

ST EWE PARISH COUNCIL **DRAFT MINUTES**

Ordinary Meeting, MONDAY 8 MARCH 2021

7.00 pm, ONLINE via Zoom

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Adam Getliff, Trevor Johns and Philip Vellenoweth.

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.

NOTE ON NUMBERING:

The prefix will follow the Municipal Year which begins in May. January-April will carry the 20/ prefix. At the May 2021 meeting the first item on the Agenda will be 21/01.

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 7.05 pm and the Chair welcomed all.

20/109 Apologies

Apologies were received from AG, TJo, PV.

20/110 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

WR declared an interest in Item 20/116.A.i because the application is for a direct neighbour.

20/111 Public Session

A	A Rivers asked whether the council could enquire into the traffic speed survey promised in March last year.
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ACTION: Clerk, JL

B	M Bunney, candidate for Ward Member, thanked all the people in St Ewe and Polmassick for their very generous financial donations to the Community Fund for the lockdown meals, especially the Valentine's Day meal. The Fund serves the Gorran & St Ewe areas. As you probably know, the Food Bank at Gorran School has been working since the first lockdown and good quality food is still available. Anyone in need can drop by or ring 07939 457590 to arrange a delivery. It will continue until the end of this term and then its stores will be donated to the St Austell Food Bank.
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C	T Dowrick, candidate for Ward Member, looks forward to the easing of lockdown and being able to get out and meet the electors before the 6 th May elections. The pandemic has affected some people more than others. For example, everyone has been made
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aware of the increase in domestic violence during lockdown, and she would like Cornwall Council to focus on supporting those vulnerable to the long-term fallout from the pandemic.

20/112 Meetings and governance

A	Elections for parish council will take place on Thursday, 6th May 2021 . Strict Covid precautions are being arranged.
B	The council RESOLVED (proposed JL, 2 nd JU) that the minutes, as read, of the ONLINE extraordinary meeting on 15 February 2021 held via <i>Zoom</i> were a true and correct record. The Chair's signature will be obtained by post.
C	The council RESOLVED (proposed JU, 2 nd PS) to ratify the completed Community Chest application of £200 to purchase deciduous and evergreen trees for planting around the parish as requested by the St Ewe Climate Action Group. The application deadline was the end of February. Cllr Mustoe has already approved the grant and it should be in the council's bank account shortly.
D	The council RESOLVED (proposed DC, 2 nd TJe) to approve the Footpath and Verge Contract Policy. Contractors' quotes will be obtained every three years. The Chair's signature on the new policy will be obtained by post.
E	Requests for dedicated councillor email addresses will be DEFERRED until after the May election.
F	The council RESOLVED (proposed WR, 2 nd JD) to appoint Robert Larter as internal auditor again this year.

20/113 Finance

A	The council RECEIVED the Clerk's reports, <i>Budget Comparison</i> and <i>Cash Flow</i> , to the end of February 2021. This month, the clerk did not have all the bank statements for a Bank Reconciliation.												
B	The council AUTHORISED payments for March 2021 totalling £941.71 (proposed TJe, 2 nd PS).												
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20/114 Reports

A	Report on Actions. The council has received official confirmation that its bank, HSBC, has completed its investigation of the council's accounts. This has unfortunately taken a year. HSBC has compensated St Ewe PC £100 because the process was lengthy and poorly managed.
B	<p>Acting Ward Member James Mustoe's report to the Parish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is nothing to report that is specific to St Ewe Parish. • St Austell Health Care, which has taken over from the Mevagissey Surgery, is offering a Briefing to St Ewe PC about the organisation of their service. They wish to move from a 'demand-led' service to one that is 'needs-led'; that is, they will be reviewing histories

and doing more outreach in the community. Thus far, reports of the service are good.

- As the next ordinary meeting is not until May, this will be Cllr Mustoe's last meeting with St Ewe. He will be standing for the Mevagissey & St Austell Bay division.
- He thanked the council for making him so welcome.

- C The parish council thanked Cllr Mustoe whole-heartedly for stepping in when our ward member became an MP. An election could not be held because of the pandemic and Cllr Mustoe stepped up, always attending meetings and making himself available. He has been an excellent liaison between the parish and Cornwall Council and his help has been crucial on many issues.

20/115 Considerations

- A CONSULTATION: St Austell China Clay Restoration and Tipping Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). There was no proposal for a response from the parish council.

- B CONSULTATION: Climate Emergency Development Plan Document (DPD) Pre-Submission draft. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed JU, 2nd JD) to respond with the following:

St Ewe Parish Council is particularly concerned with planning development that allows homes, particularly affordable homes, to be built which, in 5 years' time are unlikely to be compliant with what undoubtedly will be increasingly stringent building regulations necessitated by the developing climate crisis. The Parish Council **SUPPORTS** the DPD in general, and – in particular – it **SUPPORTS** sections: **3.0.7 Energy efficiency standards, 12.1.5 Long-term Sustainability, 12.1.6 Design Improvement**, so that Cornwall Council has the power to raise and set its own standards regarding zero carbon development. St Ewe PC believes building regulations for energy efficiency should be a material consideration for parish councils when they are consulted on development. In other words, the efficiency standards for a proposed development should be detailed in the planning application and the carbon footprint of a development should be a material consideration for approval or refusal.

St Ewe Parish Council would like to see **Policy G1 – Green Infrastructure Design and Maintenance** applied to all new development. If development below minimum number or size is allowed to ignore this policy, Cornwall will be a patchwork of small developments. Living and building in Cornwall must be synonymous with **energy efficiency standards** and **green design and maintenance**.

Policy AL1 - Regenerative and Low Impact Development (One Planet Development)
In reference to 14.7.5, St Ewe Parish Council is very wary of development in the countryside and the 'rigorous assessment and ongoing monitoring' must be well funded and legally supported.

