

**ST EWE PARISH COUNCIL **DRAFT** MINUTES**

Ordinary Meeting, MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2021

7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Adam Getliff, Mick Howell, Janet Lockyer, Terry Teverson.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Clerk to the Parish, Mrs Christine Wilson, Ward Member Cllr Michael Bunney, and eight Members of the Public.

**ABSENT:**

Finlay Luke, Peter Shannon and Philip Vellenoweth.

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

Councillors' names – abbreviated with their initials. CC – Cornwall Council. CNP – Community Network Panel. LMP – Local Maintenance Partnership. PC – Parish Council. SECAG – St Ewe Climate Action Group. \*\*\* 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.*

## 21/83 Apologies

Apologies were received from FL, PS, PV.
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## 21/84 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

AG declared an interest in the planning applications for Heligan (PA21/09329, PA21/09330, PA21/09586) because of work connections and did not take part in the discussion or vote.
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## 21/85 Public Session

A The Heligan team gave a presentation on their goals for the Gardens and how the Hive will work to achieve their goals.
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B The agent for PA21/09329 and PA21/09330 explained the proposal.
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*It was agreed to move items 21/90.B.vi, and then 21/90.B.i & ii forward.*

*See the decisions at those items. Five members of the public then left the meeting.*

## 21/86 Meetings and governance

A The council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed TT, 2nd JD) that the minutes, as read, of the meeting on 13 September 2021 were a true and correct record and they were duly signed.
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B St Ewe Notice Board. This item was deferred until the end of the meeting, item 21/95.
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## 21/87 Finance

A The Clerk's reports, <i>Bank Reconciliation</i> , <i>Budget Comparison</i> and <i>Cash Flow</i> , to the end of September 2021 were <b>NOTED</b> and there were no questions.
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B The council discussed a request for funding by Cornwall Council's Carbon Neutral team for the People's Climate Festival on 27 November: £50-100 toward costs. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed TT, 2 <sup>nd</sup> JL) to grant £50.
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C	RESERVES 2022/23. The council discussed the history of the Website & Village Feature reserve and, noting that the website was not in need of a reserve since the upgrade to the statutory accessibility standard, and also noting the healthy balance in the Aura Wind Turbine Fund, and other earmarked funds, <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed TT, 2 <sup>nd</sup> JD) to remove the Website & Village Feature reserve and put its funds in the Contingency reserve. The council then further <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following reserves from an estimated starting balance of £12K: Contingency Reserve £1,800; Election Reserve £3,600; Earmarked funds: CIL Payment Fund £1,749; Aura Wind Turbine Fund £4,170; Emergency Fund £300; Transparency Fund £109; Defibrillator Fund £400.																
D	BUDGET 2022/23. The council discussed a draft budget, previously circulated. It considered the predicted inflation of 3-4% in the coming year and noted that this would be the last year of Council Tax Support. It <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed AG, 2 <sup>nd</sup> TT) a budget of £7,774, which is a 3.6% rise over last year.																
E	PRECEPT 2022/23. With projected income of £1,187, the council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed TT, 2 <sup>nd</sup> JL) to demand a precept of £6,587 which is a rise of £274, or 5% over last year. However, the taxbase has risen, which is a beneficial move, and this therefore equates to a £0.04 monthly rise for Band D properties, or a £0.48 annual rise.																
F	BANK. The council's current bank, which was charging nothing for its account, has changed its policy to now charge over £100 per year. After discussion of various options, the council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed AG, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WR) to move the council's accounts to UNITY TRUST BANK which works with many parish councils and charities. It charges £72 per year, but also has a number of advantages such as easy online banking and dual authorisation of online payments. The bank signatories will remain the same as previously confirmed in June (minute 21/23.J): Cllrs Richards, Dickinson and Lockyer. ACTION: Clerk																
G	The council <b>AUTHORISED</b> payments for November 2021 totalling £2,459.14 (proposed WR, 2 <sup>nd</sup> JL). <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description</th><th>Amount with VAT</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clerk's salary and expenses</td><td>£747.32</td></tr> <tr> <td>HMRC payment</td><td>£100.13</td></tr> <tr> <td>Footpaths &amp; Verges, notice boards</td><td>£1,087.20</td></tr> <tr> <td>Emergency First Aid training x12</td><td>£325.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hall hire for training</td><td>£105.50</td></tr> <tr> <td>Information Commissioner's Office annual fee</td><td>£35.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Silver Birch 'Snow Queen' for the Queen's Jubilee</td><td>£58.99 – see minute 21/89.B</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Description	Amount with VAT	Clerk's salary and expenses	£747.32	HMRC payment	£100.13	Footpaths & Verges, notice boards	£1,087.20	Emergency First Aid training x12	£325.00	Hall hire for training	£105.50	Information Commissioner's Office annual fee	£35.00	Silver Birch 'Snow Queen' for the Queen's Jubilee	£58.99 – see minute 21/89.B
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## 21/88 Reports

A	Report on Actions. Previous actions are completed.
B	The council thanks Cllr Bunney for the Community Chest Grant of £250 toward the protective fencing for the planting of Norwegian Firs and for the wood for raised tree seedbeds.
C	SECAG appointed Cllr Teverson and Cllr Richard to take the Climate Literacy e-learning course offered free from Cornwall Council.

