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DRAFT MINUTES

Parish Council Ordinary Meeting
St Ewe Village Hall, 7.00 PM
Monday 9 JULY 2018

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Mrs Christine Wilson, Clerk to the Parish. 5 members of the public

ABSENT:

Councillors: Diane Clemes, Michelle Floyd, Trevor Harman and 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. 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.

Note on numbering:

The prefix will follow the Municipal Year which begins in May. January and March will carry the 17/ prefix. At the May 2018 meeting the first item on the Agenda will be 18/01.

The meeting began at 7.05 pm and the Chairman welcomed all.

18/30 Apologies

Apologies were received from Ward Member Cherilyn Mackrory, TH, LS, DC and MF.

18/31 Councillors' interests

A) Declarations of interest. None.

B) Request for dispensation. There were no requests.

18/32 Public Session

- A) Mr M Howell, Chairman of the Hewas Water Farm Action Group, spoke on behalf of the group against a proposed development of 10 houses on land at Hewas Water Farm. A public meeting was held about the development by planning agents in May. The group's main points were:
- Although the proposal is for land in the St Mewan Parish, it is right on the border of St Ewe Parish and it directly affects a number of properties facing the site that are in St Ewe Parish. We hope therefore that St Ewe Parish Council would comment when a full planning application is made.
 - We believe this new proposal is an insidious piecemeal approach to achieve the original 2014 plan for 30 houses, eventually turning Hewas Water into a suburban sprawl, creeping in several directions.

- The proposed sites are green field land and there is plenty of brownfield land around St Austell.
- This proposal has stirred up unprecedented opposition in the community that you and other Councils serve.

B) St Ewe Relief in Need charity. Mr Roger Elliott came to explain the history and current situation of the charity. The charity was formally constituted in 1979. It consists of 3 trustees appointed by the Parish Council every four years, not necessarily parish councillors. The trustees may co-opt 2 more trustees. Charity recipients may be individuals, but in recent years the trustees have granted the charity's funds primarily to health-related charities. The current trustees (See the council website under Parish Councillors for details) would like to stand down. The council discussed with Mr Elliott the various implications of this news. It was requested that the Clerk investigate any regulations pertaining to the parish council, if it were to take over the funds. However, it was also proposed that the councillors look to the community for others who might be good trustees for the St Ewe Relief in Need Charity for the next term 2018-2022.

ACTION: Councillors and Clerk

18/33 Meetings and governance

A) The clerk reported that all actions are complete, but the Parish Meeting minutes are delayed and will be out shortly. The Parish Meeting minutes are not approved until the next Parish Meeting, usually next May.

B) The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual and the Ordinary Meetings of the Parish Council held on 14 May 2018 were a true and correct record (proposed PV, 2nd JD) and they were duly signed.

C) In accordance with the *Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England, A Practitioners' Guide*, the council **RESOLVED** to appoint (proposed WR, 2nd PV) Cllr Allan Brooks as Internal Control Check. As there are so few payments, it was further **RESOLVED** to have the review every six months, usually in July and January. Cllr Brooks will begin the reviews by meeting with the clerk a few minutes before the next meeting in September.

ACTION: AB and Clerk

D) Privacy Policy. The policy had been circulated to the councillors and the council **RESOLVED** to approve the document which is one of the requirements for GDPR compliance. The document will be placed on the website under Parish Council.

ACTION: Clerk

E) Clerk's Appraisal. It was agreed that the Employment Committee should meet before the next ordinary meeting, for an appraisal of the clerk and a review of the clerk's salary point. The clerk will send them a standard appraisal form and current information about the salary scales for clerks.

ACTION: AB, JL, WR

18/34 Finance

A) It was **RESOLVED** to authorise payments totalling £507.85 (proposed: AB; 2nd JD) comprising only the Clerk's salary & expenses.

18/35 Ward Member Cherilyn Mackrory's report

The council **NOTED** its Ward Member's change of surname, accepted her apologies for her absence and, in absentia, wished her every happiness in the future.

