

ST EWE PARISH COUNCIL **DRAFT MINUTES****Ordinary Meeting, MONDAY 13 MARCH 2023****7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall****PRESENT:**

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Peter Cox, Kevin Davis, Jenna Fuggles, Mick Howell, Janet Lockyer, Peter Shannon, Terry Teverson.

ALSO PRESENT:

Clerk to the Parish, Mrs Christine Wilson, , and twelve Members of the Public.

ABSENT:

Ward Member Cllr Michael Bunney and Philip Vellenoweth.

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.

22/111 Apologies

Apologies were received from Ward Member Cllr Michael Bunney and PV.

22/112 Co-option of two councillors.

There were two candidates for co-option to two member vacancies. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd PS) to co-opt Kevin Davis & Jenna Fuggles. Both signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office, were welcomed by the Chair and invited to the table.

22/113 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

None.

22/114 Public Session

- | | |
|---|---|
| A | Four members of the public reported on EN23/00070 , the enforcement case at Meadow Lakes, Hewas Water. The land is in Grampound with Creed parish, but the development directly affects the residents of Luney Barton. Many new static caravans have been brought to the site, hedgerows and trees removed, and streetlights installed. Cllr Bunney is in regular contact with residents of Luney Barton and the enforcement team. |
| B | A number of parishioners came to share their concerns about the proposed development in Polmassick which is now at Preapplication stage, PA23/00254/PREAPP . See item 22/119.C.i. |

11 Members of the public left the meeting.

- | | |
|---|---|
| C | Helen Nicholson, acting Community Network Panel Officer for St Ewe, attended to explain the pros & cons of a Neighbourhood Development Plan and the councillors were able to ask many questions. Ms Nicholson has chaired the NDP of her own parish and |
|---|---|

she gave a short presentation to explain the process which at all stages must evidence its engagement with the community. An NDP committee is usually made up of about half parish councillors and half members of the parish. If St Ewe is interested in writing an NDP, Ms Nicholson's suggestion for a first stage would be to hold a Parish Meeting to find enthusiastic parishioners to work with enthusiastic parish councillors.

22/115 Meetings and governance

| | |
|---|--|
| A | The council RESOLVED (proposed PC, 2nd JL) that the minutes, as read, of the meeting on 13 February 2023 were a true and correct record and they were duly signed. |
| B | The council RESOLVED (proposed PS, 2nd JD) to reappoint the internal auditor, Mr Rob Larter, for the fiscal year 2022-23. |
| C | Cllr Lockyer has resigned from the Patient's Panel for Mevagissey Surgery and it was agreed to DEFER a possible appointment of another councillor to take her place. |
| D | Since the resignation of Cllr Getliff, it was urgent to appoint a monitor for the defibrillator who will also report the working status every two months to The Circuit, the online National Defibrillator Network used by the emergency services. The council RESOLVED to appoint WR as primary monitor and PC as substitute. ACTION: WR & PC |

22/116 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 February 2023. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|--------|-----------------|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------|
| B | The council RESOLVED (proposed JD, 2nd PS) to purchase 'Hurricane Anchor' tent pegs for the parish council marquee and a tent peg driver, £182.03 + VAT and delivery. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C | <p>NOTICEBOARDS. Replacement of all three council-owned noticeboards in recycled plastic was on the agenda for St Ewe village, Kestle and Polmassick, at a cost of over £5000. After discussion it was decided to place notices in each of the noticeboards to see whether anyone would miss them. The clerk will prepare a notice and the issue will be discussed again at the May meeting.</p> <p>If these three council assets can be disposed of, statutory notices can be placed on the St Ewe Village Hall notice boards. The Agendas & Draft Minutes are found on the parish council website and Draft Minutes usually in the <i>Tower & Spire</i> magazine.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D | <p>The council AUTHORISED payments for March 2023 totalling £1,029.86 (proposed TT, 2nd PC).</p> <table> <tr> <th>Description</th><th>Amount with VAT</th></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk's salary and expenses</td><td>£565.68</td></tr> <tr> <td>HMRC payment</td><td>126.20</td></tr> <tr> <td>Website Hosting</td><td>119.98</td></tr> <tr> <td>Marquee tent pegs and tent peg driver</td><td>approx. 200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bank Service Charge</td><td>18.00</td></tr> </table> | Description | Amount with VAT | Clerk's salary and expenses | £565.68 | HMRC payment | 126.20 | Website Hosting | 119.98 | Marquee tent pegs and tent peg driver | approx. 200.00 | Bank Service Charge | 18.00 |
| Description | Amount with VAT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clerk's salary and expenses | £565.68 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HMRC payment | 126.20 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Website Hosting | 119.98 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marquee tent pegs and tent peg driver | approx. 200.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank Service Charge | 18.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