D	<p>MH reported on the police notices he receives as Police Advocate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Constables recruitment notice circulated</li> <li>• New 'Bed watch' scheme where hospitalised mental health detainees are attended by 1 police officer instead of 2 but joined by a private security officer. Enables more police back on front line and private officer is lower key.</li> <li>• Operation Snap, encouraging dash cam recording of bad driving. Several recent reports include one that led to disqualification and two retraining for drivers caught driving without care.</li> <li>• Road safety, call for ideas and bids for funding under the Vision Zero scheme.</li> <li>• Young people survey 'To Have your Say' has been promoted.</li> <li>• Advice produced for avoiding accidentally calling 999 by mobile phone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keep your phone safe and out of reach from children.</li> <li>- Lock your phone before you put it in your pocket - be aware on some models, the phone will call 999 even when locked, if certain buttons are pressed.</li> <li>- Talk to children about how and when to call for help in an emergency – but how prank dialling 999 for fun can have serious consequences for them and others.</li> <li>- If you dial 999, stay on the line. Otherwise, we will call you back. The police want to know that you are safe and it saves us valuable time. Every second counts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
E	<p>Ward Member Michael Bunney's report to the Parish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to the Village Hall for a superb firework event</li> <li>• Meetings continue regarding our health service and Cllr Bunney meets regularly with St. Austell Healthcare</li> <li>• Cllr Bunney has followed up key items on planning applications locally and will always reinforce the views stressed by the Parish Council.</li> <li>• As winter approached Cllr Bunney has reported many issues with highways, trees, potholes and flooding work required.</li> <li>• Budget wise it looks like we will be in challenging circumstances in the next financial year. We must continue to work together locally to mitigate any hardship.</li> <li>• Cllr Bunney continues to pick up lots of case work and is happy to help residents.</li> <li>• In case there is no December meeting, Merry Christmas/ Nadelik Lowen to the whole St. Ewe community and thank you for all your hard work for our area.</li> </ul>

## 21/89 Considerations

A	<p>WILDFLOWER VERGES. The council consulted at the October meeting which was well attended and via Facebook about encouraging wildflowers on the verges. The clerk has received only positive responses and the council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed WR, 2nd TT) that it will allow SECAG to handle the seeding of the verges which are under parish council control. Road safety and site lines will be maintained at all times. The clerk will arrange a meeting between SECAG and the contractor. At this point it might be good to note that it may take a few years for wildflowers to establish themselves well in the verges.</p>
B	<p>SECAG 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov meeting to organise the <b>Tree Planting on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 12 noon</b>. Guest of honour Daphne Skinnard, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall and Assistant Editor for BBC Radio Cornwall. She will plant two trees. (1) a landmark tree to create a hopes and memories corner in John's Field to the rear of the Village Hall. (2) part of the Nationwide Green Canopy marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and will have the What3Words marker: eyelashes.cowering.gangway</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed TT, 2<sup>nd</sup> JL) to purchase the second tree, a silver birch,</p>

variety 'Snow Queen' at a cost of £58.99 from Pengelly Garden Centre. Funds from the Aura Wind Turbine Fund will be used.

The holes for the trees will be dug on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am by anyone who can lend a hand. TT will be in charge of tea, biscuits and team spirit.

## 21/90 Planning

A	Of note. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk's Notes and on the website.
B	Applications for consultee comments.
i.	NB: The details of each of the applications (i-iv) were considered and each received the same comments seen under (iv.): <b>PA21/09329   Conversion and extension of outbuilding to form detached dwelling   Land North Of The Cow Shed Pentewan St Austell Cornwall PL26 6EN.</b>
ii.	<b>PA21/09330   Listed Building Consent for the conversion and extension of outbuilding to form detached dwelling   Land North Of The Cow Shed Pentewan St Austell PL26 6EN.</b>
iii.	<b>PA21/09358   Conversion of former coach house to a 1 bedroom dwelling   Former Coach House Tregonan Farm Tregony Truro Cornwall TR2 5SN</b>
iv.	<b>PA21/09359   Listed building consent for conversion of former coach house to a 1 bedroom dwelling   Tregonan Farm Tregony Truro Cornwall TR2 5SN.</b> The council discussed the application and <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed WR, 2nd JL) to submit the following consultee comments: *** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application on the understanding that the Conservation Officer will look at the detail of the conversion and ensure it conforms to the current standards for this listed building and fits comfortably into its surroundings.
v.	<b>PA21/09881   The conversion of an existing building within use class E to a single dwellinghouse   Oldthorns Road From Chapel Hill To Prentice House Little Polgooth St Austell PL26 7DD.</b> The council looked in detail at this application and the previous submission PA20/09728. The council considered objections from members of the public and information from the agent about changes to legislation. The council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed JD, 2nd WR) to submit similar consultee comments to the previous application from Feb 2021: *** St Ewe Parish Council looked at the application and compared it to the previous PA20/09728. The council does not see any substantial difference in the two applications and continues to OBJECT to this application for three reasons. The site is surrounded by sloping land with poor drainage. It is hard to see how 1) surface water and 2) foul water drainage can be managed properly and meet current legislation within the limited footprint of the site. 3) Highway access must be addressed because it is on the 'blind side' of the road and traffic safety is an issue. To understand the local objections, the parish council asks that the case officer visit the site.
vi.	<b>PA21/09586   Siting of Heligan Hive which comprises of staff offices, archive and library and education building. Part retrospective.   Heligan Gardens Ltd The Lost Gardens Of Heligan Pentewan St Austell Cornwall PL26 6EN.</b> The council listened to the presentation of the Heligan team, asked questions and

