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DRAFT MINUTES

Parish Council Ordinary Meeting St Ewe Village Hall, 7.00 PM Monday 13 JANUARY 2020

PRESENT:

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Diane Clemes, Tracey Jenkin, Janet Lockyer, Peter Shannon, Jeremy Upton and Philip Vellenoweth.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mrs Christine Wilson, Clerk to the Council. Ward Member Cllr Cherilyn Mackrory. 4 members of the public

ABSENT:

Councillors: Adam Getliff, Trevor Johns.

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.

Note on numbering:

The prefix will follow the Municipal Year which begins in May. January and March will carry the 19/ prefix. At the May 2020 meeting the first item on the Agenda will be 20/01.

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

19/85 Apologies

Apologies were received from AG.

19/86 Councillors' interests

- A Declarations of interest. None.
- B Request for dispensation. There were no requests.

19/87 Public Session

The Chairman brought the corresponding planning items forward.

The applicants left after the council's decision.

- A The applicants for PA19/11145 explained their plans and answered questions from the members. The applicants explained that Footpath 7, mentioned by the Ramblers, is the road that runs by the house so it will not be obstructed. See the council's decision at Item 19/92.C.iv
- B The applicants for PA19/10140 explained their plans and answered questions from the members. See the council's decision at Items 19/92.C.iii.

19/88 Meetings and governance

- A Previous Actions. The clerk reported that all were complete.
- B The clerk will reply to the query by the Standards Committee about number of councillors that have received Code of Conduct training.

ACTION: Clerk

- C It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's membership fee for the Society of Local Council Clerks at £40.25 (proposed WR, 2nd JD). This amount is 25% of the total fee; the other 75% is paid by the clerk's other council.
- D The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2019 were a true and correct record (proposed WR, 2nd PV) and they were duly signed.

19/89 Finance

- A Clerk's reports Bank Reconciliation, Budget Comparison and Cash Flow using actual costs through 31st December 2019 were **NOTED**.
- B It was **RESOLVED** to authorise payments totalling £688.36 (proposed: WR; 2nd TJe). C Wilson, Clerk salary & expenses, £616.38; website hosting, £71.98. It was **NOTED** that the annual payment to the Information Commissioner's Office of £35 was paid by direct debit in December.

19/90 Ward Member Cherilyn Mackrory's report

There was no report for this meeting. The council signed a card expressing its congratulations and good wishes as she was elected in December as the Member of Parliament for Truro and Falmouth.

19/91 Considerations

- A First Aid Training. This item was **DEFERRED**.
- B After advertising the maintenance of the verges and footpaths on the website and notice boards, only one quote was received. It was **RESOLVED** (proposed JD, 2nd WR) to accept the quote from *GET Landscaped* for the verges and footpaths.
- C Fingerpost. The council requested three quotes, and has received two, for a new metal fingerpost. After discussion regarding the pros and cons of various materials, it was **RESOLVED** (proposed PV, 2nd TJe) to accept the quote from Mr Semmens for a steel fingerpost to replace the dilapidated wooden one to be completed by 31st March 2020. It will be capped with a simple finial, with fingerposts for Caerhays, Grampound, Polmassick and St Ewe. It will be funded by the Aura Wind Turbine Fund. It was further **RESOLVED** (proposed PV, 2nd TJe) that WR, JD and the Clerk are delegated to use their discretion to contract the installation of the new post, also paid from the Wind Turbine Fund, and the councillors will speak with Mr Semmens to about putting 'St Ewe Parish Council 2020' on the post and will use their discretion for associated costs, if any.

ACTION: Clerk, WR, JD

D All Saints' Bell Tower Project webpage. The church bell tower is being renovated with a significant grant and the terms of the grant stipulate that explanation of the project will be publicised on a website, which could be the parish council website. It was **RESOLVED** to allow a new webpage on the website dedicated to the All Saints' Bell Tower Project, which can be edited by a person elected by the Church Committee. The clerk will create the page and create editing privileges exclusively for that page. If the clerk spends extra time on the website it will be charged to the Project. (Proposed JL, 2nd DC).

