ST EWE PARISH COUNCIL **DRAFT** MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting, MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2020 7.00 pm, ONLINE via Zoom

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Clerk to the Parish, Mrs Christine Wilson, Acting Ward Member Cllr James Mustoe, and one Member of the Public.

ABSENT:

None.

NOTE ON JOINING ONLINE MEETINGS AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Members of the public request online Meeting details in advance from the Clerk in order to join the meeting online.

ABBREVIATIONS:

Councillors' names – abbreviated with their initials. CC – Cornwall Council. CNP – Community Network Panel. LMP – Local Maintenance Partnership. PC – Parish Council. *** indicates consultee comments for planning applications decided by the Parish Council; formal submission is delegated to the Clerk.

MINUTES:

The meeting began at 7.00 pm and the Chair welcomed all.

20/42 Apologies

Apologies were received from JD who was travelling, but he joined the meeting at 20/48.A.

20/43 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

WR and TJe declared an interest in the Village Hall item at 20/52.C as they are members of the VH committee. JL is also a member but has been granted a dispensation.

20/44 Public Session

- A M Bunney reported that the volunteers who monitored community help during Lockdown have continued monitoring their areas/roads very well. M Bunney and J Lockyer will contact the designated 'area reps' to ensure they know that they can ring for assistance even though food parcels, etc, have stopped and even though the community notices on Facebook and other media are not as frequent.
- B Devon & Cornwall Police is looking for more OPCC Councillor Advocate representatives. They have played a vital role in disseminating information during the pandemic. M Bunney will ask St Goran Parish Council about appointing an advocate for St Goran.
- C M Bunney reported that the government's Draft White Paper on Planning could green light large development in the rural parishes of St Goran, St Mewan and St Ewe, along with other parishes in central Cornwall. It was **AGREED** to consider a response to the White Paper at the next meeting.

20/45 Meetings and governance

- A The council **RESOLVED** that the minutes, as read, of the Extraordinary ONLINE meeting on 24 August 2020 held via *Zoom* were a true and correct record (proposed AG, 2nd PS). The Chair's signature will be obtained by post.
- B The council **RESOLVED** (proposed JL, 2nd AG) to approve the Website Accessibility Statement as at 14 Sept 2020, which is now posted as a webpage in accordance with the new statutory accessibility standards. It was written by the website provider who has recently updated the website to comply with WCAG 2.1AA. The WA Statement will be reviewed regularly.

20/46 Finance

- A It was **RESOLVED** (proposed PS, 2nd JL) to receive the Clerk's reports, *Budget Comparison* and *Cash Flow*, to the end of August 2020, as a correct record.
- B The council **AUTHORISED** payments for September 2020 totalling £2,391.24 (proposed AG, 2nd PV).

Description	Amount with VAT	VAT
Clerk's salary and expenses	510.74	0.00
HMRC payment	103.00	0.00
Website accessibility	277.50	0.00
Aura Wind Turbine Grant (see 20/52.	C) 1,500.00	0.00

20/47 Reports

- A Report on Actions. New bank signatories and risk assessments are in progress.
- B Community Network. JL attended a presentation by Cornwall Council about its Covid-19 prevention policy, its response to the pandemic and a possible further spike, also its preparation for the aftermath of the pandemic. JL reported that Cornwall Council appears well prepared for what may come. Happily, as of a week ago, the risk in Cornwall was still quite low compared with other parts of the country.
 - * Health providers and CC emphasised that everyone that can should get a **flu vaccine** this autumn, if at all possible. The health services do not want to be overwhelmed by many flu sufferers in addition to Covid-19 patients.

The clerk will post this information on the website and notice boards.

ACTION: Clerk

- C Historic Environment Record confirms that the boundary stone near Carnmoggas is now listed on their register. Reference number MCO63774.
- D Acting Ward Member James Mustoe's report to the Parish
 - At the Community Network meeting where the details were decided, Cllr Mustoe strongly supported St Ewe's requests to the Highway Scheme, which were granted.
 - He is awaiting the application from the Village Hall for a Community Chest grant for the new LED lighting in the Hall.
 - He suggests that St Ewe invite the new health providers at the Mevagissey Surgery, St Austell Healthcare, to a meeting as they are very open to community engagement. At the moment the Mevagissey Surgery does not have a dispensing licence, but it is hoped this will be resolved. Other providers like Boots are currently making free deliveries. Gorran Haven Surgery is closed but it is hoped this will be opened.

Cllr Dickinson joined the meeting.

20/48 Considerations

A Climate Change Emergency. After considering the *St Ewe Climate Emergency Awareness Raising Paper for Discussion*, contributed by a local resident with experience in the field, the council **AGREED** that there were possibly a number of areas in which the council act. It was suggested that volunteers could plant Christmas trees for use in public spaces and personal use. The trees are ready for harvest in 5 years but, in the meanwhile, they contribute to the greening of the environment. It was **AGREED** that each councillor would think of ways that the council could help alleviate the climate emergency and would bring their suggestions to the next meeting. Members of the public are welcome to make suggestions!

