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**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Parish Council Meeting**  
**St Ewe Village Hall, 7.00 PM**  
**Monday 13 July 2015**

Present:	CLlr Will Richards (Chairman), Cllr John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Cllr Sam Roberts, Cllr Jenny May, Cllr Allan Brooks, Cllr Janet Lockyer .
Absent:	Cllr Trevor Johns, Cllr Rueben Collins, Cllr Trevor Harman, Cllr Diane Clemes
Also present:	Mrs Christine Wilson, Clerk to the Parish Ward Member, Cllr Malcolm Harris 3 members of the public, arrivals and departures varied.
Abbreviations:	Councillors' names – abbreviated with their initials. <b>CC</b> – Cornwall Council. <b>PC</b> – Parish Council. <b>VH</b> – Village Hall. *** consultee comments submitted by St Ewe for planning applications.

***The meeting began at 7.05 pm and the Chairman welcomed all.  
 One member of the public was in attendance.***

15/19 Apologies were received from Cllr Trevor Harman and Cllr Diane Clemes.

15/20 Declaration of interests.

- a) Cllrs Richards and Lockyer declared an interest in Item 15/29e because they are on the Village Hall committee.
- b) Cllr Roberts requested a dispensation (in accordance with Localism Act 2011 Sec.33c) for Item 15/28e because, though he is representative of the Parish Council on the Village Hall committee, it is helpful to the PC that he remain in the meeting and inform the discussion and he receives no more benefit from the Village Hall than any other parishioner. The dispensation was **awarded** for a period of 4 years (proposed JD, 2<sup>nd</sup> AB).
- c) Cllr Lockyer requested a dispensation (in accordance with Localism Act 2011 Sec.33c) for Item 15/24, and for all future items relating to flooding at Polmassick, because, although Cllr Lockyer is affected by the flooding at Polmassick, she is now a Trustee of the Cornwall Flood Forum and her insights are of benefit to the discussion and, furthermore, her benefit from any work done at Polmassick is not greater than others affected by the flooding. The dispensation was **awarded** for a period of 4 years (proposed AB, 2<sup>nd</sup> JD).

15/21 Public Session.

- Mr G Chaplin wished to call the PC's attention to the Low Carbon Fund which has been set up by the owners of two nearby turbines at Tregarton to benefit the residents of the parishes of St Ewe, St Goran and St Michael Caerhays. The turbines are managed by Cornwall Community Power. The Low Carbon Fund Panel distributes £3,000 every year for projects which lower carbon output. Mr Chaplin requests more transparency regarding the process.

It was **agreed** to move forward the Council's response to Mr Chaplin's letter (from Correspondence). During the discussion the clerk handed out a note on the Cornwall Community Power's guidelines for the Fund. The clerk will **request** that a representative of the Low Carbon Fund Panel attend the Council's next meeting in September in order for St Ewe to find out more about the application criteria and process, and in order to facilitate access to the fund.

***Mr G Chaplin left the meeting at 7.45 pm.***

## 15/22 Meetings.

- a) The draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were **reviewed** and are ready for signing at the next Annual Parish Meeting (Meeting of the Electors) in May 2016.
- b) The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM) and the Ordinary Meeting, both held on 11 May 2015 were **approved and signed** by the Chairman (proposed JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> SR).

15/23 Ward Member Malcolm Harris' report. Cllr Harris did not bring a report, but Cornwall Council's plans for paperless planning consultations were discussed and Cllr Harris said he would support the Parish Council to request a repeal or postponement (see 15/25b.i).

15/24 Polmassick Flood Prevention. Cormac has applied for planning permission for a culvert at Polmassick bridge which should allow flood waters to disperse without flooding the road or homes at Polmassick. T Frost of Cormac will be meeting soon with the residents of Polmassick to explain the proposal in detail and hear their views. (See Item 15/25c.iii)

## 15/25 Planning

- a) Planning Decisions for St Ewe Parish, and a few of interest from surrounding parishes. (A complete list is on the new website under *Parish Council/Planning St Ewe Parish*)
  - i) ST MEWAN decision. **PA15/03269** NO OBJECTIONS (OHL/OHE/HG apps). Ms Geraldine Thomson Land South Of 1 Sunnyside Little Polgooth St Austell Cornwall PL26 7DD Hedgerow removal notice regarding hedgerow butting eastern side of Bridleway 14 St Ewe.
  - ii) ST MEWAN decision. **PA15/01218** APPROVED. Mr Sean Simpson. Blackpool Quarry Greensplat St Austell Cornwall. A single wind turbine of max 77m to tip, along with associated infrastructure including an access track and electrical housing. [It was originally listed under St. Stephen-in-Brannel. St Mewan PC did not object, though St Stephen did.]