- E Consultation. It was **RESOLVED** (proposed TJe, 2nd JL) that the clerk and TJe would respond to the government's consultation: *Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments*. **ACTION: Clerk, TJe**
- 19/92 Planning. Decisions are listed on the website under Planning St Ewe Parish and in *Clerk's Notes*.
 - A There were no applications Of Note.
 - B There was no planning correspondence.
 - C Applications for Consultee Comments.
 - i. PA19/09934 | Demolish wooden stables (as advised in pre app) 30m from main house and replace with ancillary building (large wood) to extend main accommodation. Garden room, study,bedroom, shower room | Broom Park Luney Barton Lower Sticker St Austell PL26 7JH. The council studied the plans, discussed the application and RESOLVED (proposed WR, 2nd JD)

to submit the following consultee comments:

- *** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application but would like the case officer to first look into whether the land for this new residence is designated for agricultural use only. The council would also like the case officer to consider the density of residential properties at this location and whether another residence is appropriate.
- ii. PA19/09937 | Listed Building consent to demolish wooden stables (as advised in pre app) 30m from mainhouse and replace with ancillary building (large wood) to extend main accommodation. Garden room, study, bedroom, shower room | Broom Park Luney Barton Lower Sticker St Austell Cornwall PL26 7JH

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

- *** St Ewe Parish Council is confident that the case officer will ensure that the building conforms with current legislation regarding Listed Buildings. See the council's comments on this application at PA19/09934.
- iii. PA19/10140 | Retrospective approval for a 22Kw Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP) and associated plant building. The 22Kw GSHP will supply heat for the newly converted barns which enjoy full residential status | Tregear Farm Tregear Hill St Ewe St Austell Cornwall PL26 6EZ Having asked questions of the applicants during the public session and after perusal of the plans and discussion the application and RESOLVED (proposed JD, 2nd JU) to submit the following consultee
- iv. PA19/11105 | Renovation, extension, partial demolition and reconfiguration of exiting property. Additionally it is proposed to alter the vehicle access. | Gear Hooper Tregear Hill St Ewe St Austell PL26 6EZ

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

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

- *** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this development as long as the case officer considers the nature of the design appropriate for the location.
- v. **PA19/11106** | Listed Buildig Consent for the renovation, extension, partial demolition and reconfiguration of exiting property. Additionally it is proposed to alter the vehicle access. | Gear Hooper Tregear Hill St Ewe St Austell PL26 6EZ

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

- *** St Ewe Parish Council is confident that the case officer will ensure that the building conforms with current legislation regarding Listed Buildings. See the council's comments on this application at PA19/11105.
- vi. **PA19/11145** | Proposed Barn Conversion and Associated Works | Levalsa Skyber Access To Levalsa London Apprentice St Austell PL26 7AW

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

- *** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application.
- vii. PA19/11146 | Listed Building consent for a Proposed Barn Conversion and Associated Works | Levalsa Skyber Access To Levalsa London Apprentice St Austell PL26 7AW

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

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

19/93 Highways

A Cllr J Dickinson had a meeting with the Highways Manager and her colleague on 13 Dec 2019 and the council received his report (attached to these minutes). It was **RESOLVED** that the council would write to Highways expressing its thanks for the meeting and for the actions already taken. The council will continue to monitor progress on these points and follow-up in the spring.

ACTION: Clerk

Kestle Sign (Ref: W2036290)

B Highways Scheme. At the suggestion of the Highways Manager, it was **RESOLVED** to (proposed PV, 2nd TJe) submit an Expression of Interest (EoI) Form to move the speed limit sign from its current position to a place further outside Polmassick, perhaps with a message 'please drive slowly through our village'.

ACTION: Clerk

C Pothole. Just over the border of St Ewe in St Goran parish: between Oak Tree and Tregilgas Crossroads. The clerk to report.

Ref: W2036286.

19/94 Assets

- D Footpaths and verges. Nothing to report.
- E Defibrillator. The defibrillator training in December was a great success. Approximately 26 people were trained and other local groups are requesting training with the British Heart Foundation training equipment that came with the defibrillator. AG, WR and JD will organise the weekly checks of the defibrillator. The Clerk will send a template for the checks. When the sheet is completed at the end of each year it will be filed by the clerk. The clerk will check to make sure the equipment is properly insured.

ACTION: AG, WR, JD, Clerk

- F Telephone Kiosks. Nothing further to report.
- G Website. The parish council is very grateful to Charles Francis for pro bono donation of photographs of the lowering of the Bells. They will be used on the website.

19/95 Parish Matters

- A SEAHL. Nothing to report.
- B Emergency Plan. Decisions about First Aid training courses have been **DEFERRED** until March.
- C Village Hall. Nothing to report.

