

ST EWE PARISH COUNCIL **DRAFT MINUTES**

Extraordinary Meeting, MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2023

7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall

PRESENT:

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Peter Cox, Janet Lockyer, Peter Shannon, Terry Teverson and Philip Vellenoweth.

ALSO PRESENT:

Clerk to the Parish, Mrs Christine Wilson, Ward Member Cllr Michael Bunney, and 14 Members of the Public.

ABSENT:

Mick Howell.

NOTE ON NUMBERING:

The prefix will follow the Municipal Year which begins in May. January-April will carry the 22/ prefix. At the May 2023 meeting the first item on the Agenda will be 23/01.

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.

22/100 Apologies

Apologies were received from MH.

22/101 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

None.

22/102 Public Session

- A Cllr Bunney gave a talk on the issues regarding the proposed Devolution Deal for Cornwall which is linked to the change of governance to a Mayoral system. He also answered questions from the public.
- In March, Cornwall Council will receive the results of the consultation (ending 17 Feb)
 - in April it will decide whether or not to hold a referendum
 - if there is no referendum, Cornwall Council will vote on the Deal and the Mayor in July. It will take a simple majority to decide.
- B The applicants for planning application PA22/11425 explained their situation and the details of the proposed development and answered questions from the councillors. A number of residents of the area explained their objections to the application. It was agreed to move the decision forward to this point of the meeting. (See the decision at Item 22/106.B.i)

11 members of the public left the meeting.

- C A resident of Kestle reported that the dilapidated village pump at the side of the road is not truly safe because the guard on the well can be lifted and children could be at risk.

It was **AGREED** that the clerk should inform Highways of the issue. Cllr Bunney will follow this up and also contact the Cornwall Heritage Trust which may have some funds to restore the pump and make it an attractive feature.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Bunney

22/103 Meetings and governance

- A The council **RESOLVED** (proposed PV, 2nd JL) that the minutes, as read, of the meeting on 9 January 2023 were a true and correct record and they were duly signed.

22/104 Reports

- B Ward Member Michael Bunney's report to the Parish

A belated Happy New Year all. The key positive to report is the 20mph consultation is complete and the plans for St.Ewe and Polmassick have been supported unanimously. I have agreed with highways recommendation for this to proceed now. A good element in this is the extension of 30mph through Crosswyn. I tried to extend the 30mph area to Plein an Gwarry/Blow the Winds, but we will need to submit a new highways scheme for this. New ideas can be submitted from the end of March, so I am happy to put this forward if the parish council agrees. I have also met residents at Lower Sticker to get the drains cleared and they have raised the idea of a 30mph area, with gateways. This seems like a good idea and I wondered about applying for this, from Hewas Water to Lower Sticker. Perhaps we could add this to the April agenda? I am also pleased the planning inspectorate upheld the refusal of the application for the housing development in St.Ewe. We put a lot of work into this and I wrote a lengthy defence of the refusal, as I felt the application was detrimental to the character of St.Ewe and natural environment.

On other issues further afield, Average Speed Cameras for Trewoon are now in place. They have been handed over to the police, so all working. This was a huge achievement and thank you to everyone who helped. St.Mewan Parish Council, the community speed watch group and local people played a critical role, as did the residents of Trewoon and St.Mewan. Thank you to the Police, Cornwall Council and everyone involved, I was happy to pick this up in May 2021 and push it from my very first day on being elected. I hope the cameras make a huge difference to quality of life and safety for all road users. It just shows what we can achieve when we work together.

It is just over 20 months since I was honoured to become your Cornwall Councillor. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the local community, parish councils, joining in with the community events, supporting many local charities and volunteering. I hope everyone was able to enjoy Christmas. Over the Christmas I organised a raffle for St.Austell Food Bank which raised £522 and also organised the New Year's Day Swim at Gorran Haven. It was lovely to see many folk there, we raised £705 for the RNLI and £450 for the Fishermen's Mission. In these difficult times, it is more important than ever to look after each other. Our communities are strong, and I know we will all continue to pull together. Community spirit makes a huge difference in so many ways and helping each other has to be part of the answer to get through difficult times.

On a Cornwall wide basis, I spoke passionately at Full Council in favour of doubling council tax for second home owners. Mebyon Kernow has been pushing for this since the 1970s and I am pleased it was unanimously agreed at council. This could bring £25million in every year for Cornish services, such as affordable housing and highways. I feel it is only fair for second homeowners to contribute to our services and loopholes

also need to be tackled.

