

ST EWE PARISH COUNCIL **DRAFT** MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting, MONDAY 11 July 2022

7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall

PRESENT:

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Janet Lockyer, Peter Shannon.

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Peter Cox, Adam Getliff, Mick Howell, Terrye Teverson and Philip Vellenoweth.

ABBREVIATIONS:

Councillors' names – abbreviated with their initials. CC – Cornwall Council. CN – Community Network. 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 7.00 pm and the Chair welcomed all.

22/36 Apologies

Apologies were received from PC, AG, MH, TT, PV.

22/37 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

None.

22/38 Co-option of new parish councillor

No co-option took place. Notices will be posted on the website and the notice boards and co-option can take place at the next meeting on 12th September. If you are interested, and for further information, please contact the Clerk.

22/39 Public Session

A Owners of a plot at Tucoyse came to the meeting to introduce themselves. They explained that they are in the process of submitting a planning application, partly retrospective, for the home they hope to build for themselves there.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

B Ian Lobb addressed the council about his planning application PA22/05860 and the councillors were able to ask questions. The shop was opened in 2003 and sells Cornish/West Country/British food. It would like to repurpose the interpretation centre so that food and drink may be consumed on the premises, which some clients have requested and will further promote Cornish produce.
See the decision at Minute 22/44.C.i.

22/40 Meetings and governance

- A The council **RESOLVED** (proposed PS, 2nd JD) that the minutes, as read, of the extra-ordinary meeting on 20 June 2022 were a true and correct record and they were duly signed.
- B The Draft Minutes for the Parish Meeting on 9th May 2022 were **REVIEWED** and no changes were made. They will be presented to the electors for approval at the next Parish Meeting in May 2023.
- C Planning Protocol. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd PS) to approve the Planning Protocol with one change that was initialled by the Clerk & Chair and the protocol was duly signed. The Protocol will be uploaded to the website on the planning webpage and the policy webpage.
Ward Member Bunney explained the limitations of the system that brings applications to Planning Committee. Unfortunately, because of scheduling pressure, it is not usually possible to bring an application for a single dwelling to Committee, and the rationale for going to Committee must be based on planning policy: the Cornwall Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework. Cllr Bunney reemphasised that he will advise and support St Ewe's stance on planning in every way he can.

22/41 Finance

- A There were no queries regarding the Clerk's reports for the first quarter: *Bank Reconciliation, Budget Comparison and Cash Flow*, to the end of June 2022.
- B The council **AUTHORISED** payments for July 2022 totalling £800.58 (proposed PS, 2nd JL).
- | Description | Amount with VAT |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Clerk's salary and expenses | £572.58 |
| HMRC payment | 128.00 |
| Internal Audit | 100.00 |

22/42 Reports

- A Report on Actions. No outstanding actions.
- B SECAG. The council briefly discussed the SECAG meeting about Electric Vehicle chargers and there will be a survey to gauge local need for an EV charger in St Ewe village. The survey will be posted through the letter box of homes hear the village and will also be at the Summer Fete and Country Fair. Cllr Teverson and a group from SECAG will distribute and compile the survey.
- C The 'County Deal'. The Clerk and Cllr Howell attended an informative meeting hosted by CALC about the County Deal which is about possible extra funding for CC offered by central government linked to an elected 'mayor', aka 'directly elected leader' for Cornwall Council. This meeting just talked about the possible funding. There will be another informational meeting hosted by CALC to discuss the political structure involved with a 'directly elected leader'.
CC will make the decision whether to go with a 'directly elected leader', though there is some support for a referendum to decide the issue.
Cllr Bunney explained that, thus far, the discussions with central government are in the early stages and it is not yet clear whether a directly elected leader would benefit Cornwall.

D Police Notices. MN reported, nothing significant for Police advocates except some strategy and statistics presented in a recent briefing. Details available on request.

E Ward Member Michael Bunney's report to the Parish

It is just over a year since I was honoured to become your Cornwall Councillor. Thank you to all of you for your support. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the local community, parish council, joining in with the community events, supporting many local charities and volunteering at the Grampound Community Shop. It has been a brilliantly busy month and so lovely to see our community events continuing including the Jubilee. I thoroughly enjoyed St.Ewe Jubilee event and was pleased to help with the grant to help provide the marquee. Recently, I have also judged Sticker Carnival and been speaking on Cornish history at Sticker WI. I also compered Mevagissey Ladies Choir Concert, as part of Feast Week, which was back bigger and better than ever. I am looking forward to help at many events this summer & will be volunteering again at St.Ewe Country Fair. I have supported many other groups with grants from my community chest and have shared these grants fairly around the villages I cover. Grants have included funds for Polgooth Village Hall, Grampound Brownies & Bowls Club, St.Marks at Sticker, St.Ewe Tree Planting, Trewoon Community Fundraisers, Sticker AFC & the Merlin Centre at Hewas Water. Last year I raised over £700 for the Merlin Centre and recently raised over £200 for St.Ewe Village Hall and Gorran Haven toilets by leading a guided walk to St.Ewe, sharing wonderful local history.

I continue to press for highways improvements for St.Ewe Parish and am pleased we now have the Pengrugla gateways and 30mph extension in Polmassick. We have also had the work done and the drain replaced by Polmassick Bridge, which Janet, residents and I have been pressing for. Luney Lane & Lower Sticker to 5 Turnings has also been resurfaced and the main road from Heligan to Tregondean. I have been reporting these sections for over a year now, so reports do work. I have met residents on Luney Lane who continue to be concerned by speeding and Rachael Tatlow has agreed to re-erect the speed monitoring to gather new data following the resurfacing. This will help us reflect on the roads around the Hewas Water area as a whole too. I have been working on many other highways schemes and the best news is that the Average Speed Cameras Scheme for Trewoon are moving forward quickly. The plans are for three cameras, two cameras either end of the village and one in the middle. Funding has been secured and the consultation with residents is live now and open until the 29th July. Trewoon residents and St.Mewan Parish Council have been pushing for this for years and I have prioritised the cameras as the key thing to deliver, as I genuinely feel this is the most dangerous road in the patch I cover. The cameras will make a huge difference to the quality of life and careful flow of traffic and we anticipate they will be put in place this winter. I have also supported the applications for 20mph zones and Trelowth Rd/Polgooth is the area we have prioritised first through the community highways schemes. I have also put forward Sticker, St.Ewe and the other villages in my patch for 20mph zones and hope these will be rolled out soon, as part of the Cornwall wide initiative. All these proposals will be consulted on in depth and residents will be encouraged to share their views, but I strongly feel road safety is crucial, especially as walkers, horse riders and cyclists use our lanes too. It would be terrible if a child or other person was injured and a few minutes extra driving time has to be better than hurting someone.

It has been an exceptionally time, and this is just a snapshot of some of my work. I

have continued to pick up lots of case work, focusing on planning issues and from potholes to blocked drains, homelessness to vulnerable adults. I am pleased so many residents are contacting me with case work enquiries, and I aim to respond within 48 hours. I have continued my monthly councillor surgeries, with six held in recent months in Polgooth, Sticker and Grampound. I have continued to work to improve Pentewan Valley and work is scheduled to improve the trail at the end of this month, especially the footbridge and areas of fencing and cycle trail.

I know how vital our doctors surgeries are and I have regular communication with St.Austell Healthcare/ Mevagissey Surgery and Probus Surgery. I have just joined the relaunched Patient Participation Group for Probus Surgery to represent the patients in our area. I am pleased prescriptions will continue from Sticker and Grampound Shops and more resources are being put into the prescription service. More appointments are being offered face to face as well and on the same day. Please do contact me if there are any issues you would like to raise.

As I write this, our thoughts are with the people of Ukraine, who are facing such a terrible situation. The good folk of Cornwall have offered more places for them to stay than any other region in the UK and it shows the care we show for others. Families are arriving and I have been supporting families and groups who are offering their homes, with guidance, equipment and community support. I have also helped with fundraising events for humanitarian aid and wanted to thank all the local people who are doing so much to help Ukraine.

In Cornwall, the cost of living is getting harder and harder for ordinary families to bear and I know from my case work that many local people are struggling. There is local help available. I have been supporting families with housing problems and with navigating the frustrating forms and bureaucracy to get help. I also work with Truro Poverty Forum to investigate the broader picture and press for changes in policy, to solve these problems from a grass roots level. I have collected many donations for the local food banks too and have referred too many families to them. I hope one day we will not need to fundraise for food banks, but in the meantime, they are doing a brilliant job. I am very keen to continue to work with the local support groups in anyway I can. There is also a brilliant local charity Community Energy Plus and they can help with financial assistance, free insulation and free energy assessments of homes. They are based in Truro and can be contacted on freephone 08009541956 or via their website www.cep.org.uk

I continue to work full-time as your Cornwall Councillor and have met many residents to help with case work. I also present a voluntary Cornish history slot on Radio Cornwall and use every opportunity to mention the history of our special local area. I have been working hard behind the scenes to protect the Royal Cornwall Museum in Cornwall too and to encourage ways Cornwall Council can support this wonderful Cornish heritage asset. I am very happy to help with any issues, but it really helps if residents can report any issues to the council too, as it adds a weight of evidence and supports me to focus on wider issues. Please do report any issues to Cornwall Council, online is easiest at www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something or you can telephone 03001234232. You will receive confirmation the report has been received and follow up emails to explain what the council is going to do about it and when.

Cllr Bunney's contact details are on the webpage *Parish Councillors & Contacts*

- F After Cllr Bunney's discussion of the Probus PPG (Patient Participation Group), Cllr Lockyer wondered why she hadn't heard anything about the Mevagissey PPG which she had volunteered to join during the session with St Austell Healthcare at the council's September 2021 meeting. The Clerk will enquire with SA Healthcare.

22/43 Considerations

For SECAG, see 22/42.B.

22/44 Planning

A Planning Correspondence.

- i. EN22/00613 - Bakers Barn Tucoyse Farm Tregony Truro Cornwall TR2 5SJ - Alleged conversion of barn to a dwelling, associated engineering works and the stationing of a caravan with tents. (See 22/39.A)

B Of note. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk's Notes and on the website.

- i. **PA22/05281 | Prior Approval for conversion of agricultural shed to one dwelling house | Lanuah Farm St Ewe St Austell Cornwall PL26 6ER**

The council discussed the application for prior approval. Consultee comments are not requested for applications of prior approval, but the council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd JD) to submit the following comments to the case officer:

*** St Ewe Parish Council has looked at proposals for this pole barn three times before now. In 2017 St Ewe had no objection to four of the barn conversions applied for in PA17/05426. However, in 2017, the parish council specifically pointed out the unsuitability of the pole barn for conversion to a dwelling. Furthermore, as in 2017, St Ewe Parish Council continues to have concerns about the Gold Footpath 418/4/1 which seems to coincide with the drive of this development. In 2021, regarding PA21/05310, St Ewe PC sent a detailed objection to the claim of prior approval rights as a Class Q designation. For application PA21/12670 in February 2022, St Ewe Parish Council asserted that the points made in 2021 did not change because, despite a new Structural Assessment, the proposed building was a major rebuild of a flimsy frame and the style was without sympathy for the local vernacular. Now in July 2022, the parish council has again looked in detail at the proposed dwelling for application PA22/05281. The council's previous objections have not changed. It remains too prominent in the landscape during the day and at night and the complete build of all the walls and roof of the structure does not comply with the letter or the spirit of permitted development. St Ewe Parish Council **OBJECTS** to a conversion of this pole barn into a dwelling as submitted by PA22/05281.

C Applications for consultee comments.

- i. **PA22/05860 | Change of use to add the sale of food and drink for consumption on the premises (Use Class E(b)) | Lobbs Farm Shop Heligan Pentewan PL26 6EN.**

The council discussed the application and the changes that have happened to the business climate between 2003 and today. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed JD, 2nd JL) to submit the following consultee comments:

*** St Ewe Parish Council supports the promotion of local Cornish food and has **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

One member of the public left the meeting.

ii. **PA21/11124 | Change of use from existing barns to convert to holiday cottages | Land South Of Pleasant Streams Lower Sticker St Austell Cornwall PL26 7JL.**

This application was resubmitted for consultee comments on the day of the meeting and the council looked at the two new documents concerning a bat survey and flood risk. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed JL, 2nd WR) to submit the following consultee comments:

*** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application. It notes the new documents and must leave assessment of the Flood Risk mitigation to the experts. As before, the council understands that the case officer will ensure that the size and character of the barns is sympathetic within the site and the surrounding environment.

22/45 Highways & Flooding

A resident wrote to the parish council explaining that the new surface on Luney Lane meant that cars were faster than they were previously. Cllr Bunney spoke with the Highways Manager and, as the speed monitoring devices are still in place from the previous data gathering, they will gather another set of data on traffic speeds for Luney Lane.

22/46 Assets – reports and maintenance

A Footpaths and verges. Cllr Bunney will arrange a meeting with the Countryside Access Team to discuss the missing footpath signs in the parish.

ACTION: Cllr Bunney

B Telephone Kiosks. Nothing to report.

C Website. Nothing to report

22/47 Parish Matters – reports

A SEAH (St Ewe Affordable Housing Limited)

B Village Hall. Cllr Lockyer is hosting a cream tea this Sunday, 17th July in Polmassick in aid of the Village Hall.

22/48 Correspondence & Invitations (complete list in Clerk's Notes)

None outside of Clerk's Notes

22/49 Business for the next meeting

Reviews of: Code of Conduct & Standing Orders.

22/50 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

None.

22/51 Dates of next meetings.

A Ordinary Meeting 12 September 2022, 7.00 pm at St Ewe Village Hall.

B SECAG – St Ewe Climate Action Group, DATE as yet undecided, 7.00 pm via Zoom. Open to all.

C 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 8.45 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 13 July 2022

SIGNED:

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.

Chair of meeting: _____ Date: _____