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DRAFT MINUTES

Parish Council Ordinary Meeting
St Ewe Village Hall, 7.00 PM
Monday 12 September 2016

PRESENT:

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), Allan Brooks, Diane Clemes, Trevor Harman, Trevor Johns, Janet Lockyer, Jenny May

ALSO PRESENT:

Mrs Christine Wilson, Clerk to the Parish. Ward Member Cllr Malcolm Harris. 3 members of the public

ABSENT:

Councillors: John Dickinson, Sam Roberts, Rueben Collins.

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 7.00 pm and the Chairman welcomed all.

16/54 Apologies

The council **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from SR who will be indisposed for an as yet unknown amount of time and JD who is away.

16/55 Councillors' interests

A) AB advised that he has an interest in a financial payment at Minute 16/58B.

B) There were no requests for dispensation.

16/56 Public Session

A) Two neighbours explained the history of the field involved with the planning application PA16/06409 for a caravan. (See Minute 16/61A)

16/57 Minutes and governance

A) Previous Actions. No previous actions needed further discussion.

B) The council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 8 August 2016 were a true and correct record (proposed JM, 2nd JL) and the minutes were duly signed.

C) JL asked for further information about the Code of Conduct training in St Austell, 22 Sept.

ACTION: Clerk

- D) At the clerk’s request, the council **APPROVED** the clerk’s attendance at Planning Training in Launceston on 6th October at a fee of £15 (proposed: JL; 2nd TH). St Ewe will pay 25% of the cost.
ACTION: Clerk
- E) The council **RESOLVED** to move the July 2017 meeting date to 24th July so that the clerk can attend her son’s wedding in America (proposed AB; 2nd TH).

16/58 Finance

- A) Clerk’s reports on Budget Comparison and Cash Flow are delayed because she is in the process of reformatting them slightly. The first 6 months Budget v Payments will shortly be available on the website under *Council Accounts*.
ACTION: Clerk

- B) The council **RESOLVED** to go slightly over budget to buy another 5 litres of red paint (proposed JL, 2nd JM) so that there is enough for the St Ewe kiosk. The council **AUTHORISED** payments totalling £709.95 (proposed: DC; 2nd JL). The final column here is recoverable VAT, included in the total.

12 Sep 16	Clerk salary & expenses	572	£	544.02		
12 Sep 16	Luxulyan Parish Council (25% of supplies, etc)	573	£	39.49		
12 Sep 16	Cllr Allan Brooks, supplies for Telephone Kiosks	574	£	62.84		
12 Sep 16	Black Country Paints Ltd, for Tel kiosks	575	£	63.60		10.60

16/59 Ward Member Malcolm Harris gave his report.

- He emphasised the effectiveness of Neighbourhood Plans and is pleased that the Plan for St Mewan is nearing completion.
- The boundary commission was unable to push hasty decisions through. It is a very important decision and there is now time before the 2021 election to get it right.
- The Portfolio holder for Highways, Bert Biscoe, confirmed that Highway improvement schemes will now be prioritised only by maintenance and safety considerations because of Central Government cuts.
- There is a proposal before CC that traffic problems around schools should be given special consideration when considering new housing proposals.
- CC opposed the proposal of the Home Secretary to transfer control of fire and rescue services from CC to the Devon and Cornwall Police Commissioner. Cornish services must remain under Cornish control.
- After his participation in the St Ewe Country Fair and after discussion with the organisers, Cllr Harris received two proposed applications for his Community Chest to support the Country Fair. He wanted to consult the Parish Council as he considers that the Parish Council should have a voice in the allocation of the Community Chest funds. The Chairman read out a letter to Cllr Harris, which had been copied to the PC, about the requests. (See the decision under Correspondence, Minute 16/65.)
- Cllr Harris advised that the full £2,000 is still available in his Community Chest.

16/60 Electoral Review.

Cllr Harris gave his view of the situation, which was invaluable, but he emphasised that he was making observations and not asking the PC to agree with him. After thorough discussion of the pros and cons of an increase or decrease in the number of County Councillors, St Ewe PC **RESOLVED** to reply to the consultation with the following view:

*** St Ewe Parish Council believes that the number of County Councillors should remain as high as possible so that the ties between the councillor and the community are stronger, the councillor’s availability remains high, and the public is better served. The county councillor serves as a vital link

between the community and Cornwall Council. A larger constituency would require a more professional and less ‘hands on’ approach, and if higher allowances were to be authorised because of the higher work load, it would change the ethos of the job. Furthermore, larger constituencies would increase the workload of each councillor. Fewer people would be able to become county councillors and keep a day-job at the same time. This would greatly reduce the number of people able to become councillors. A higher proportion of councillors would need to come from the ‘retired’ section of the population, but the work load would put many off. In short, the pool of potential councillors would greatly decrease. In summary, the advantages of a higher number of councillors far outweigh the disadvantages.

ACTION: Clerk

Three members of the public left the meeting.

16/61 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) Of note.

i. **PA16/06409** | Certificate of lawfulness for proposed use of a static caravan for purposes incidental to the agricultural use of the land | Tredici Farm Off Pencoise Farm Tregony Truro Cornwall TR2 5SH.

