B) Planning correspondence. There was none.

C) Applications for Consultee Comments.

- i. **PA17/01548** | Conversion of Redundant Agricultural Building to Dwelling | Land S By E Of Corran Farm St Ewe St Austell  
 Case Officer: Paul Webber  
 Standard Consultation Expiry Date: Thu 23 Mar 2017  
 Determination Deadline: Tue 25 Apr 2017  
 After consideration of this application and an inspection of the plans, the Council **RESOLVED** the following consultee comments:  
 \*\*\* St Ewe Parish Council offers **NO OBJECTION** to the building which is not increasing its footprint and will be unobtrusive to its neighbours.

16/108 Highways

A) Two large potholes were reported between Polmassick and Deer Park Corner on either side of the road. One is getting so deep it has become a hazard to vehicles such that it could burst a tyre.

**ACTION: Clerk**

16/109 Assets

A) Footpaths and verges. The clerk reported that Debbie Ebsary of the Countryside Access Team has promised that a second cut of Bridleways 418/13 and 418/16 will be placed on the cutting schedule for this year. The second cuts are not yet on the schedule, but the schedule will be amended.

The Clerk will soon write to the contractor concerning this year’s contract, which will be revised to include the 2<sup>nd</sup> cut of Bridleways 13 and 16. However, 418/13 has been flailed back already and JD suggested that it would be helpful if he were to speak directly with the contractor regarding all of the work around the parish. The clerk will send JL the contractor’s contact details.

**ACTION: Clerk and JD**

B) Telephone Kiosks. AB was not here to report. All appears well.

C) Website. Tracey, Emma and Karen received tutoring from Jo Brown on Word Press. They will be updating the webpages for the Village Hall and the Country Fair.

16/110 Parish Matters

A) SE AHL. A member of the St Ewe Affordable Housing Ltd (SE AHL) has now contacted the clerk to start their webpage on the website which was approved November 2016.

B) The Polmassick Culvert. JL updated. Ms Cherilyn Williams also updated the clerk with a report from Cormac. The inspection chamber is now complete and the lid (‘biscuit’) will be delivered shortly. In the next 10 days that section of the road will be restored for traffic and the St Ewe side will be closed until the next stage is complete. Cormac envisages completion at the end of May. It was noted that the project originally was due to take 10 weeks (22 Oct – 31 Dec); however, the engineers encountered complications. It has now taken 20 weeks, with another 10 weeks predicted. Cllr Harris will ask why it isn’t moving more quickly and also find out where the overspend for this project is coming from, from which project or department. JL will continue to update the clerk so that reports can be made on the website.

**ACTION: MH, JL and Clerk**

C) Village Hall. The clerk reported that the Transparency Fund has not yet been claimed for the installation of broadband at the VH. WR reported that the secretary will write to St Ewe PC requesting the allocated funding.

D) Tower & Spire. The clerk has been overlooking putting the minutes in the *Tower & Spire* and some residents have missed them. This will be remedied.

**ACTION: Clerk**

16/111 Correspondence and Invitations. (A complete list in Clerk’s Notes)

A) Nothing to report.

16/112 Business for the next meeting.

Approval of the Parish Accounts for the Annual Return. Acceptance of the Local Maintenance Agreement (LMP) for footpaths and bridleways. Acceptance of the Agency Agreement for the grass verges. Allocation of grants.

16/113 Date of the next meetings.

A) The next meeting is Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017, starting at 7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall. An extraordinary meeting to discuss planning may be arranged, if required. There are 3 meetings on this day:

i. Annual Parish Meeting, usually attended by the PCSO.

ii. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

iii. Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

B) Dates for the Annual Parish Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

*The meeting closed at 9.10 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.*

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 6 April 2017