18/36 Considerations

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| A) Boundary Commission draft proposal for Cornwall Council divisions. St Ewe has been placed in a division called St Mewan & Grampound which includes the entire parishes of St Ewe, St Mewan and Grampound with Creed, plus the northern part of Pentewan Valley. |
| B) Millennium Photos. A parishioner requested that all or some of the photos be hung in the Village Hall, because it was a shame they were not available to the public. The clerk confirmed she has the photos given her by the previous Clerk. There are 58 in total; 57 originals and one duplicate. AB will find the contact details for the photographer who still owns the copyright to the photos. The clerk will then contact the artist in the first instance.
ACTION: AB and Clerk |
| C) The boardwalk on Footpath 4 in the churchyard. The boardwalk is rotting and Footpath 4 is a gold path, so the clerk will contact Cornwall Council about it.
ACTION: Clerk |
| D) St Ewe Relief in Need Charity. The council had a lengthy discussion about the the charity. No proposal was made. See Item 18/32.B. |

18/37 Planning. Decisions are listed on the website under Planning St Ewe Parish and in *Clerk's Notes*.

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| A) Planning correspondence. |
| i. The council noted the correspondence from the Hewas Water Farm Action Group in reaction to the proposed 10 house development after the recent public meeting with the developer's planning agents. (See the Public Session.) |
| ii. The Chair read a letter from the applicant regarding PA18/01144 /PREAPP about the history of the property and their plans for the construction. |
| iii. The Chair also read a letter from Steve Double MP to Cornwall Councillor Bob Egerton requesting he reconsider stopping all information about enforcements being shared with Parish Councils. Mr Double does not consider this to be very democratic. The council asked the Clerk to see whether Cllr Egerton replied.
ACTION: Clerk |
| B) Applications for Consultee Comments. |
| i. PA18/05468 Demolition of existing dwelling, construction of replacement dwelling. Sanders Farm Lower Sticker St Austell Cornwall PL26 7JH
After consideration of the plans and lengthy discussion, the council RESOLVED (proposed AB, 2nd JD) the following consultee comment:
*** St Ewe Parish Council unanimously OBJECTS to this application for a number of reasons. The council sees this as a new build in the countryside. If the size and footprint of the previous building (recently given a retrospective certificate of lawful development) are taken into consideration, this new proposal is well outside the original footprint and much, much bigger. It cannot be considered a replacement dwelling but an entirely new build. It turns a modest annexe into an independent large family dwelling. The council is particularly concerned about the pressure on that area of the parish from developers encroaching into the countryside with single and multiple unit proposals. Such development in this area goes against the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) principle of sustainability. Services around that area are distant. |

18/38 Highways

A) The council was very disappointed in the response from Cormac about the council's detailed submissions regarding drains for the Community Network Panel Highway Scheme. The clerk will resend the submissions with a yet more detailed description of the need for thorough investigation of the affected areas.

ACTION: Clerk

B) There are now two potholes forming rapidly on both sides of the road at SW 97330 45632. The clerk will submit Report It form.

ACTION: Clerk

18/39 Assets

A) Footpaths and verges. The verges were reported as well maintained. See Item 18/36 C about FP4.

B) Telephone Kiosks. AB reported that all was well.

C) Website. Nothing to report.

18/40 Parish Matters

A) SE AHL. The Housing Needs Survey is available until 20th July. There are links on the council's website.

B) Emergency Plan. JL is progressing with the Emergency Plan which is ready for appraisal.

C) Village Hall. Nothing to report.

18/41 Correspondence and Invitations. (A complete list in *Clerk's Notes*)

A) The clerk read out a letter from the Standards Committee of Cornwall Council.

B) Letter of thanks for grants were received from St Ewe PCC and from the Tower & Spire.

18/42 Business for the next meeting.

St Ewe Relief in Need Charity.

18/43 Date of the next meetings.

A) Employment Committee will meet at 6.00 pm, Monday, 10 Sept at the Village Hall.

B) Internal Control Check. 6.45 pm before the September meeting.

C) The next ordinary meeting is Monday, 10 September 2018, 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 9.40 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 2 August 2018