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DRAFT MINUTES

Parish Council Ordinary Meeting
St Ewe Village Hall, 7.00 PM
Monday, 11 September 2017

PRESENT:

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), Allan Brooks, Diane Cledes, Michelle Floyd, Trevor Johns, Janet Lockyer, Lesley Storr and Philip Vellenoweth

ALSO PRESENT:

Paul Roberts, Locum Clerk. Ward Member Cllr Cherilyn Williams. 3 members of the public

ABSENT:

Councillors: John Dickinson (Vice-chairman) , Trevor Harman. Mrs Christine Wilson, Clerk to the Parish

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. SE AHL – St Ewe Affordable Housing Limited. 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.

17/44 Apologies

Apologies were received from JD, TH.

17/45 Councillors' interests

A) Declarations of interest. None

B) Request for dispensation. There were no requests.

17/46 Public Session

A) Barbara Musgrove tabled details of the repairs needed to the Bell Tower of the Grade 1 Listed Building All Saints' Church. The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has been approached for a grant of £173,000 and further costs for repairs to window and door supports amount to £950. She explained that large grants are more likely to be awarded if the applicant can show local support and wished that a grant possibly from the Tregony Turbine Fund would be considered by the Council.

B) Mr Kingsley Care expressed his disappointment at the lack of communication from the Council since he spoke about his highway access planning application at the July PC meeting. He also raised other issues regarding roadside parking and a dispute with his neighbour. The Chairman advised Mr Care that the Clerk had not received any further correspondence on the matter. Cllr Williams (CC) explained to Mr Care that she had looked into the various issues and had received some correspondence from the Planning Case Officer which she was happy to pass on to him. She also reminded Mr Care of his right to appeal.

DC arrived during the public session.

It was agreed to move forward Item 17/51 concerning the Tregony Wind Turbine Community Fund.
See the decision at that item.

17/47 Minutes.

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| A) All action points had been actioned by the clerk. The clerk awaits further quotes for fingerposts. |
| B) The council RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 th July were a true and correct record (proposed JL, 2nd LS) and they were duly signed. |

17/48 Finance

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| A) Clerk was unable to report on exact figures for Budget Comparison and Cash Flow because the bank statements had not yet come in. |
| B) Payments totalling £1,562.83 were <u>authorised</u> (proposed: WR; 2 nd JL). C Wilson, Clerk salary & expenses, £395.83; Grant to All Saints' Bell Tower, £667.00; Grant to St Ewe Country Fair, £500.00. The locum clerk did not have the chequebook, so the payments may be able to be sorted out upon the return of the clerk. |

17/49 Ward Member Cherilyn Williams' report

PA/03409 The Stables, St Ewe access – planning was refused and at the last meeting it was requested that I discuss with highways the reasons behind this. Planning and Highways have said that they were concerned about the intensification of use of this particular access and refused it on those grounds. The decision would not be amended but the applicant could go to appeal. At this point the planning inspectorate could issue a new decision (which would outweigh the previous decision) Currently, they describe it as a “ significantly substandard access” not suitable for greater usage. (see public session)

Truro College Satellite Bus – to be discussed later in the meeting but I have been working with Steve Double MP and Cllr James Mustoe. I believe Cllr Mustoe has invited CC to walk from Gorran Haven to Mevagissey at 7.30 one morning. I will let you know when this goes ahead as it is a good way to highlight the issue. (of potentially withdrawing rural feeder pick-up school transport). (Agenda item 17/52)

Culvert works in Polmassick - I went to have a look on the morning of the recent heavy rainfall and was pleased to see that it was only running at 30% capacity. There has also been concern expressed throughout the county about blocked drains. I intend to raise it within the Conservative Group to ask whether we can make it a Cornwall-wide campaign to increase the frequency of unblocking drains. It costs the Council more to mop up after a flood than to regularly unblock drains.

Defibrillator – I have been approached by a few residents who wondered if this was still going ahead in the phone box. Please could you update? (Agenda item 17/56 (b)).

Full Council – Important issues coming up in the next few weeks/months include:

- a) The Langarth (stadium) development – The Cabinet will bring the financials decisions to the Full Cornwall Council in November.
- b) The Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) decision expected on 26 September. 99 or 87 or another number? The LGBC are visiting on the 14 October. There is a tight timetable to come up with suggested boundaries and we will be asking the Commission for an extension.
- c) Waste Collections – waste collection frequency is up for consultation. Any thoughts?.

17/50 SE AHL Community Survey.

The Chairman asked members if they had the will to carry out a survey and who would volunteer to help. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to organise a Community survey and that the Chairman will investigate funding (proposed WR, 2nd JL). JL offered to help.

17/51 Tregony Wind Turbine Community Fund (Pittsdown Turbine).

