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DRAFT MINUTES

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

PRESENT:

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Janet Lockyer, Trevor Harman and Philip Vellenoweth

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Councillors: Allan Brooks, Diane Clemes, Michelle Floyd, Trevor Johns, Lesley Storr

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. SEAHL – 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.

17/61 Apologies

Apologies were received from AB, MF, TJ, LS.

17/62 Councillors' interests

A) Declarations of interest. None.

B) Request for dispensation. None.

17/63 Public Session

Two members of the public explained that they had come to the meeting to observe.

17/64 Minutes

A) Previous Actions. The resolution in the draft minutes at Item 17/50 regarding the Community Survey was discussed and changed (see C below). The clerk will write to SEAHL before SEAHL's AGM at the end of the month indicating the PC's support of their parish survey.

ACTION: Clerk

B) Before the minutes of 11 September were signed, it was agreed that Minute 17/50 should read: "...it was RESOLVED to organise a Community Survey and that *SEAHL* will investigate funding...". With that change (indicated here by italics), initialled by the Clerk and Chairman, the council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2017 were a true and correct record (proposed JL, 2nd WR) and they were duly signed.

C) Boundary Commission – Cornwall Council division reorganisation.

The clerk had attended the CALC Conference and also attended Cornwall Council's own Q&A session in St Austell chaired by the Chair of CC's Electoral Review Panel, Malcolm Brown. Ward Member Cherilyn Williams is a member of the Panel. The Clerk and Cherilyn Williams explained the process and the importance of St Ewe's contribution to the debate. The Boundary Commission's first priority will be divisions with equal numbers of electors (that number being 5,163 electors); their second priority will be community identity. The preliminary boundaries (available as downloadable maps from CC website) can change to better accommodate defined communities, so it is important that St Ewe explains its community identity to Cornwall Council and the Boundary Commission. Though the Boundary Commission is obliged to weigh all representations equally, from individuals and from Cornwall Council alike, CC's county-wide submission will have a great advantage. St Ewe will need to help CC understand its priorities and community focus. To this end, the parish council **RESOLVED** unanimously to highlight these priorities:

1) that the parish of St Ewe is not divided between divisions.

2) that St Ewe is allied to rural and farming parishes more to its west, rather than the urban areas to its east, because St Ewe and the parishes to its west have strong ties historically and educationally (especially considering shared secondary education) through shared community and farming activities.

3) In the future review of parish boundaries, it may be sensible to include the whole of Lower Sticker, Little Polgooth, and Hewas Water in the parish of St Ewe, rather than split these communities between two parishes.

ACTION: Clerk

17/65 Finance

A) Clerk's reports (real figures to 30 Sept): Bank Rec, Budget Comparison and Cash Flow were **NOTED**.

B) BUDGET 2018/19. The clerk circulated a draft budget proposal. Reserves are very healthy, including the cost of a contested election which was not needed at the last election. After careful consideration, the council **RESOLVED** to set its budget at £7,802.00 (proposed WR, 2nd JL).

C) PRECEPT 2018/19. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd JD) to demand a precept of £5,104. The precept has not changed for four years and is 3% lower than in fiscal year 2013/14. The continued threat of applying referendum principles to local council precepts has kept the parish council from considering a reduction of its precept.

D) Payments totalling £1,079.21 were **AUTHORISED** (proposed: WR; 2nd JD). C Wilson, Clerk salary & expenses, £533.21; Grass Verges, £546.00. It was noted that the contractor for verges is now charging VAT but, removing reclaimable VAT, the invoice is no higher than the quote.

E) At its meeting on 9 November, Luxulyan Parish Council resolved that the previous agreed 75/25 split of the Clerk's training should now be split 60/40 between Luxulyan and St Ewe councils. St Ewe does not think that this is a true reflection of the Clerk's workload, especially when taking into consideration the services provided by Luxulyan PC and its asset register. After consideration, it was **AGREED** to defer the decision on this matter and request advice from CALC.

ACTION: Clerk

17/66 Ward Member Cherilyn Williams' report

- **BOUNDARY COMMISSION.** The council had already discussed this. It is worth noting again that CC Cllr Williams is on Cornwall Council's Electoral Review Panel, chaired by Malcolm Brown, which is dealing the CC's submission to the Boundary Commission.

COMMUNITY NETWORK PANELS. There is a proposal to give the Network Panels a budget and powers, particularly regarding Highway maintenance. The parish council gave Cllr Williams a list of the main highways issues in St Ewe parish.

