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DRAFT MINUTES

Parish Council Ordinary Meeting
St Ewe Village Hall, 7.00 PM
Monday 12 November 2018

PRESENT:

Councillors: John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Trevor Harman, Trevor Johns, Janet Lockyer, Lesley Storr and Philip Vellenoweth

ALSO PRESENT:

Mrs Christine Wilson, Clerk to the Parish. Ward Member Cllr Cherilyn Mackrory. 7 members of the public

ABSENT:

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), Diane Clemes, Allan Brooks

Abbreviations:

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.

*In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-chair assumed the chair.
The meeting began at 7.00 pm and the Chairman welcomed all.*

18/58 Apologies

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| A | Apologies were received from WR, DC, AB. |
| B | The council was advised that Cllr Floyd has resigned due to work commitments and, if an election is not requested, the co-option of a new member can take place at the 14 January meeting. The clerk will prepare a notice of a casual vacancy.
ACTION: Clerk |

18/59 Councillors' interests

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| A | Declarations of interest. PV declared an interest in Item 18/64a. |
| B | Request for dispensation. There were no requests. |

18/60 Public Session

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| A | A resident discussed possible plans for the development of a barn at Little Polgooth. No application has been submitted yet. |
| B | A farmer discussed a diversification project of a log cabin for tourism. |
| C | Paul Sibley and Martin Wheeley explained the final report on the housing needs survey. The gist is that there are 26 households who are interested in affordable housing in St Ewe Parish. Andrew Prendergast from Cornwall Council who ran the survey has explained that the survey alone justifies |

10-12 new affordable homes in the parish. The homes would probably be 2-3 bedrooms. One bedroom houses are not recommended. The project is entirely dependent upon finding land at a good price & finding funding for the scheme.

*Item 18/64.B was moved forward. See the decisions at that Item.
P Sibley, M Wheeley and 3 members of the public left the meeting.*

D Planning applicants for PA18/09910 explained their plans and answered questions from the councillors.

*The decision for PA18/09910 at Item 18/65.B.ii was moved forward. See the decision at that Item.
2 members of the public left the meeting.*

18/61 Meetings and governance

A Previous Actions. The clerk reported that all previous actions have been completed and there are no actions for discussion that are not on the agenda.

B The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2018 were a true and correct record (proposed JL, 2nd TH) and they were duly signed.

C The Planning Procedure was reviewed, and suggestions were made. The Clerk will prepare a revised copy for approval at the January meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

18/62 Finance

A Clerk's reports on Budget Comparison and Cash Flow were **NOTED**. The funds that will be available yearly from the Tregony Wind Turbine were identified and discussed and it was **AGREED** that a Grant Awarding Policy would be helpful. The clerk will draft a policy for consideration at the January meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

B It was **RESOLVED** to authorise payments totalling £1,726.58 (proposed: JL, 2nd LS). The final column is recoverable VAT.

12 Nov 18	Clerk salary & expenses	627	£	678.74		
12 Nov 18	Footpaths	628	£	480.00		80.00
12 Nov 18	Grass verges and the notice boards	629	£	567.84		94.64

C Next year's budget and precept are usually determined at the November meeting; however, the clerk is preparing the budget and precept in a different format and St Ewe has been granted an extension for the notification of the 2019-20 precept until after the January meeting.

18/63 Ward Member Cherilyn Mackrory's report

- Regarding the drains in Polmassick, I am aware that Cormac are doing better with their reactive work. However, I have still not had any confirmation that they are looking at the whole area as requested. Local feedback would be welcome. If not, then I am meeting with Rachael Tatlow (Highways) on 22nd November and I will raise it then.
- Again, the Highways Improvement Schemes will also be agreed and discussed at this meeting. I would appreciate a representative of the Parish Council to accompany me. Cllr Lockyer came last time and continuity might be useful. We hope to discuss the issue of HGVs getting stuck in the lanes and try to come up with solutions. We will also look at speeding through the hamlet of Pengrugla and signposts for Heligan.

- I have good news in that Heligan and the surround are now to finally get superfast broadband. I met with residents, businesses and Openreach to discuss what needs to be done and a potential timescale. Properties will get a maximum of 1GB per property, which, I am told, is really positive for house prices. The best news is what potential can finally be achieved at the Lost Gardens with the extra broadband speed. It will do wonders for their business and this is long overdue. All being well, surveying will take place in the new year and the work should be finalized by the end of March/Easter 2019.
- I still have money to spend in my Community Chest. I am keen to keep as much of this fund as possible within the division, so I am looking for local projects which can benefit.

18/64 Considerations

A St Ewe Relief in Need Charity. In accordance with the charity's constitution, the parish council **RESOLVED** (proposed JD, 2nd JL) to appoint Philip Vellenoweth, Martin Wheeley and John Collins as Nominative Trustees of the St Ewe Relief in Need Charity for the 2018-2022 term. They may, at their discretion, appoint two co-optative trustees.

