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DRAFT MINUTES

Parish Council Ordinary Meeting
St Ewe Village Hall, 7.00 PM
Monday 24 July 2017

PRESENT:

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Allan Brooks, Michelle Floyd, Trevor Johns, Janet Lockyer, Lesley Storr and Philip Vellenoweth

ALSO PRESENT:

Mrs Christine Wilson, Clerk to the Parish. Ward Member Cllr Cherilyn Williams. 2 members of the public

ABSENT:

Councillors: Diane Clemes, Trevor Harman

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.

The meeting began at 7.09 pm and the Chairman welcomed all.

17/29 Apologies

Apologies were received from CL because of work and TH because of a medical appointment and the council APPROVED both absences.

17/30 Councillors' interests

A) Declarations of interest. TJ declared an interest in Item 17/37C.v because of a potential business interest.

B) Request for dispensation. There were no requests. JL has a current dispensation for the Village Hall.

17/31 Public Session

A) Mr Care voiced his disappointment that the Council's consultee comments did not reach the case officer before the decision on planning application PA17/03409. The clerk apologised for the accidental omission on her part. As the case officer's decision was based on an objection from Highways, it was agreed that the clerk would write to Highways and copy in the case officer and Ward Member Cherilyn Williams, explaining that the council has received testimony that the passageway in question has been used by vehicles for many years.

ACTION: Clerk

A member of the public left the meeting.

17/32 Governance

A) Co-option. The Chair read a letter from Michelle Floyd indicating her interest in the vacancy on the Parish Council. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed PV, 2nd JL) unanimously to co-opt her. Michelle signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the new book and took her place at the table.

B) Previous Actions.

i. Fingerposts. JD reported that the metal cast fingerpost which has gone missing is exactly the one previously repaired by Cornwall Council and was partly or wholly funded by the Community Chest of Robin Teverson when he was Cornwall Councillor. The clerk will write to Highways so that Rachel Tatlow can speak with Teresa Frost who may even be able to find the cast used for the job.

ACTION: Clerk

ii. The one-off donation from the Pitts Down Wind Turbine of £1667.00 has been received. The clerk reported that there are no strong restrictions associated with this donation. It is expected to be ringfenced so that it is used for community benefit, generally within a 4 Km radius of the turbine. The subsequent yearly donations from the Turbine will be administered by a company much like the Low Carbon Fund; however, this money will not have the 'low carbon' restriction.

C) Minutes.

iii. Parish Meeting. The council **REVIEWED** the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (Meeting of the Electors) and agreed that they are accurate. They will be approved and signed at the next Parish Meeting, scheduled for May 2018.

iv. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15 May 2017 were a true and correct record (proposed JD, 2nd JL) and they were duly signed.

v. Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council. The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15 May 2017 were a true and correct record (proposed JD, 2nd JL) and they were duly signed.

D) It was **RESOLVED** (proposed AB, 2nd WR) to support the Clerk's attendance at the Regional Training Seminar in Saltash on 27th September at a cost of of £24.60 to St Ewe and £73.80 to Luxulyan PC, including mileage.

E) New dates for free Planning Training are available from Cornwall Council (9th, 15th and 22nd Aug) and the councillors can contact the clerk to book a place.

17/33 Finance

A) Clerk's reports on Budget Comparison and Cash Flow were **NOTED**.

B) After the clerk circulated a handout describing a proposal for the council's consideration of the financing of a shared computer for the clerk. It was **DEFERRED** until the next meeting.

C) CC Williams' Community Chest. As mentioned in her report, there are grant funds available every year for community projects. Minimum of £100, maximum of £1000. Some of the monies have been earmarked for local preschools, but there is still a good amount left.