STALLED LANGARTH DEVELOPMENT. After developers pulled out, CC is considering buying the land at Langarth area near Truro for a large housing development, including the Stadium for Cornwall. Cllr Williams is part of a group that does not believe the CC figures add up and this will be debated at the next full council meeting. Her group is looking for an alternative site for the Stadium.

COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM. Cllr Williams is on this forum and now has access to green space maintenance equipment. If there is an area in the parish that is not well looked after, a volunteer group could use this equipment. Contact Cllr Williams for details.

17/67 Pittsdown Wind Turbine Community Fund

In consultation with the Chair of St Ewe PC, the Chair of Tregony PC and the clerk of Cuby Parish Meeting, the clerk discussed the terms of the agreement with Aura Wind (Tregony) Limited, provided by Aura for the PC's approval. It was **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd JL) that the PC would accept the letter from Aura Wind (Tregony) Limited regarding the 'Aura Wind (Tregony) Ltd – St Ewe Parish Council Community Benefit Contribution', which promises to provide £1,667.00 every year (indexed linked) to the Parish Council, to be distributed within the parish at the discretion of the Parish Council, for community benefit, for the life of the turbine, i.e., 20 years. This amount is one third of the total £5000/year shared between St Ewe, Cuby and Tregony parishes. The parishes have received their first payments already, and the next are due in August 2018.

ACTION: Clerk

17/68 Fingerposts

The council discussed two fingerposts that require attention and discussed quotes for their repair and replacement. These quotes were considered quite high, and some of the designs inadequate. It was agreed to get further quotes from local artisans for more suitable designs.

ACTION: Clerk and WR

17/69 Central Government Consultation: Disqualification criteria for Councillors and Mayors

It was recognised that the consultation is important, and the council **RESOLVED** to support CALC's response to it (proposed WR, 2nd JL).

ACTION: Clerk

17/70 Planning. The list of applications and decisions is on the webpage *Planning St Ewe Parish*.

A) Applications for Consultee Comments. The council **NOTED** the following two consultations but has no comment. It appreciates the enormous amount of work that was involved in their production.

i. PA17/00020/NDP | Plan proposal submitted for Mevagissey Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan | Mevagissey Cornwall

ii. PA17/00030/NDP | Plan proposal submitted for St Mewan Neighbourhood Development Plan | St Mewan Parish Council Cornwall

17/71 Highways

Highway issues were discussed when the Ward Member gave her report (see 17/66).

17/72 Assets

A) Footpaths and verges. There was a complaint about the overgrown hedges at Footpath 16. As has been reported previously, CC funding for a second cut at Footpath 13 and 16 did not come through as expected. The clerk has not yet received an invoice from the contractor for the footpaths. There have been no other complaints.

ACTION: Clerk

B) Telephone Kiosks. AB sent a report that the kiosk in St Ewe is almost completely refurbished and everyone agreed that it was looking very good. It was suggested that the clerk renew the notice on the website, and perhaps on the notice boards, asking for suggestions about the kiosk's use. It was agreed to wait until the next meeting when AB, as lead councillor on this issue, could attend, and strategies for community consultation could be discussed further.

ACTION: Clerk

C) Website. Nothing to report.

17/73 Parish Matters

A) CLT. SE AHL's AGM is on 28th November, St Ewe Village Hall, 8.30 pm.

B) The Gorran Low Carbon Fund met recently and awarded funds including a grant for All Saints' Christmas lights in St Ewe and hand dryers for the Village Hall toilets. Soon the VH will also be asking for low energy light for the front hall. JD reported that the committee was pleased to see applications from St Ewe.

C) Community Network. JL is signed up for a tour of the Incinerator and also the Scrap Store in the afternoon and will report back.

D) Possible Emergency Plan for the St Ewe village/Polmassick/Kestle area. JL reported that CC is requesting the completion of an Emergency Plan. JL has requested help and she will organise a working group to go through the form.

ACTION: JL

17/74 Correspondence and Invitations. (A complete list in *Clerk's Notes*)

A) CALC would like information about possible venues they could use for training and would like to set us a data base. To that end they have requested someone fill in an online survey about each venue. JL agreed to fill in the form and the clerk will forward her the link.

ACTION: Clerk & JL

17/75 Business for the next meeting.

Fingerpost designs and quotes. Report on trip to the incinerator & scrap store. Emergency Plan update.

17/76 Date of the next meetings.

The next ordinary meeting is Monday, 9 January 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 9.25 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 23 November 2017