This application was withdrawn from the online planning register on the date of this meeting. It was determined after a recent site visit with the case officer and the ward member that the application is unnecessary as the caravan is only for agricultural use and therefore permitted development. If the caravan becomes residential, planning permission would be required and it is uncertain whether it would be given. It was noted that the site is just over the border of St Ewe Parish in Grampound with Creed Parish; however, the caravan is clearly visible from St Ewe Village. A parish councillor advised that his company had been approached to install a toilet block on a bordering site with a caravan. It was suggested that the neighbours contact Grampound with Creed Parish Council as well.

B) Planning correspondence.

APPEAL APP/D0840/W/16/3155259 has been made for **PA15/11059** | Conversion and extension of redundant barn to form dwelling and alterations to car port | Tregenna House Farm London Apprentice St Austell Cornwall

C) Applications for Consultee Comments.

i. **PA16/06730** | Prior approval for proposed change of use of an agricultural building into a dwelling | Tregenna Barn Little Polgooth St Austell Cornwall.

NB: Consultee comments were not requested, as it will be judged solely by the legislation for permitted development and only comments regarding its compliance or non-compliance with this legislation can be considered. Nevertheless, St Ewe **RESOLVED** to send the following:

*** St Ewe Parish Council is not aware that there has been any lawful agricultural use of this site or building and the council requests evidence of the agricultural use. The Parish Council confirms that this property has not previously been known as Tregenna Barn. The place has been called 'Happy Days'. The Council supports the objections from the neighbours. It appears that the site does not qualify under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning(General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015. It appears that the development would be in the open countryside contravening NPPF para 55 against development of 'new isolated homes in the countryside'.

ii. **PA16/05564** | Extension to guest house unit and replacement doors and chimney flue extension | Lower Barn Guesthouse Road, Bosue, St Ewe St Austell PL26 6ET

The PC objected to this application at its meeting on 8 August 2016 (Minute 16/48Ci). However, as the case officer was minded to approve this application, the PC had requested that it be taken to planning committee. Cllr Harris explained his reasons why he didn't think there were sufficient planning grounds to support a refusal at planning committee, but said he would take it to committee if the PC wished. The council **RESOLVED** to 'agree to disagree' with the case officer and to request that its objection be kept permanently with the other planning documents for this development so that the Council's concerns can be on the record when considering any further planning applications.

ACTION: Clerk

16/62 Highways

A) Members of the public, residents of St Ewe Parish, are all encouraged to use online methods for submitting reports on potholes or other Highways issues. The more evidence received by Cornwall Council/Cormac from the public as well as the Parish Council, the more likely the problem will be dealt with swiftly. (See the report on the Highways Portfolio holder in Cllr Harris' report, Minute 16/59.)

i. Web address: www.FIXMYSTREET.COM

ii. REPORT IT available on the www.CORNWALL.GOV.UK website, or

iii. REPORT IT on the parish's webpage *Highways St Ewe Parish* at www.ST-EWE-PARISH.CO.UK

B) A webpage to list all reported Highways problems was briefly discussed and any decision was DEFERRED until a future date.

16/63 Assets

A) Footpaths and grass verges.

i. In agreement with the report sent my JD, the council **RESOLVED** to request that the problematic areas (Bridleways 13/1 at Lefasant and 16/3 at Levalsa) be turned into a Gold Paths (proposed JD, 2nd JL).

ACTION: Clerk

ii. It was reported that the grass verges are looking good.

B) Telephone Kiosks. AB reported that the kiosk at Kestle has been repainted and there is very positive feedback about it. The council would especially like to thank Mr Terry Stevenson for his invaluable help. AB will be organising the repainting of the St Ewe kiosk.

C) Website. It was reported that there are no issues with the website.

16/64 Parish Matters

A) The only other organisation that currently would like an email address using @st-ewe-parish.co.uk is the Country Fair. The clerk will order the two email addresses for the Parish Council and the Country Fair at a cost for each of £15 +VAT per year. The Country Fair will have to pay the Parish Council who will handle the account. (Resolved in May, Minute 16/15C).

ACTION: Clerk

B) CLT. The AGM of the CLT is in October and it was suggested that the date be put on the website.

C) Flooding. **PA16/05458**. APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. Listed building consent for proposed bypass culvert with a weir inlet that will carry surplus flows to the downstream end of the bridge - Bridge Over River Luney Tucoyse Hill Polmassick St Austell Cornwall

D) Village Hall. Nothing to report.

16/65 Correspondence and Invitations. (A complete list in *Clerk's Notes 9-11-15*)

A) The Chairman read out a letter to Cllr Harris, which had been copied to the PC, about the requests for his Community Chest. The PC unanimously **RESOLVED** to support the applications for the Community Chest from St Ewe Country Fair (proposed JL, 2nd AB), though the final decision will be made by Cllr Harris.

B) The Chairman read out a Crime Report for August. It is from PCSO Natalie Merrikin who will be sending a report each month. INCIDENTS RECORDED: 1 Public Safety. CRIMES RECORDED: 1 Other theft; 1 Criminal damage.

C) Consultation. The Parish Council did not make a proposal to respond to CC's consultation on the Free Distribution of Printed Matter as it does not affect St Ewe Parish very much.

16/66 Business for the next meeting.

Budget and Precept.

16/67 Date of the next meetings.

The next ordinary meeting is Monday, 14 November 2016, starting at 7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall. An extra-ordinary meeting to discuss planning may be arranged, if required.

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

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 6 October 2016