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DRAFT MINUTES

Parish Council Ordinary Meeting
St Ewe Village Hall, 7.00 PM
Monday 9 March 2020

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Mrs Christine Wilson, Clerk to the Council. 6 members of the public

ABSENT:

Councillors: Diane Clemes, Adam Getliff.

Abbreviations:

Councillors' names – abbreviated with their initials. CALC – Cornwall Association of Local Councils. CC – Cornwall Council. LCF – Low Carbon Fund. PC – Parish Council. SEAH – 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 7.00 pm and the Chairman welcomed all.

19/99 Apologies

Apologies were received from AG and DC.

19/100 Councillors' interests

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

19/101 Public Session

A Two candidates for Cornwall Councillor for St Ewe and St Mewan parishes (St Mewan Electoral Division) came to the meeting to introduce themselves. It was **NOTED** that there may be another candidate on the ballot.

- i. CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION: Michael Bunney, Mebyon Kernow candidate.
 I am standing to represent the people of St.Mewan and St.Ewe, because I love Cornwall and don't want to see our lovely area ruined by over development. I will be a strong and experienced voice for you, as I have been a Gorran parish Councillor for the last 7 years and was Cornwall Councillor for Mevagissey in 2013 -14. My family have lived in the Gorran & St.Ewe area since at least the 1600s and I will use all my experience, energy and passion to stand up for local people.

ii. CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION. Toni Dowrick , Conservative candidate.

I live in Little Polgooth and am standing to represent my neighbours and wider residents of the ward as a strong a passionate Cornwall Councillor. Cherilyn Mackrory asked me to stand and given my grass roots background in Agriculture and more recently alongside Cornwall Council in Children's Services, I feel I can be a real and well balanced choice for the rural uniqueness of St Ewe and St Mewan with its diverse and equally distinct qualities. As a resident myself I am increasingly concerned at the prospect of our villages losing their identities and being compromised by sprawling or inappropriate developments. If elected I will fight to ensure voices are heard loud and clear when decisions are being made about where we live and challenge and address any issues that threaten our homes and countryside.

- B It was **NOTED** that the Low Carbon Fund is open for applications until the end of May. See the parish website for details: st-ewe-parish.co.uk/low-carbon-fund. Applications are encouraged for community activities/projects that reduce carbon emissions.

The Chairman moved the following part of the Public Session to coincide with Highways Item 19/107.A and they agreed to speak then. See the decisions at that item.

- C Two members of the Hewas Water Action Group and a resident of Luney Lane spoke for their neighbours on traffic problems, particularly in their area, but also around the rural area in general, and they answered questions from the council.

19/102 Meetings and governance

A Previous Actions for report.

iii. Item 19/91.C. Work is underway on the fingerpost.

iv. Item 19/96.B. The clerk has been unable to contact the Philleigh Parish Meeting regarding Pendower Beach, but will try again.

- B The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2020 were a true and correct record (proposed TJe, 2nd JL) and they were duly signed.

19/103 Finance

A Clerk's reports on Budget Comparison and Cash Flow through 28 Feb 2020 were **NOTED**.

- B It was **RESOLVED** to authorise payments totalling £647.26 (proposed: JL; 2nd TJe). C Wilson, Clerk salary & expenses, £430.07; HMRC, £98.60; Luxulyan Parish Council (25% of training, mileage and office supplies), £118.59.

19/104 Reports

- A Cllr Cherilyn Mackrory has resigned from her seat as Ward Member for the St Mewan Electoral Division because of her election in December to Parliament for Truro & Falmouth. The election of her replacement will take place on **16 April 2020**.

- B Climate Change Workshop. JU attended this and reported on a list of suggested actions:
- Stopping the use of weed killer on parish council property,
 - Less mowing of verges and cutting of hedges,
 - More planting of trees and wild flowers - so called "re-wilding",
 - Including "Eco" issues in the consideration of planning applications,
 - Limiting the use of paper in the carrying out of parish council business,
 - Carefully controlling heating and electricity use in any parish council buildings,
 - Encouraging people to consume locally sourced produce at the time that it is in season,

- Encouraging lift sharing and cycling and the use of public transport, • Carbon counting, • Lobbying MP's to push for changes in taxation to encourage projects that might benefit the planet, such as ground source heating, rain water collection, using green energy, insulation, ... and so on.

C Environmental Growth Workshop. JU attended this and reported on a list of suggested actions: • Dig a wildlife pond, • Plant a community orchard, • Maintain assets without chemical pesticides, • Reduce frequency and extent of mowing, • Use environmental check-list for planning, • Adopt best practice for hedges, • Cemetery becomes a "living Churchyard", • Plant native hedges, • Plant trees and maintain woods for wildlife, • Minimise external lighting, • Organic allotments, • Plant for pollinators, • Build log piles, insect hotels, bird and bat boxes, • Replace hard play equipment with natural playgrounds.

D JU offered to continue to attend workshops on these topics on behalf of the parish council and his offer was gratefully received. It was also **AGREED** that the item 'Climate Change Emergency' will become a standing item on the parish council agenda.