A) The Chairman advised members that the funds currently held by the parish council had been paid directly to the council but that future payments to St Ewe, Cuby and Tregony would be paid by an outside agency appointed by Cornwall Council. It was agreed that this decision would mean agency costs would be met from monies held in the 'pot'. It was **RESOLVED** to support a proposal that the annual grant from the Community Fund is paid by Cornwall Council directly to the entitled Parish Councils. (proposed AB, 2nd LS) The Clerk is to advise relevant parties accordingly.

ACTION: Clerk

B) The Chairman reminded members that £1667 had been received in February'17 from the Turbine Fund. Along with the Bell Tower request for a grant, the Council has also received a grant request from the St Ewe Country Fair Committee for a contribution to assist in purchasing additional storage space for equipment in the form of a shed and suitable base costing £1000. TJ suggested that the Church should take priority and AB suggested dividing the funds held into 3 equal parts. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £667 to the St Ewe Church fund, £500 to the Country Fair Committee and to hold the remaining £500 in reserve (proposed WR, 2nd AB).

C) Cornwall Councillor Cherilyn Williams advised the meeting that she was willing to support both community projects (St Ewe Country Fair & the All Saints' Bell Tower) with a donation from her Community Fund on receipt of an appropriate application form.

17/52 Truro College Satellite Bus.

Cllr Cherilyn Williams reported on the issue of the proposed withdrawal of the pickup feeder bus from Gorran to the hub at Mevagissey which would affect students living in the parish. She reported further that the decision to withdraw this service for the current academic year has been reversed. It was agreed to let Cllr Williams know of anyone who would be affected by cessation of the feeder service.

17/53 Renewal of 2 Fingerposts in the parish.

The Clerk had received a quote from Iron Brothers to repair/replace the missing finger on the double finger post situated at OS map 105 Grid Reference 961455. She also awaited a reply from 'Sign Of The Times' which St Goran PC have used to provide newer style smaller signs. The Locum Clerk tabled a letter received from Mr and Mrs George of Trelissick Farm which stated that a wooden finger post at the end of the lane running west from Polmassick up Trevithick Hill and at the junction of Caerhays Lane was in a dilapidated state. They indicated that they would like to donate towards the cost if it was replaced, preferably in iron or alternatively in hard wood. It was **RESOLVED** to pursue a quotation from Sign of The Times and to obtain a quote from Iron Brothers for replacing the sign at Caerhays Lane/ Trevithick Hill junction and for Cllr Vellenoweth to contact Mr and Mrs George regarding the cost of replacing the Caerhays Lane sign in hard wood.

ACTION: Clerk

17/54 Planning. See also Clerk's Notes or the webpage Planning St Ewe Parish.

A) Of note.

APPEAL: DCLG ref: APP/D0840/W/17/3178967. Appeal start date: 11 July 2017.

PA17/01409 – REFUSAL. Use of land for retention of five touring caravans for holiday letting accommodation. Pleasant Streams Barn Lower Sticker St Austell PL26 7JL. Mr & Mrs Hedges.
EN17/00944 - AJ and LA Hedges – Pleasant Streams Barn, Lower Sticker, St Austell

B) Planning correspondence. None.

C) Applications for Consultee Comments. None.

17/55 Highways

TJ reported potholes down to the hardcore in the road from Edge Corner to Bunny Cottage. Also, pothole outside Tregear. JL reported flooding during heavy rain at Deer Corner. The water runs down the drive and into a shed at Kastlah Deer Farm. Clerk to request action to repair.

ACTION: Clerk

17/56 Assets

A) Footpaths and verges. **DEFERRED** to next meeting.

B) Telephone Kiosks. The St Ewe village kiosk has been primed and is awaiting finishing with 2 top coats. It has been suggested that it could house a defibrillator however training costs for prime operators and ongoing maintenance costs have yet to be investigated.

C) Website. Cllr Brooks asked who was updating the website in the Clerk's absence. The current agenda was not listed. He also asked who was acting as the current Webmaster. The clerk will advise on her return.

17/57 Parish Matters

A) Flooding as reported under Highways.

B) Village Hall. Harvest Auction will take place 23 September 2017.

17/58 Correspondence and Invitations. (A complete list in *Clerk's Notes*)

A) Waste Collection and Cleansing Contract Inquiry. Ward Cllr Cherilyn Williams will attend this Inquiry on behalf of the PC.

ACTION: CC Ward Member

B) 14 Oct. CALC Electoral Boundary Commission conference. Ward Cllr Cherilyn Williams will attend on behalf of the PC.

17/59 Business for the next meeting.

No requests were received.

17/60 Date of the next meetings.

The next ordinary meeting is Monday, 13 November 2017, 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 9.00 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mr Paul Roberts, Locum Clerk & Mrs C Wilson, Parish Clerk ~ 18 October 2017