- C **Climate Change Emergency – St Ewe Climate Action Group (SECAG)**

The Group is made up of interested parish councillors and parishioners. If anyone is interested in joining the Group, please contact the Clerk or any councillor.

- i. The council **RECEIVED** the Notes from the SECAG meetings on 30 November 2020 and 22 February 2021.
Cllr Upton, the lead councillor for SECAG, gave a summary of the Groups discussions and suggestions for action. Unfortunately, Cllr Upton will be moving away from the parish and will no longer be able to lead the Group.

ii.	The council RECEIVED two documents from A Rivers. 1) A report on the best trees for long-term growth in St Ewe Parish, i.e. trees that should be 'future-proof', and 2) a Questionnaire to determine the best tree for any individual site.
iii.	The council RESOLVED (proposed WR, 2nd JU) to have a dedicated email address for SECAG: ClimateAction@st-ewe-parish.co.uk.
iv.	Unfortunately, Cllr Upton will be moving away from the parish and will no longer be able to lead the Group. The council hopes that a new lead councillor will volunteer to lead the Group after the May elections. The council will need someone to be responsible for the ClimateAction email address, which will probably be the lead councillor. For the moment the council RESOLVED that the Clerk will keep an eye on the email correspondence for SECAG. ACTION: Clerk
v.	In recommended by SECAG, the council RESOLVED (proposed JU, 2 nd PS) to start the St Ewe Tree Project. With Cllr Mustoe's Community Chest grant the council in due course will purchase deciduous and evergreen trees for planting next autumn. Volunteers must provide a permanent space. Details will be forthcoming.
vi.	The council RESOLVED (proposed WR, 2nd JL) to approve a maildrop to residents in the parish. A one-page A4, colour print. It will explain how to sign up for SECAG's mailing list and provide details about the tree planting project. The Clerk prepare the leaflet with some drawings by local children. JD will coordinate printing and distribution. TJe and JL will help with delivery. The Clerk will get an electoral register to be used for delivery. ACTION: Clerk & JD
vii.	The council RESOLVED (proposed JU, 2nd WR) to join the Cornwall Climate Action Network. ACTION: Clerk
D	The council RESOLVED (proposed JL, 2nd TJe) to sign the Grass Cutting Agreement with Cornwall Council for 2021-22. ACTION: Clerk
E	The council RESOLVED (proposed JL, 2nd WR) to send out asap the letter, approved in September 2020, to all farmers and contractors about agricultural traffic.

20/116 Planning

A	Of note. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk's Notes and on the website.
<p><i>Though he declared an interest in the following item, WR did not leave the room because the item was not discussed.</i></p>	
i.	PA21/01483 Prior approval for a steel framed monopitch building for the rearing of calves. Penberlan Farm Lower Sticker St Austell PL26 7JJ Consultee comments were not requested. The council NOTED the application.
ii.	EN18-00723 Change of use of land from agricultural to holiday use for the stationing of caravans and tents - Land at Pleasant Streams Barn, Lower Sticker, St Austell. Enforcement from Oct 2019 was appealed, and the appeal was dismissed. The council NOTED the decision.

B Planning Correspondence.

- i. **PA20/03842** | Conversion of existing hotel building to provide a 14 bedroom hotel with restaurant (A3 use class) and retail shop (A1 use class) and demolition of existing buildings/structure and erection of 25 residential apartments/houses, together with access, highway remediation, car parking infrastructure, landscaping and ancillary works. | Pendower Beach House Hotel Rocky Lane Ruan High Lanes Truro TR2 5LW.
On the recommendation of the planning officer, the Pendower Beach development application PA20/03842 has formally been withdrawn. The council **NOTED** the decision.

C Applications for consultee comments. There were none.**20/117 Highways & Flooding**

There were no reports of new issues.

20/118 Assets – reports and maintenance

A Footpaths and verges. Nothing to report.

B Telephone Kiosks. The bring & swap books and puzzles in the Kestle kiosk are popular.

C Website. The website has been successfully transferred to a new host, Cloud Next.

20/119 Parish Matters – reports

A SE AHL (St Ewe Affordable Housing Limited). Nothing to report.

B Emergency Plan. Nothing to report.

C Village Hall. The new LED lights have been fitted. These were funded in part by the parish council using the Wind Turbine Fund. As of 17th May, it appears that it will be available for hire as long as appropriate Covid precautions are in place.

20/120 Correspondence & Invitations (complete list in Clerk's Notes)

None.

20/121 Business for the next meeting

JL will report back on the Community Network meeting.

20/122 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

James Mustoe, Acting Ward Member, said his goodbyes. Toni Dowrick and Michael Bunney thanked the council for welcoming them to the meetings. They look forward to the 6th of May elections, after which one of them may be our new Ward Member.

20/123 Dates of next meetings.

A 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.

B St Ewe Climate Action Group, Monday, 22 March 2021, 7.00 pm ONLINE via Zoom.

C There is as yet some uncertainty whether online meetings will be legally permitted after the 6th of May 2021. The council hopes the government will extend its ability to hold online meetings, because meeting indoors will still be problematic for some councillors and members of the public in May. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed JD, 2nd WR) these possible venues in order of preference:

	1) Zoom 2) The main room of St Ewe Village Hall with 2 metre distancing. 3) Outside the Village Hall, with umbrellas if necessary.
D	Annual Parish Meeting (Meeting of the Electors) Monday, 17 May 2021, 7.00 pm.
E	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Monday, 17 May 2021, directly after the parish meeting.
F	Ordinary Meeting, Monday 17 May 2021, directly after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 12 March 2021

SIGNED:

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.

Chair of meeting: _____ Date: _____