discussed the application at length. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed MH, 2nd JL) to submit the following consultee comments:

\*\*\* St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application in its present form on the understanding that the timber cladding will be installed and planted with greenery to hide the building within 12 months at the latest. The applicant has assured the council that this is the projected timeline and that the funds are immediately available to implement the timber cladding. The council would also like the case officer to consider the importance of the surrounding trees in hiding this unsuitable structure and consider a way of protecting them from being cut down for any reason. The council and St Ewe residents are still upset by this unsuitable building, particularly as it is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, so every possible condition should be applied to ensure that this development becomes and remains essentially invisible in the landscape.

vii. **PA21/05173 | Change of use from holiday accommodation to full time residential. | The Smithy St Ewe St Austell Cornwall PL26 6ES.**

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

\*\*\* St Ewe Parish Council continues to OBJECT to this application for the same reasons as before. It sees little change from the previous submission under the same planning reference. The plans are contradictory and are not an accurate representation of the development on the site. For the case officer to understand the reality of the site, the parish council asks that they visit with an enforcement officer because the buildings there may contravene previous planning conditions. When the building was granted permission for conversion to a holiday let property in 2006 and an extension of time in 2009, both decision notices specified "... no extensions including porches and oil tanks. Reason: To protect the amenities of the area and character of the original barn." Extensions into the garden have significantly increased the footprint of the building and are not on all the plans submitted with the 2021 application but appear on the Cornwall Council interactive map, which the parish council finds confusing and misleading. The application says nothing of material and how a larger house will impact the amenity of the area. Parking should be limited to the site and there is no indication of this in the application. A family in residence, with the possibility of 2-3 cars, must not use the land in front (which is not owned by the applicant) and cause congestion at the entrances to the adjoining properties (as is happening now). Parked cars impede access and exacerbate traffic issues on a relatively fast road.

## 21/91 Highways & Flooding

Reports received by the clerk are in Clerk's Notes. Cormac appears to be dealing mainly with drainage problems at the moment.

## 21/92 Assets – reports and maintenance

A Footpaths and verges. Nothing to report.

B Telephone Kiosks. Nothing to report on the old red kiosks. The BT digital changeover might make the working telephone kiosk in Polmassick non-functional. Mobile signal is such a problem in Polmassick that this potential problem requires more investigation.

C Website. Nothing to report.

## 21/93 Parish Matters – reports

A	SE AHL (St Ewe Affordable Housing Limited). No report.
B	Emergency First Aid Level 3 Training was successful. Carried out over two evenings for 12 people. St Ewe may be one of the best trained rural areas in Cornwall! The cost of £430.50 will be taken from the Emergency Fund earmarked reserve.
C	AG will look into the cost of new pads for the defibrillator.
D	Village Hall. Many of the new trainees attended the smashing successful Fireworks on Sat night. Fortunately, their training was not required and a good time was had by all.

## 21/94 Correspondence &amp; Invitations (complete list in Clerk's Notes)

The owners of the Pittsdown turbine, Foresight, asked what the Community Benefits of the Aura Wind Turbine Fund are used for as part of their sustainability reporting and the clerk responded. In summary the Aura Wind Turbine Fund has received five of the 20 annual donations expected from Foresight. Thus far St Ewe PC has received £8,820 and granted £4,750 to various local causes.

## 21/95 Co-option to fill a vacancy.

A	Peter Cox introduced himself to the council and expressed his wish to serve as a parish councillor. There were no other candidates. The council unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed WR, 2 <sup>nd</sup> JL) to co-opt Peter Cox and the Chairman welcomed him to the council. Cllr Cox signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
B	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed WR, 2 <sup>nd</sup> JL) to appoint Cllr Cox to post notices on the notice board in St Ewe village.

## 21/96 Business for the next meeting

No items were requested.

## 21/97 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

None.

## 21/98 Dates of next meetings.

A	Ordinary Meeting 10 January 2022 , 7.00 pm at St Ewe Village Hall.
B	An extraordinary meeting may be called by the Chair to decide on 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 ~ 15 November 2021*

**SIGNED:**

**THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.**

Chair of meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_