B SE AHL. It was **RESOLVED** (proposed JL, 2nd LS) to go ahead with an affordable housing project. Cllr Will Richards is the parish council's representative on SE AHL and will report back to the council on progress and will coordinate with the parish council when necessary. SE AHL would like to recruit new, younger people to be part of the group that delivers this new affordable housing project for the parish. SE AHL's AGM is on 27th November and the clerk will advertise it on the website. The clerk will also put the Housing Survey Final Report on the SE AHL webpage and request that Andrew Prendergast invite to the AGM those that identified themselves via the Housing Survey as interested in helping achieve affordable housing in St Ewe. Of course, the most important first step is to identify land on which to build. If anyone has anything to offer, please get in touch with SE AHL or the Parish Council.

ACTION: Clerk

C The secretary of All Saint's PCC wrote to request support for an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for repairs to the bell tower. It was **RESOLVED** (proposed JD, 2nd TJ) to send a letter of support. The bells are a part of the life of the community. They ring at weddings and on special occasions and church bells have played a major part in commemorating events such as the centenary of the end of World War I. In many ways the bells have served a secular purpose for the wider community.

ACTION: Clerk

D Village Hall. JL will look for a copy of the millennium village photograph suitable for hanging at the Village Hall.

ACTION: JL

E Emergency Plan. The Plan is being typed up and will be submitted shortly. It will need 'testing' by Cornwall Council and, if it passes, St Ewe PC will receive £400 towards safety equipment and training.

ACTION: JL

18/65 Planning. Decisions are listed on the website under Planning St Ewe Parish and in *Clerk's Notes*.

A Of note.

B Applications for Consultee Comments.

- PA18/00003/SPD** | Cornwall Council is publishing the draft *Housing Supplementary Planning Document* for a six week consultation period between Friday 19th October and 5pm 30th

November 2018. | Cornwall

The council discussed the implications of the 'Cluster Parish Approach' in Paragraphs 50-53. This would allow Cornwall Council (i.e., the Local Planning Authority) to 'cluster' parishes in order to deliver the housing need of one parish in a neighbouring one. Though Para 53 states that it would "typically [!] require community support to be considered", this is a very weak phrase and does not define which community. Para 52 allows that "new homes will 'cascade' out to people with a connection to the surrounding parishes." It is very clear that developers could increase the size of a development by siting housing need in neighbouring parishes. This would not only put the cart before the horse, it would place the cart in a different parish to the horse. It is the Local Planning Authority that will weigh the need and the likelihood of "those areas ... unlikely to provide much affordable housing of their own. (Para 53)" Case officers would have the power to 'use' a neighbouring parish's housing deficit in another parish without proper consultation in the neighbouring parish. The parish system has worked well in Cornwall for centuries because it gives local people a voice in local issues. If the term 'local' is defined as a 'cluster' or worse yet as 'Cornwall', then local people will lose their say in their local area. *Local* councils are *parish* councils, that has been the law since 1894. It is an excellent system which the 'Cluster Parish Approach' seeks to undermine.

St Ewe PC **RESOLVED** (proposed JD, 2nd JL) to oppose this section of the document. The council sees this as an erosion of the power of local councils in favour of the Local Planning Authority. It robs parishes of their voice and their autonomy. Consultee comments will be made by the clerk in consultation with the clerk of St Mewan, as St Mewan PC is also in opposition to this section.

ACTION: Clerk

- ii. **PA18/09910** | Replacing of existing stone farm outbuilding ruins into a self-contained holiday let unit. | Levalsa Skyber London Apprentice St Austell Cornwall PL26 7AW

The council heard from the applicants during the Public Session and were able to ask questions. They discussed the application and **RESOLVED** (proposed JL, 2nd LS) to submit the following consultee comments:

*** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application.

- iii. **PA18/08262** | Proposed conversion and extension of redundant agricultural building to form single dwelling | Corran Farm St Ewe St Austell PL26 6ER

The council discussed the application and **RESOLVED** (proposed JD, 2nd JL) to submit the following consultee comments:

*** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application.

18/66 Highways

A Cllr Mackrory is working with Highways on the Polmassick – Tregear stretch.

B The Community Network Highways Scheme has finalised its requests for this year. Only £22K of a possible £50K has been spent, but it will roll over to next year. Not all requests were priced this year, so Cllr Mackrory has requested that the Highways officer be allocated more time in order to price each request next time.

C The primary school bus is damaging the verge above the Village Hall and a lot of mud is on the road. The clerk will write to the school to see if they can put in a word with the bus company.

ACTION: Clerk

18/67 Assets

A Footpaths and verges. All are fine. The clerk will request a report on progress for the gold path FP 4.1 through the churchyard.

ACTION: Clerk

B Telephone Kiosks. JL will ask owner of pub to have a suggestion box to suggest uses for the St Ewe red telephone kiosk.

ACTION: JL

C Website. Nothing to report.

18/68 Parish Matters

See Items under 18/64.

18/69 Correspondence and Invitations. (A complete list in *Clerk's Notes*)

10 December, 7.30 pm. Cornwall Council's Draft Budget Consultation. The Enterprise Space for Advanced Manufacturing (ESAM), Carluddon, St Austell PL26 8WE.

18/70 Business for the next meeting.

Drainage on the highways. Budget. Precept. Planning Procedure revision. Grant Awarding Policy. Co-option of a new councillor if there is not a call for an election. SE AHL and new affordable housing project.

18/71 Date of the next meetings.

The next ordinary meeting is Monday, 14 January 2019, 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 9.16 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 12 December 2018