22/117 Reports

| | |
|---|--|
| A | Report on Actions. All actions completed. |
| B | Police. MH reported that there are some sophisticated cybercrime scams targeting hospitality businesses. If you have any questions the Clerk can send details. |

C Ward Member Michael Bunney's report to the Parish

Happy March all, as the days lengthen it is lovely to feel Spring coming in our beloved Cornwall. The key positive to report from me is the Average Speed Cameras for Trewoon are now in and working, so please drive carefully through there. They have been handed over to the police and are already improving the quality of life in Trewoon. This was a huge achievement and thank you to everyone who helped. St.Mewan Parish Council, the local campaigners and the community speed watch group have worked on this for many years, as did many 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 the quality of life and safety for all road users. It just shows what we can achieve when we work together.

Over the last month, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the local community, parish councils, joining in with the community events, supporting many local charities and volunteering. For example, I spoke at Grampound Gardening Club on the Cornish plant hunters and our lovely local gardens. I donated the fee from this to Truro Food Bank. I donate all the proceeds from my Cornish history talks to local charities, so if any group would like me to speak, please get in touch. I have also been pleased to work with local residents to collect bikes for a brilliant local community group, who will give them to refugees in need. In these difficult times, it is more important than ever to look after each other and our local volunteer groups are vital. 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. I was also heavily involved with many St.Pirans events and organised the parade as part of the festival in St.Austell.

I continue to be very involved with numerous planning matters, for example the enforcement case at Meadow Lakes. I know the St.Ewe appeal case is on the agenda and I was very pleased we were successful in defending the refusal of this inappropriate application. I will continue to back up all decisions the parish council reach and the application at Tucoyse is still under consideration.

I work hard at Cornwall Council and spoke at the constitution committee, to protect Pentewan Valley parish and keep it whole. I am delighted the committee agreed to this and this has been endorsed by full Council. This means Higher Trewhiddle will remain in Pentewan Valley parish. It is important to protect rural parishes and keeping key areas in rural areas keeps them alive. On highways issues, I have focused on resolving the flooding at Trewhiddle Gate in Pentewan Valley. Cllr James Mustoe and I worked on this closely together to push for the work to be done and I am pleased Cormac have completed the work and all is well there again. The consultations on the 20mph schemes in St.Ewe, Polmassick and Polgooth have taken place and there was agreement for these to continue. The parish councils and I put these forward, as early 20mph schemes. All our other villages and residential roads will have the option for 20mph zones next year and this will be consulted on. I have already put forward Sticker, Tregorrick, Grampound and Trewoon as areas for consideration. I appreciate there are a range of views on these 20mph zones, but they have been supported by the overwhelming majority of residents, to improve safety and quality of life. Of course if a village did not want a 20mph zone it wouldn't be forced on them. In our rural areas we all need a car to get around, but driving carefully in residential areas and below 20mph

makes a huge difference to accident casualties. I have also reported blocked drains and met residents in Lower Sticker, and been in regular contact with residents in Polmassick. Roads such as from Polgooth to London Apprentice desperately need resurfacing and I have stressed this must be a priority. The good news is the Polgooth is programmed to be resurfaced this year. I have reported more pot holes that have appeared at Heligan corner and these should be filled by the time you read this.

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. 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 February. 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 gwellla. (All the best in Cornish)

Michael Bunney | 07939457590 in office hours | cllr.michael.bunney@cornwall.gov.uk

22/118 Considerations

| | |
|-----|--|
| A | The council RESOLVED (proposed WR, 2nd JD) to appoint GET Landscaped as the contractor for the footpaths and verges again this year. Competing quotes should be found for next year. |
| B | <p>SE AHL (St Ewe Affordable Housing Ltd). The Chairman of SE AHL explained that he and the Secretary/Treasurer were stepping down as soon as possible as they had been with SE AHL since the beginning. Currently there is little activity. SE AHL must take charge when a property is sold, but other than that, there is little activity.</p> <p>KD has volunteered to be the new Secretary of SE AHL.</p> <p>PC continues to liaise with the Diocese regarding future projects in the glebe land next to Glebe Terrace. KD will help out and the previous office holders will be available for advice.</p> |
| C | It was NOTED that PC will attend the FREE CALC event: Community Housing Conversations, 19 April 2023, at Chi an Bobel Conference Centre, Heartlands, Pool. |
| D | SECAG |
| i. | TT is ordering a Cornish Slate Plaque for the Jubilee tree across from the Village Hall. |
| ii. | The Clerk will forward information about the Carbon Literacy Project that is hosting a webinar on Monday 20th March at 10:30 am to mark the launch of a new Parish, Town and Community Councils Toolkit Course. |