***The applicant of PA15/06057 arrived at 8.25 pm.***

- a) Planning correspondence.
  - i) The portfolio holder for Planning at Cornwall Council, Cllr Edwina Hannaford, wrote to all Town and Parish Clerks on 3<sup>rd</sup> July to explain that CC would stop sending paper copies of planning applications as of 1<sup>st</sup> September. The clerk explained the overwhelming opposition throughout the parishes of Cornwall, because there is not enough time to implement this change, the purchase of projection equipment has not been budgeted for, the Planning Portal is not set up for efficient access or downloading of the needed documents, and a certain amount of training will be required for councillors and clerks to implement the new 'paperless' consultation process. The clerk will **write** to Cllr Hannaford on behalf of St Ewe PC to explain the difficulties and request a repeal or postponement of the policy. Cllr Richards also said that the Village Hall would look into the possibility of purchasing a projector and screen, perhaps with help from the Low Carbon Fund.
  - ii) A letter from St Ewe's new Member of Parliament, Steve Double, to Phil Mason, Head of the Planning Department, was read out which supports the Parish's objection to the Levalsa Wind Turbine PA15/02977.
- b) Applications for Consultee Comments.
  - i) **PA15/05054** Tucoyse Farmhouse Road From Tucoyse Hill To Junction South West Of Tucoyse Tregony Truro TR2 5SJ. Two storey extension and internal alterations - Mr Rupert Wilder - (Case Officer - Myra Trust).

After discussion, the Council offers **no objection** (proposed AB, 2<sup>nd</sup> SR).

\*\*\* St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application as long as the case officer is happy with the materials.

- ii) **PA15/04834** Lower Kestle Farm. Road from Drunken Bridge to Kestle Road, St Ewe, St Austell. Extension to agricultural building. - Mr Lobb - (Case Officer - Samuel Dunn).

After a short discussion, the Council offers **no objection** (proposed JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> JD).

\*\*\* St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application as the extension will be unobtrusive.

- iii) **PA15/04596** Bridge Over River Luney Tucoyse Hill Polmassick St Austell Cornwall PL26 6HA. Listed building consent for proposed installation of a bypass culvert with a weir inlet that will carry surplus flows to the downstream end of the bridge – Applicant: Cornwall Council. Agent: Cormac Solutions Ltd – Mr Handley – (Case Officer – Tracy Young).

Cllr Lockyer explained various aspects of this proposed solution to the flooding problems at Polmassick and the Council unanimously voted to **support** the scheme. (proposed AB, 2nd SR).

\*\*\* St Ewe Parish Council SUPPORTS this application as it benefits and protects the residents of Polmassick and the vehicles using the lanes there.

- iv) **PA15/06057** | Proposed erection of four stables and a covered yard | Crosswyn House St Ewe St Austell Cornwall PL26 6EX

After explanations from the applicant and a short discussion, the Council offered **no objection** to this application (proposed JD, 2nd JL).

\*\*\* St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application as the extension will be an attractive improvement to the property and is in keeping with the existing buildings.

15/20 Highways. The clerk will **send** this list to Cormac about works requiring attention:

- a) The pothole near the Deer Park is getting bigger.
- b) A letter from the owner of Kastlah Deer Farm regarding drainage on Coose Hill was read out. The clerk will **scan and send** the letter to Cormac with the accompanying photo.
- c) A large pothole is getting bigger on the road to Lower Kestle Farm on the signposted entrance to Kestle ½ way between the main road and Lower Kestle Farm.

15/21 Footpaths. Cllr Dickinson, the Lead Councillor for footpaths, gave a comprehensive report on majority of footpaths in the parish.