19/105 Considerations

A It was **RESOLVED** (proposed TJe, 2nd JL) to request the 'We're watching you' anti-dog-fouling posters for the area. The clerk will send them to TJe. They will be put up at strategic parts of the parish. Remember that it is not always necessary to put dog mess into a plastic bag. It can be pushed off the path, or into a hedge, for example, where it will naturally degrade in a matter of days.
ACTION: Clerk

B First Aid Training. WR brought a quote for a one-day First Aid Training Course lasting 6 hours, offered for 10-12 people at £50 each. It is also available on a Sunday, which could be more convenient for those who work office hours. It was **RESOLVED** (proposed PS, 2nd JD) to use the Emergency Plan Fund to pay for those working for St Ewe parish organisations. It was **AGREED** to invite a number of parish organisations and organisations outside the parish to make up the numbers. The clerk will send invitations to organisations in the parish and close by. A list of possible participants will be brought to the May meeting.
ACTION: Clerk

19/106 Planning. Decisions are listed on the website under Planning St Ewe Parish and in *Clerk's Notes*.

A Planning correspondence. The Council discussed the brief plans of this pre-application. The applicant is Cornwall Council and no consultee comments are requested.
PA20/00299/PREAPP | Pre application advice for the erection of a single two storey detached dwelling | Tregenna House Farm London Apprentice St Austell Cornwall PL26 7AW.

B There were no applications for consultee comments.

19/107 Highways

A Highways Scheme Phase 3 & 4 – Expressions of Interest (Eoi). It was **NOTED** that an Eoi for speed signs at Polmassick was already approved at the last meeting in January.

i. It was **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd JL) to request that speed signs at Pengrugla are moved further out with and addition of a decorative gate to show the entrance to the hamlet.

ii. It was **RESOLVED** (proposed JL, 2nd PS) to request better signage at Five Turnings between Lower Sticker and Little Polgooth.

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| iii. It was RESOLVED (proposed TJe, 2 nd JL) to request better signage and restrictions for the Hewas Water 'triangle' to avoid the residential area and move traffic to the more suitable rural road on the eastern side of the triangle (from SW 97200 49949 to SW 97141 49721) |
| iv. It was RESOLVED (proposed PV, 2 nd JL) to request an extension of the 40-mph speed limit through the residential area of Hewas Water, down Luney Lane, just past Hewas Farm, as a minimum extension. Ideally, all of Luney Lane and the road from Hewas Water to Lower Sticker and on to London Apprentice would become a 40-mph zone. |

Three members of the public left the meeting.

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| <p>B Reports for the CC Report It page.
Items i) & ii) below were discussed with the Highways Manager at the December meeting with Cllr. Dickinson, at which she requested to be kept updated whilst remedies were progressed.
ACTION: Clerk</p> |
| i. The drain at Pengrugla Corner flooded again, second week of March. |
| ii. The road continues to flood badly at Tregain Cottage whenever there is heavy rain. |
| iii. The road between Trelewack Farm and the junction at Tregain is badly potholed again despite previous repairs which have failed. |
| iv. Trevithick junction, drain clogged. |
| v. Bunney's Cottage. Pothole |

19/108 Assets

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| A Footpaths and verges. TJe reports to CC regularly on footpaths 17 and 13 which are boggy and unpassable. |
| B Telephone Kiosks. Nothing to report. |
| C Fingerpost for Trevithick junction is on schedule. |
| D Website. The clerk updated the council on the investigation regarding the council's compliance with The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018. The Clerk will keep the council informed of progress.
ACTION: Clerk |

19/109 Parish Matters

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| A A letter from SEAHM dated 5 March 2020: "SEAHM undertook the Call for Land for St Ewe Parish in Jan/Feb 2019 and also made a direct approach to some local landowners. The limited responses we received were all treated in strict confidence but unfortunately nothing suitable/viable has been forthcoming. We therefore report that, at this stage, SEAHM has been unable to identify any suitable land for a Phase 2 Affordable Housing project within St Ewe Parish." |
| B Emergency Plan. See Item 19/105.B |
| C Village Hall. Nothing to report. |

19/110 Correspondence and Invitations. (A complete list in Clerk's Notes)

No other correspondence of note.

19/111 Business for the next meeting.

To resolve funds and a date for First Aid Training with a list of those wishing to attend.

19/112 Date of the next meetings.

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| A | 11 May 2020 — The Annual Parish Meeting (Meeting of the Electors) is Monday, 11 th May 2020, 7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall. The Chairman of the parish council will chair the meeting. Everyone else attends as electors of the parish or members of the public. Organisations of the parish are invited to give their annual report to the meeting and any reports will form part of the minutes of the meeting. |
| B | 11 May 2020 — The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, 11 May, will begin after a two minute break. At this meeting the Chair and Vice-chair are elected and the committees formed for municipal year 2020-21. |
| C | 11 May 2020 — The ordinary meeting of the Parish Council continues on Monday, 11 th May 2020, after the two annual meetings which begin at 7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall. |
| D | An extra-ordinary meeting to discuss planning may be called by the Chair, if required. |

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 13 March 2020

We do not foresee changes to the currently published meeting schedule, but we will respond to government advice as it is issued.

In accordance with Government guidance, the Parish Council requests that:

- Gov.UK: “if you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, do not leave your home for 7 days from when your symptoms started”
- do not attend council meetings, and
- follow government and [NHS guidelines for the Coronavirus/Covid-19](#).

You may of course send someone to speak for you at a parish council meeting, or you may send an email or letter to the parish clerk to be read out at a meeting.

In this way, the council hopes we will all have a safe and healthy 2020.