| | |
|---|--|
| A Planning Correspondence. | |
| i. | EN23/00070 Enforcement case, Meadow Lakes, Hewas Water. See item 22/114.A. |
| ii. | <p>PA22/01404 Erection of agricultural machine store and associated ground works. - Agricultural Barn At Tredici Farm Tregony Truro TR2 5SH.</p> <p>The council originally objected to this application in May last year. The application is before St Ewe again because the footprint of the building has decreased. The council looked at the new drawings and RESOLVED (proposed PC, 2nd WR) to submit the following comments:</p> <p>*** St Ewe Parish Council has looked at the new plans with a decreased footprint. The council continues to OBJECT to this proposal because the proposed machine store is still the same height. It remains an imposing structure in the countryside and thus adversely affects the character of the area. It continues to be out of proportion to the agricultural need for such a smallholding.</p> |
| iii. | <p>PA22/11425 Conversion of Barn to Dwellinghouse Tremen Barn Tregony Truro Cornwall TR2 5SJ.</p> <p>The council originally commented on this application last month. The council discussed the new documents and RESOLVED (proposed PC, 2nd JL) to submit the following comments:</p> <p>*** St Ewe Parish Council continues to OBJECT to this application. It has studied the new documents but does not change its previous arguments. The council continues to be concerned that the amount of rebuild is misrepresented by the survey and at least one main wall leans badly. It is a ruin of a barn without a hint of a roof so that any development here would be a new build in the open countryside.</p> |
| B Of note. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk's Notes and on the website. | |
| i. | <p>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. The council NOTED the appeal dismissal.</p> |
| C Pre-applications | |
| i. | <p>PA23/00254/PREAPP Pre application advice for residential development of three dwellings. Land East Of The Cottage Polmassick St Austell Cornwall PL26 6HA</p> <p>The council discussed the application at some length and RESOLVED (proposed JD, 2nd WR) to submit the following comments and questions to the case officer:</p> <p>*** St Ewe Parish Council has listened to a number of concerns by neighbours of this proposed development in Polmassick and the Council would like the case officer to consider the following. 1) Highway access appears to be on a blind corner on a busy road. 2) Despite the recently built culvert, there is a continual flood risk from surface water in Polmassick; the proposed development should absorb any surface water runoff. 3) A private water supply for at least 6 houses passes through this field and must be diverted off the private land. 4) This appears to be open market housing in the countryside. Will the parish have some assurance that this will remain as housing for local people? 5) The general layout of the development is not in keeping with the traditional layout of a rural village like Polmassick. 6) There is no height restriction on the dwellings which could greatly affect the neighbours. 7) There already is pressure on utilities in Polmassick, particularly electricity and telecommunications.</p> |

D Applications for consultee comments.

- i. **PA23/01473 | Advertisement Consent for proposed fascia and projecting sign to existing retail unit being fitted out by new retailer. | 15 - 15A Market Street Falmouth Cornwall TR11 3AF**

The council looked at the description for this application and there was no proposal to submit consultee comments.

22/120 Highways & Flooding

A Potholes at Heligan have been reported by Cllr Bunney.

B The council **NOTED** a letter from a resident about road flooding at Edge Corner. Repair of a damaged drain in an adjacent field may be a solution to the flooding. Highways has been aware of the problem for some time, but there has been no progress thus far.

22/121 Assets – reports and maintenance

A Footpaths and verges. Nothing to report.

B Telephone Kiosks. Nothing to report.

C Website. Nothing to report.

22/122 Parish Matters – reports

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

22/123 Correspondence & Invitations (complete list in Clerk's Notes)

There was no proposal for a response to the 2023 Off-street Parking Order consultation because the parish has no Cornwall Council car parks.

22/124 Business for the next meeting

Review of the response to the proposal to dispose of the PC noticeboards. Year End Accounts. Neighbourhood Development Plan.

22/125 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

None.

22/126 Dates of next meetings.

A 15 May 2023 marks the beginning of the municipal year 2023/24.

i. 7.00 pm, Annual Parish Meeting – followed by:

ii. Annual Parish Council Meeting – followed by:

iii. the Ordinary Meeting.

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 10.10 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 20 March 2023

SIGNED:

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.

Chair of meeting: _____ Date: _____