- It is **noted** that FP 418/11 (silver) from Griggs road to Pengelly is still impassable; however, there is a new signpost for the public footpath.
- JD has noted problem areas on the footpaths 418/16 and 418/13 near Levalsa and Lefasant. The clerk will **find out** exactly where the contractor cuts and possibly suggest he concentrate on the problem areas of FP Nos 13 & 16.
- **Noted**: bridleway 418/17 (between FP 418/14 & 16) is not visible because of standing corn.
- FP 418/4 (All Saints church to Lanuah) is also affected by standing corn. The contractor cannot cut the stiles there. Cllr Dickinson will talk to the farmer about the possibility of a 'permissive right of way' around the crop.
- The decision whether the parish needs a contingency fund for Footpaths and Bridleways has been **deferred** until more information is obtained from the contractor.
- The hedge concerned in the recent planning application PA15/03269 has been changed and reconstructed as a proper Cornish hedge and it looks very good. **Noted**.

***Cornwall Cllr M Harris and Cllr A Brooks left the meeting at 9 pm.***

15/22 Finance

- a) The clerk handed out copies of the Budget Comparison and Cash Flow. No issues were raised.

***Mrs Musgrave, churchwarden, arrived re Item 15/28f.***

- b) Internal Audit Report. The internal auditor's report raised no issues.
- c) External Audit Report and Asset Register. St Ewe passed its audit; however, the external auditor explained that the Notice Boards on the Asset Register need a value. "Unknown" is not acceptable. The clerk will **find** a replacement value and **correct** the Asset Register.

- d) New Transparency Code for Smaller Councils. The Clerk will be creating a **new webpage** on the website under Parish Council: *Parish Finance*, on which will be posted all the new required documents.
- e) Grant for Village Hall maintenance. At the previous meeting a letter had not yet arrived requesting the grant of £500, so the decision was deferred to this meeting. WR and JL had declared an interest as they are on the Village Hall committee. However, if they left the room, the meeting would be inquorate; therefore, it was **agreed** to give WR and JL a dispensation for this vote under Section 33a of the Localism Act 2011. A grant of £500 toward maintenance of the Village Hall was **granted** (proposed JD, 2<sup>nd</sup> JM).
- f) Grant for repair of St Ewe All Saints Church roof was **approved** for £480 (proposed SR, 2<sup>nd</sup> WR). It is requested that, if at all possible, the repair be done all at once so that expensive scaffolding need not be hired twice.
- g) Payment of 10 extra hours for the clerk for website setup (£92.07) was **approved** (proposed AB; 2<sup>nd</sup> JL).
- h) An increase in the salary of the clerk was **approved** for an extra 0.5 hours per week for the on going website tasks (proposed JL, 2<sup>nd</sup> JD).
- i) Payments totalling £1,652.99 were **authorised**: St Ewe Village Hall maintenance, £500.00; C Wilson, Clerk salary & expenses, £640.21 (including website setup £92.07 and an extra .5 hours per week for the on going website tasks); Luxulyan Parish Council (25% of supplies & travel) £32.78; St Ewe PCC church roof, £480.00.
- j) Notice of the Conclusion of Audit was handed out for posting on the notice boards and it will be **posted** on the website.

***Cllr J May left the meeting at 9.30 pm.***

15/23 Correspondence and Invitations. (A complete list in Clerk's Notes 13-07-15)

- a) Letters of thanks were received for the grants given last month to Tower & Spire and to St Ewe All Saints.
- b) CONSULTATION: Planning Validation List for all planning applicants. No reply was proposed except the Clerk's **reply** to Cllr Hannaford about paperless planning (see 15/25b.i).
- c) Letter to the council about run off and drainage at Tucoyse Hill will be **forwarded** to Highways.
- d) A Correspondence Policy for the PC was reviewed and will be ratified at the next meeting.

***2 members of the public left the meeting at 9.45 pm.***

- e) Cornwall Rural Housing Association Ltd has requested that parishioners write to their local MP to protect the St Ewe affordable housing development from the Right To Buy scheme proposed by the current government, so that the affordable houses in St Ewe will remain available as affordable homes. **Noted**. A copy of the letter is available from the clerk.

15/24 Business for the next meeting. No particular item was requested.

15/25 The next ordinary meeting is on Monday, 14 September 2015, starting at 7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall. An interim meeting to discuss planning may be arranged, if required.

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

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 22 July 2015