Regarding the offer of a Mayor for Cornwall I am listening carefully to residents' views. The vast majority of folk who have spoken to me so far seem unconvinced. Personally, I think the people of Cornwall should be able to decide if they want the mayoral deal. I also feel the deal isn't good enough to be forced to have a mayor and believe Cornwall should get the funding it rightly deserves, without being required to have a mayor. I am trying to stay open-minded though and am keen to hear local.

I have reported much flooding and met residents in Lower Sticker, Trewiddle and Polmassick and work has taken place. Polmassick is my biggest concern and I have reported all the drains and written to the portfolio holder to ask for a detailed clearance scheme and offered to apply for particular funds if capacity is an issue. Trewiddle flooding was a key concern too and I have met residents and Cormac on site. The work has now been done and the road is all open fully. I been in intense contact with Highways to get this sorted. I have reported many potholes around our area, and these have been filled quickly. Roads such as from Polgooth to London Apprentice desperately need resurfacing and I have stressed this must be a priority. The rain and cold has been a struggle and I phoned the emergency team every night to get the gritters out to Polgooth, especially to help the Averlea Care Home and meals on wheels. I know residents appreciated this and I also phoned for St.Mewan School.

I know these are difficult times for many families and I am involved with community help schemes and other support services right across our area. I also work very closely with the food banks and Cornwall Poverty Forum to help local people. I deliver donations every week to Truro or St.Austell Food bank and I am always happy to pass on donations from residents. Over Christmas I helped distribute funds to local families in need and will continue to reach out to anyone struggling. Cornwall Community Foundation also offers crisis grants of £250- 1000 and be contacted on tel 01566779333 or online at www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com and click on grants to apply. I have been pressing for help for park home residents with the energy support scheme, as anyone who was paying a third party was missing out. This scheme has now been agreed and will be launched later in January. It is so important people get the help they are entitled to.

I continue to work full-time as your Cornwall Councillor and have met many residents to help with case work. I run regular surgeries in village halls and volunteer at Grampound Community Shop. I continue to run all my Cornish history talks and clean Gorran Haven toilets. Please do report any issues to Cornwall Council, online is easiest at www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something or you can report any emergencies 24hrs on 03001234222.

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

Oll an gwella. (All the best in Cornish)

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22/105 Considerations

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| A | A discussion about the future of SE AHL (St Ewe Affordable Housing Ltd) was DEFERRED until the 13 March meeting. |
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22/106 Planning

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| A | Planning Correspondence. |
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- i. The following Appeal decision was **NOTED**:
APPEAL DISMISSED. **APP/D0840/W/22/3302876 for PA21/08050** | Outline application with some matters reserved for rural exception site for up to nine dwellings and associated landscaping works | Land North East Of Glebe Cottage St Ewe St Austell Cornwall PL26 6EY.

B Applications for consultee comments.

- i. **PA22/11425 | Conversion of Barn to Dwellinghouse | Tremen Barn Tregony Truro Cornwall TR2 5SJ.**
The council listened to the applicants and members of the public during the public session regarding this application and all were able to ask questions of the applicants. After discussion the council **RESOLVED** (proposed PV, 2nd TT) to submit the following consultee comments:
*** St Ewe Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this application. The council asked, regarding PA14/03225, whether this building was suitable for conversion to a dwelling and the parish council is in agreement with the officer's refusal of PA14/03225, which was subsequently upheld at Appeal by the planning inspector in 2015. The parish council is of the opinion that the situation remains the same. Though there is a structural report for the current application, the council notes that there is no mention of the foundations for the building, which the council feels is a significant oversight. It appears that significant building work is needed, and St Ewe PC agrees with the Appeal Decision that that this would result in creating a new dwelling in the open countryside.

22/107 Parish Matters – reports

- A Village Hall. Nicky Baker is the new booking agent for St Ewe Village Hall.
EMAIL — steweVH@gmail.com

22/108 Business for the next meeting

Celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III.

22/109 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

None.

22/110 Dates of next meetings.

- A Ordinary Meeting 13 March 2023, 7.00 pm at St Ewe Village Hall.
- B The council **RESOLVED** to change the date of the May meetings to MONDAY, 15 MAY because the second Monday of the month falls on the coronation bank holiday. May is the beginning of the municipal year and the meetings will include:
Annual Parish Meeting – followed by the:
Annual Parish Council Meeting – followed by the:
Ordinary Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 17 February 2023

SIGNED:

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.

Chair of meeting: _____ Date: _____