19/96 Correspondence and Invitations. (A complete list in *Clerk's Notes*)

- A A World War I exhibition, a tryptic of life size illuminated pieces entitled "In Their Name", specifically inspired by the tragic history of Percy Carhart, was part of the lengthy WWI commemoration at The Lost Gardens of Heligan. Heligan will now present the exhibition to All Saints' Church.
- B A letter from a member of public concerned about a planning issue on Pendower Beach was **NOTED**. There was no proposal for action at this time, but the clerk will respond to the member of the public and also request more information from Philleigh Parish Meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

C Dog fouling. The council received a letter from a member of the public exasperated by people who do not pick up after their dogs. The council discussed the problems at the Village Hall and Polmassick in particular, but the problem is all over.

The parish council asks dog owners to be considerate, to remove dog mess from private property and take away the plastic bag, or use the 'stick and flick' method to remove the mess into a hedge or area where is can biodegrade and not be a nuisance.

19/97 Business for the next meeting.

Quotes for First Aid training.

19/98 Date of the next meetings.

The next ordinary meeting is Monday, 9th March 2020, 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 9.20 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 14 January 2020

HIGHWAYS REPORT attachment:

13/12/19 Mtg with Rachel Tatlow & colleague from Highways to discuss flooding issues on road between Pengrugla junction 50°17'20.6"N 4°48'53.9"W and turning 50°17'28.3"N 4°50'49.7"W at Trudgian Farm entrance.

Reasons for meeting: Concerns of Parishioners: The flooding at each of the points below did not occur as it does now and despite possible increases in rainfall suggests other reasons, e.g. failed drains, lack of periodic maintenance, changes in land use and traffic damage to highway.

The flooding is dangerous and the P.C. is concerned that there will be a serious accident if not rectified. **Pengrugla Corner 50°17'20.6"N 4°48'53.9"W**

Problem: In recent years flooding on this dangerous bend has become more severe and more frequent often reaching across the whole road. Despite clearing the problem persists.

Highways recently removed a considerable amount of debris from the culvert which has improved matters somewhat. It was concluded that there may be a collapse or restriction in the pipework. This

will be investigated, probably with a camera survey.

Flooding of road between Pengrugla and turning to Nunnery Hill 50°17'25.0"N 4°49'27.9"W

Problem: A drain through the Cornish hedge into the field is at a point higher than the area that floods. It also drains badly when water reaches it. Flooding here has only happened in more recent years.

It may be that the ground level on the field side has risen due to cultivation. It may also be that a previous cut catching the water coming from the Pengrugla direction has now disappeared. Due to ground levels it may not be possible to insert another drain at the lowest point, this needs investigating. The problem has been made worse by a degradation on the road banks creating a 'passing place' but putting traffic onto unmade surface.

Since the meeting the pothole here has been filled. Highways will investigate reasons for current flooding.

Flooding at Tregain Cottage 50°17'24.8"N 4°50'23.3"W

Problem: The lower drain into the stream is higher than the lowest flood point and also silts up very easily despite frequent rodding and clearing. Water covers the entire road frequently and is very hazardous. It seems the drains are very small and of poor quality and may have collapsed.

Highways were already aware of this issue in detail and are investigating.

Flooding on corner before turning to M.A. Griggs. 50°17'28.0"N 4°50'49.4"W

Problem: Silting up of the drains occurs easily and frequently. Water can and often does cover the entire blind corner (from Grampound direction) causing people to swerve into the oncoming traffic direction.

Again Highways are aware and looking to solutions.

The meeting was positive and served to provide historical context and first hand explanation of the above issues which have been reported on a number of occasions. Hopefully, more permanent solutions can be found.

Suggested action by P.C.: Minute these outcomes, add these points of flooding to the Parish Traffic management record. Give Highways time to investigate but follow up, suggest in Spring.

Also reported the concern of a parishioner about the faded sign for Kestle travelling in the Gorran direction. 50°16'27.0"N 4°49'44.5"W This signs the turn opposite that for Drunken Bridge Lane onto the Gorran High lane. It is a very blind exit point and he was very nearly hit by another car on the main road.

Apparently the sign in the other direction was replaced.

Highways response: The other sign was replaced as part of a job including a number in the Gorran Parish. The faded sign will need to be replaced and will require road management (traffic lights). It should be included in a package next year.

John Dickinson