- D) Grant. A grant request for £550 received for maintenance of the Village Hall was **APPROVED** (proposed JD, 2nd AB).
- E) Transparency Fund. The Parish Council has £493.38 from the Transparency Fund for internet in the Village Hall, which serves the Parish Council at its meetings. It was **AGREED** to pay the Village Hall internet bills up to that amount and the Village Hall will send the invoices to the clerk regularly until that amount is reached.
- F) Payments totalling £1,494.86 were **AUTHORISED** (proposed: JD; 2nd TJ). Clerk salary & expenses, £579.73; Village Hall Grant, £550.00; Declaration of Acceptance of Office book, £144.00 (incl £24.00 VAT); VH internet, £221.13.
- G) The council **RESOLVED** (proposed JD; 2nd TJ) to use NEST as its pension provider.

17/34 Ward Member Cherilyn Williams' report

Following the previous Parish Council meeting, my most pressing action was with regards to Lower Barn. I had promised to make a representation to the Licensing sub-committee on behalf of residents. The sub-committee was held on 12th July and was very well attended. There were many conditions attached to the Licence.

The Polmassick culvert works are now finished. I visited three residents in Polmassick at the end of the works. There were various 'tidying up' issues around boundaries and fencing which were unresolved. There is also a new flooding issue which happened during the persistent rain since the workmen left. > I have contacted the project team about all of these issues. Daryoush has forwarded the issues to Jim Driscoll and am currently waiting for a response.

A separate leak in Polmassick near the bridge is an ongoing issue. > Reported to SWW who responded 17/7 "Just to let you know that our Engineers repaired the leak last week. It was quite tricky as the pipe and stop tap was embedded in concrete. They have backfilled the trench and temporarily reinstated the road. They will need to return at some stage to complete a permanent reinstatement which will completely reset the levels of the road including the covers. I'm not sure when this will be but the leak has now been stopped."

Fantastic day at St Ewe fete and well done to everyone involved. Looking forward to St Ewe Country Fair in August.

I would like to know if the Parish are considering doing their neighbourhood plan? Reasons for the decision – can I help?

Community chest – any ideas for local projects?

The most pressing issue facing us at Full Council on 25th July is Local Government Boundary changes – does the Parish have an opinion? Will you be submitting something back to the Boundary Commission? [See Item 17/36]

A member of the public left the meeting.

17/35 Planning Policy consultation

No proposal was put forward to respond to this consultation.

17/36 Number of County Councillors consultation

No proposal was put forward to respond to this consultation because the council felt strongly that important and relevant information was missing, such as a map of parish and ward boundaries corresponding to different numbers of County Councillors. The council felt it was unable to make a proper and considered response due to the lack of contextual information and was surprised Cornwall Council had consulted in this way.

17/37 Planning.

A) Of note. Decisions are listed on the website under *Planning St Ewe Parish* and in *Clerk's Notes*. Enforcements can be found in *Clerk's Notes*.

B) **PA17/05788** | Submission of details to discharge conditions 2 and 3 in respect of decision notice **PA16/06730** | Tregenna Barn Little Polgooth St Austell Cornwall.
There were no consultee comments requested by the Planning Authority.

C) Applications for Consultee Comments.

i. **PA17/04299** Construction of new warehouse building | M A Grigg Ltd Pendennis Luney Lane Lower Sticker St Austell Cornwall PL26 7JH.
Neighbour Consultation Expiry Date: Fri 16 Jun 2017 (extension given).
After consideration of this application and inspection of the plans, the Council **RESOLVED** (proposed AB; 2nd WR) the following consultee comments:
*** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application.

ii. **PA17/05381** | Demolition of annexe with replacement extensions and alterations including proposed garage/workshop with hobbies room/studio over - Tregenna Little Polgooth St Austell PL26 7DD.
Standard Consultation Expiry Date: 07 Jul 2017 (extension given)
After consideration of this application and inspection of the plans, the Council **RESOLVED** (proposed AB; 2nd JD) the following consultee comments:
*** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application.

iii. **PA17/05757** | Proposed Base Station Installation at CTILO241897_VF14478 - Street Furniture on Highways Grass Verge, Chapel Hill, Polgooth, St Austell, Cornwall PL26 7DD | Land For Storage St Austell Cornwall
Standard Consultation Expiry Date: 11 Jul 2017 (extension given)
After consideration of this application and inspection of the plans, the Council **RESOLVED** (proposed AB; 2nd JL) the following consultee comments:
*** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application.