ACTION: Councillors and members of the public

- B Climate Emergency Development Plan Document (DPD) consultation. There was no proposal for a response to this consultation.
- C Marine European Sites Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) consultation. There was no proposal for a response to this consultation.
- D It was **AGREED** that a letter from the Community Network thanking all the volunteers that have worked through the Covid crisis should be placed on the notice boards, the website and minuted.
- The council **RESOLVED** to request a letter from the Lord Lieutenant to all the organisations in St Ewe and St Goran Parishes for the many formal and informal groups that have contributed to the coronavirus community response in different ways.

20/49 Planning

- A Planning decisions are reported in Clerk's Notes and on the website.
- B Planning Correspondence. The council **NOTED** the letter from the three parishes of Crantock, Cubert, and St Newlyn East concerning affordable housing provision in Cornwall, received 14 September.
- C There were no applications for consultee comments.

20/50 Highways & Flooding

- A Two potholes were reported in St Ewe village and that afternoon they were marked for maintenance. They aren't fixed yet, but the initial prompt response was impressive.
- B It was **AGREED** that if a councillor notes a prompt solution to Highways complaints, such as potholes, the councillor should send the details to the clerk so a letter for thanks can be sent to Highways.
- C Slow markings in St Ewe were repainted last month.
- D PS was told that the renewal of the Kestle signage was accidentally deleted from the work list and then reported as completed. It is now back on the work schedule.
- E It was reported that the road re-surfacing from Gorran to Polmassick, due to budget constraints, won't happen until the next financial year.
- F Various Highways problems were reported by TJe:
 - i. Reference: W2048308. Issue: Pothole, Less than 20mm in Depth. Street: ROAD FROM EDGE CORNER TO JUNCTION NORTH OF TRELEAN PLANTATION
 - ii. Reference: W2048310. Issue: Pothole, Significantly Greater than 40mm in Depth.

 Street: ROAD FROM EDGE CORNER TO JUNCTION NORTH OF TRELEAN PLANTATION

iii. Reference: W2048398. Issue: Defective Road Markings/ Studs, Signs and Bollards: Worn Road Marking. Street: ROAD FROM CORRAN FARM TO PENGRUGLA PARK

20/51 Assets – reports and maintenance

- A Footpaths and verges. All good.
- B Polmassick Phone Box. JL reported that the BT telephone box in Polmassick is still not working. Since 2014, again in 2016 and again in 2020, the parish council has requested this be fixed. Poor mobile reception in Polmassick means the telephone box is needed for emergency calls. The clerk will contact CC again, as CC has been the intermediary in all consultations with the parish. TJe will contact a person she knows at BT. AG sent the Ofcom document *Removing Public Call Boxes: a guide to the rules* to the clerk.

ACTION: Clerk & TJe

C Website. The website has been updated by the website provider to comply with WCAG 2.1AA and the Clerk continues as website manager. The provider reported that the structure of the website (as opposed to the website's content) is not upgradable and may need a completely new design in a few years' time.

20/52 Parish Matters

- A SEAHL (St Ewe Affordable Housing Limited). Nothing to report.
- B Emergency Plan. See Public Session, Item 20/44.A.

WR and TJe left the meeting for the duration of the discussion and vote on the following item.

JD took the chair for this item.

C Village Hall. A letter was received from the Village Hall committee requesting financial support for a new LED lighting system for the entire Hall. The total cost is £3000. They anticipate grants of £1500 and requested a grant from the PC without specifying the amount. They would fundraise for the rest.

The parish council discussed the situation briefly. It was noted that LED lighting would be much more energy efficient than the current lighting system and also noted that the Village Hall serves the majority of residents in the parish at one time or another. The PC thought that fundraising during the Covid crisis would be extremely difficult. The council therefore **RESOLVED** (proposed AG, 2nd JU) to match the other grants and support the VH with a grant of £1500 from the Aura Wind Turbine Fund which is earmarked for parish benefit.

20/53 Correspondence & Invitations (complete list in Clerk's Notes)

A letter was read out from a parishioner about the excessive speeds and noise from farm vehicles at night between 11 pm and 6 am. The council had a lengthy discussion of the causes, the changes in farming practices, the changes in farm production, the youth of the drivers and the pressures on farmers and contractors, particularly regarding efficiency. Nonetheless, some anecdotes of excessive speeds and mobile phone use made the council consider that a polite letter to farmers and contractors in the area might result in a quiet word and more caution being used by the drivers of the splendid, expensive harvesting and silage machines that are needed to keep the food on our tables. The council **RESOLVED** that a draft letter will be circulated to all councillors for their comments and a complete list of farmers and contractors will be investigated. The council has no reason to put any particular company or farmer in the spotlight.

20/54 Business for the next meeting

- A Response to the government's Draft White Paper Planning for the Future.
- B Suggestions from councillors and the pubic, if they wish, for a practical parish council response to the climate change emergency.
- C Invite St Austell Healthcare to a meeting.
- D Parking. Discuss feedback from the community about problem parking in the villages.
- 20/55 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

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20/56 Dates of next meetings.

- A Ordinary Meeting 9 November 2020, 7.00 pm ONLINE via *Zoom*.
- B An extraordinary meeting may be called by the Chair for planning or other business if needed. An agenda would be posted 3 clear days before.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 16 September 2020

SIGNED:	
THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.	
Chair of meeting:	Date: