

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

Ordinary Meeting, MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2022, which was moved to the 21<sup>st</sup> of SEPTEMBER after the days of public mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

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 7.05 pm and the Chair welcomed all.*

22/52 Apologies

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

22/53 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

JD declared an interest in the planning application PA22/01979 - Lower Barn Guesthouse, as he is a neighbour.

22/54 Co-option of a new member

No one has yet come forward. The notice is on the website and will be posted again on Facebook, closer to the date of the next meeting.

22/55 Public Session

A The applicant for the planning application PA22/06774 explained the application and answered questions from the councillors.

*The Item 22/60.C.i was moved forward. See the decision for PA22/06774 at that Minute.*

B None.

22/56 Meetings and governance

A The council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd JD) that the minutes, as read, of the meeting on 11 July 2022 were a true and correct record and they were duly signed.

B Code of Conduct. In Cornwall, the county council & the Cornwall Assoc. of Local Councils have jointly agreed on a Code of Conduct (revised May 2021) for all local councils to use. After reviewing the Code of Conduct, the council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd PS) to

	approve the Code and it was duly signed by the Chair. The new Code will be posted on the council's website under <i>Council Policies</i> .
C	<p>Standing Orders. The council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed PS, 2nd JD) to revise Standing Order 26 and the revised Standing Orders were duly signed. The changed section reads as follows:</p> <p><i>26. Pandemic emergency measures.</i></p> <p><i>a) When allowed by legislation, the council may use online meeting software to conduct its meetings that 1) allows each member to be heard and (where practicable) seen by all attendees. 2) allows public participation during the public session. 3) allows the public to witness the meeting in real time using the same software. 4) allows the council to close the meeting to the public when necessary, in accordance with the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act.</i></p> <p><i>b) The agenda for any meeting at which decisions are made will be posted on the council website (and the notice boards if possible) three clear days before the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>c) Voting will take place using non-verbal electronic icons on screen or as instructed by the chairman.</i></p>
D	The council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed JD, 2nd JL) to accept the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements which will appoint the council's external auditor for the next five years.
E	The council discussed pros and cons of an elected Mayor (aka Directly Elected Leader) for Cornwall – in as far as facts about the issue are known. Cllr Bunney updated the council on the latest news at County Hall on this issue. Regarding the petition for a referendum, it was <b>AGREED</b> to put the issue on the next agenda for November to see what new information arises and to see whether any action need be taken about requesting a referendum.

## 22/57 Finance

A	There were no queries regarding the Clerk's reports: <i>Bank Reconciliation, Budget Comparison</i> and <i>Cash Flow</i> , to the end of August 2022.										
B	The Clerk reported that the council must confirm its eligibility for the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) each year with its bank and this has been done.										
C	The Clerk reported that the external auditor has confirmed the council's Exempt Status regarding external audit. All the relevant documents are on the council's website in line with statutory requirements.										
D	<p>The council <b>AUTHORISED</b> payments for September 2022 totalling £1,059.30 (proposed WR, 2nd PC).</p> <table> <tr> <th>Description</th><th>Amount with VAT</th></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk's salary and expenses</td><td>559.30</td></tr> <tr> <td>HMRC payment</td><td>116.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Footpaths &amp; verges, 1st payment</td><td>366.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bank service charge</td><td>18.00</td></tr> </table>	Description	Amount with VAT	Clerk's salary and expenses	559.30	HMRC payment	116.00	Footpaths & verges, 1st payment	366.00	Bank service charge	18.00
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## 22/58 Reports

A	In honour of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a national Minute of Silent Reflection was held in St Ewe village on Sun, 18 <sup>th</sup> September at 8 pm, after which the <i>Proclamation</i>
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	<i>of The King's Accession</i> was proclaimed by Cllr Richards to 50 people in attendance, as it was first proclaimed at St. James's Palace on 10th September 2022.
B	Cllr Dickinson who is on the Country Fair committee, reported that the Fair had record crowds this year, comparable to 2018. The committee wishes to thank all those who helped. It took a huge effort to set up, manage the day and then take down everything and clean up. Thank you to all those who attended from St Ewe and from the neighbouring parishes. You all made the day a great success.
C	Devon & Cornwall Police Notices. Will Kerr OBE has been appointed the new Chief Constable for Devon and Cornwall Police.
D	<p>Ward Member Michael Bunney's report to the Parish</p> <p>In the last 16 months I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the local community, parish councils, joining in with the community events, supporting many local charities and volunteering at the Grampound Community Shop. It has been a brilliantly busy summer and so lovely to see our community events continuing. I thoroughly enjoyed attending and helping at Sticker Carnival, St.Ewe Country Fair &amp; Grampound Carnival; I am looking forward to helping as compere at the Trewoon Community Fundraiser with the Stunsils later this month. All of our villages run such fantastic community events throughout the year and I help all I can. It is a testament to the strength of communities and in the difficult times ahead we will need to pull together more than ever.</p> <p>Recently, I have also attended the 183rd Chapel Anniversary of Polgooth Methodist Church and it was lovely to see the heritage display and enjoy the cream teas. Relatives of mine from St.Ewe Parish attended all the chapels in the area and my Great Grandad from Hemmick was a Bible Christian preacher, so it is wonderful to still see the chapels in Polgooth and St.Andrews Methodist Church in Mevagissey still thriving. I thoroughly enjoyed leading a session on memories of Cornwall &amp; Mevagissey for Mevagissey Memory Café at St.Andrews last month too. The volunteers do a fantastic job and it was lovely to hear the memories of our local history. I will be repeating this talk on Cornish history at Polgooth Ladies Group in the winter. 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 the new St.Ewe Marquee, Tregorrick Trust, Polgooth Village Hall, Grampound Brownies &amp; Bowls Club, St.Marks at Sticker, St.Ewe Tree Planting, Trewoon Community Fundraisers, Sticker AFC &amp; the Merlin Centre at Hewas Water. I have continued to help with beach cleaning every week in Gorran Haven and will be organising the autumn/winter cleaning rota again in September. Following cuts by the Government and Cornwall Council, volunteers and I have been cleaning them every day from September to April, to keep them free and open for residents and visitors to use. The wonderful folk of St.Ewe, Mevagissey, Grampound &amp; St.Mewan are always welcome to come and use them. I clean them every Sunday &amp; Monday, if anyone wants to check them out!</p> <p>I continue to press for highways improvements and am pleased we have completed the consultation on Average Speed Cameras for Trewoon. The responses were very positive and the plan is to put these in during the winter all being well. I have been liaising with residents on the new speed device on Trelowth Rd and this has been supported, thank you to St.Mewan Parish Council for funding this. I have also met with Ocean and Highways to look at solutions to the parking pressures in Trelowth. I hope we can continue to work together to find a long-term solution. Other improvements have been completed in St.Ewe and I am pleased we now have the Pengrugla gateways and</p>

30mph extension in at Polmassick. The resurfacing from Heligan to Tregondean and patching on Luney Lane is a huge improvement and this was programmed as a result of our multiple reports to highways. Speed monitoring has just been completed on Luney Lane to help us assess any issues there. I also got highways to cut back the hedge on St.Mewan Lane, Trewoon and by the welcome to Polmassick sign and to fill the pot holes at Corran Farm. We have also had the work done and the drain replaced by Polmassick Bridge & Lower Sticker to 5 Turnings. I have been reporting these sections for over a year now, so reports do work. The road from Polgooth to London Apprentice desperately needs resurfacing and I have stressed to highways that this must be a key priority for our area. I have also secured agreement to create a new pedestrian and cycle crossing on the A390 by St.Mewan School to improve access for children and others coming from town and Higher Trewhiddle especially. I been involved with the local walking and cycling plan as well and this has added key routes in our area, to benefit everyone. Residents have expressed a desire for a pavement from Lanjeth to Trewoon and hope we can deliver this in the long term, as part of the infrastructure plan or planning process. 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. We have also put forward Sticker, Trewoon, St.Ewe, Polmassick 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 surgeries held in recent months in St.Ewe, Polgooth, Sticker and Grampound. I have continued to work to improve Pentewan Valley and work has been completed to improve the trail, especially the footbridge and areas of fencing on the cycle trail, with further work planned.

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.

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 any way I can. Cornwall Citizen's Advice is a fantastic organisation and they can help with grant applications, securing support folk are entitled to and debt advice. Our local community help schemes in Mevagissey and Gorran/St.Ewe also continue to do a fantastic job, in difficult times.

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](http://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.

Please never hesitate to get in touch if I can help with anything.