iv. **PA17/05151** | Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use namely that the dwelling has been occupied intermittently since 2005, when it was completed. | Sanders Farm Lower Sticker St Austell PL26 7JH
Standard Consultation Expiry Date: 20 Jul 2017 (extension given)
After consideration of this application and inspection of the plans, the Council **RESOLVED** (proposed AB; 2nd JD) the following consultee comments:
*** St Ewe Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this application for a number of reasons. It is not suitable as a "dwelling". The history and nature of the build show that it was not constructed within the planning guidelines for permanent residence. For it to be considered a 'dwelling' the council considers that a full planning application is needed, which would take into consideration all aspects of the site and the construction. The council has serious concerns about the situation, the quality of the materials and the quality of the finish.

v. **PA17/05426** | Application to take 5 existing barns in different stages of disrepair and convert them into 5 individual residential units. | Lanuah Farm Lane To Lanewa Farm St Ewe St Austell PL26 6ER
Standard Consultation Expiry Date: Thu 27 Jul 2017
After consideration of this application and inspection of the plans, the Council **RESOLVED**

(proposed AB; 2nd JL) the following consultee comments:

*** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application; however, it is of a significant size for the parish and the Council has serious concerns about Unit 5, which transforms a pole barn into a residence and doesn't believe this is suitable. The Council trusts that the case officer will ensure that the design and materials of the buildings will suit the locality. The council is also aware that Gold Footpath 418/4/1 runs adjacent to the development and would like the case officer to ensure that access to the path is retained at all times during construction and in the future.

17/38 Highways

A) The council **NOTED** that a collapsing culvert at Bosue has been reported to Highways by a resident and the residents await a site visit or immediate action by Highways.

B) The potholes between Trelewock and Tregain, north of Tregondean Cottage are worsening and there are a number of bad potholes outside the Crown Inn in the village.

ACTION: Clerk

17/39 Assets

A) Footpaths and verges.

i. JD reported that Footpath 418/4/1 is clear and the contractor will be able to get to the stiles.

ii. It was **RESOLVED** (proposed JL; 2nd WR) to accept the Cornwall Council proposal for paths requiring an additional cut to be added to the Local Maintenance Partnership grant; that is, Footpaths: 418/13/1 - 240m; 418/16/2 - 250m; 418/16/3 - 220m.

iii. The footpaths contractor quoted £100 for the additional work and it was **RESOLVED** (proposed JL; 2nd WR) to accept this quote. It appears that Cornwall Council will honour the additional LMP payment this year; however, if this is not the case, there are funds from budget savings or working capital that would cover the extra expense.

B) Telephone Kiosks. AB reported that the inauguration of the refurbished Kestle kiosk was very well attended and that the refurbishment of the St Ewe kiosk will begin this week.

C) Website. The Country Fair is using its pages on the website. SE AHL's page has been added.

17/40 Parish Matters

A) SE AHL. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd JL) to assist St Ewe Affordable Housing Ltd to organise a parish survey to determine the need for more affordable housing in the parish. Funding is available for the survey. The Council will discuss this further at its next meeting.

B) Flooding. The major work of the Polmassick Culvert is finished, but a few more jobs will be done to tidy it all up and finish making good. Cllr Cherilyn Williams is chasing this work; see Item 17/34. JL reported on the relatively minor problem of blocked drains at Polmassick. In the recent rains, it has been a simple job to clear the drains to ensure the water flows into them.

C) Village Hall. The VH successfully applied to the Low Carbon Fund for hand dryers in the VH toilets.

17/41 Correspondence and Invitations. (A complete list in *Clerk's Notes*)

A) St Ewe PCC wrote to thank the St Ewe PC for the £550, and sent their 2016 annual accounts as requested.

17/42 Business for the next meeting.

Earmarked Funds. Quotes for Fingerposts. SE AHL community survey.

17/43 Date of the next meetings.

The next ordinary meeting is Monday, 11 September 2017, starting at 7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall. An extra-ordinary meeting to discuss planning may be called by the Chairman, if required.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 28 July 2017