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## 22/59 Considerations

A	There was no proposal for a response to the public consultation of CC Policy - Statement of Principles under Gambling Act 2005.
B	SECAG.
i.	The clerk reported that the 2 <sup>nd</sup> batch of wildflower seed will be purchased and planted in the verges this autumn. The purchase of wildflower seed was approved for three years (Minute 21/105.B) in the hope that wildflowers will then be established in the verges.
ii.	The council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed JD, 2nd PC) the purchase of up to £50 of bulbs for the centre of St Ewe village. Cllr Cox will organise the purchase and planting with the help of a kind and capable volunteer.
C	PARISH COUNCIL MARQUEE. The council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed JL, 2nd PS) that the marquee could only be made available to private persons or community groups on a case by case basis. The marquee requires at least 15 people and 3 hours' work for setting up and, again, for stowing away. The marquee needs to be erected carefully, monitored during use, and stowed dry. If made available, a reasonable donation to the parish council would usually be requested and any damage would need to be rectified.

## 22/60 Planning

A	Planning Correspondence.
i.	The council received a letter from a parishioner about the enforcement case <b>EN/2200613</b> at Tucoyse. A planning application has not yet been submitted and work on the land continues apace. It was unanimously <b>RESOLVED</b> to send a letter to the enforcement officer to ask about the status of the enforcement enquiry.
ii.	Cllr Bunney reported that the planning application, <b>PA22/01979</b> - Lower Barn Guesthouse, will go to planning committee on Mon, 26 September. Cllr Bunney and

	Cllr Cox will represent the parish council and they are allowed 3 minutes each to speak.
iii.	The council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed PC, 2 <sup>nd</sup> WR) to report a breach of planning concerning a summer house on the Lower Barn wedding complex which appears to have exceeded the permitted plans for <b>PA13/01284</b> .
B	Of note. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk's Notes and on the website.
C	Applications for consultee comments.
i.	<b>PA22/06774   Extension and renovation of an existing dwellinghouse.   Blow The Winds School Hill St Ewe Cornwall PL26 6ER.</b> The council discussed the application with the applicant during the public session and <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed WR, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PC) to submit the following consultee comments: *** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application. It is not prominent and is in keeping with the original dwelling.

**22/61 Highways & Flooding**

A	Cllr Lockyer volunteered to attend the Cormac workshop for town and parish councils in September. The clerk will send her the details.
B	Pengrugla. Cllr Getliff was not present to report; however, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed WR, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PS) to request traffic monitoring through Pengrugla and the clerk will write to the Highway Manager.
C	Luney Lane. The monitoring report has been published for Luney Lane after the road resurfacing. The data is very similar to the previous report before the resurfacing. Though undoubtedly there are some drivers that far exceed safe speeds on that road, the report does not highlight excessive speeds on a regular basis. The council asks the residents to report speeding cars to the police whenever possible.
D	A letter from a resident was received with concerns about the Polmassick drains. Cllr Bunney will reply that most issues have been resolved; however, the clerk will write to the Highways Manager and copy in Cllr Bunney so he can follow-up about the drain at the Polmassick sign, opposite Edge Corner, which does not remove the water from the road.

**22/62 Assets – reports and maintenance**

A	Footpaths and verges.
i.	The clerk reported that the SECAG wildflower consultant OK'd a tidy full cut of the verges because any wildflowers have already seeded. (See 22/59.B.i)
ii.	A letter was received thanking the parish council for cutting the Bridleway between Little Polgooth and Levalsa, Footpaths 14 & 16. It was very much appreciated!
B	Telephone Kiosks. Nothing to report.
C	Website. The homepage of the website has been altered during the mourning period for Queen Elizabeth to bring the council's message of condolence to the first page. The first page will return to normal after 26 <sup>th</sup> September.

**22/63 Parish Matters – reports**

A	SE AHL (St Ewe Affordable Housing Limited). Nothing to report
B	Village Hall. Business as usual.

22/64 Correspondence & Invitations (complete list in Clerk's Notes)

The council received a letter from a firefighter at the Critical Control Centre reporting that funding cuts could mean that this important emergency centre would be outsourced out of Cornwall. It was agreed that the nature of the county's geography, with unusual place names and unclassified rural roads, means that an out-of-county call centre could be at a great disadvantage. It was **AGREED** to write to the leader of Cornwall Council and the portfolio holder for the Fire & Rescue Service, Martin Alvey, to voice St Ewe's concerns.

22/65 Business for the next meeting

No other items were suggested.

22/66 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

None.

22/67 Dates of next meetings.

A Ordinary Meeting 14 November 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 ~ 26 September 2022*

**SIGNED:**

**THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.**

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