

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

Ordinary Meeting, MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2023

7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), Kevin Davis, Jenna Fuggles, Mick Howell, Peter Shannon, Terrye Teverson and Philip Vellenoweth.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Peter Cox, and Janet Lockyer.

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

Councillors' names – abbreviated with their initials. CC – Cornwall Council. CAP – Community Area Partnership. LMP – Local Maintenance Partnership. PC – Parish Council. SECAG – St Ewe Climate Action Group. \*\*\* indicates consultee comments for planning applications decided by the PC; formal submission is delegated to the Clerk.

**MINUTES:**

*The meeting began at 7.00 pm in the Committee Room and the Chair welcomed all.*

**23/37 Apologies**

Apologies were received from JD, PC and JL.
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**23/38 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.**

None.
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**23/39 Public Session**

None.
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**23/40 Meetings and governance**

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| A | The council <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed TT, 2nd KD) that the minutes, as read, of the meeting on 10 July 2023 were a true and correct record and they were duly signed.   |
| B | There were no proposals for a PC rep to attend Cornwall's Local Area Energy Plan.   |
| C | There were no proposals for anyone to attend Cornwall Council's online discussion of their Draft Budget.  |
| D | Cllr Lockyer and Cllr Cox were appointed in May as Community Area Partnership (CAP) representatives. However, because the CAP voting arrangements allow one vote per parish, the Clerk reported that it would be necessary to appoint a Principal and a Deputy. The council <b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint Cllr Lockyer as the Principal St Ewe Representative on the Community Area Partnership (CAP) because of her previous experience with Community Networks, and Cllr Cox will be the Deputy. |

**23/41 Finance**

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| 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 2023. |
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B	The Clerk reported that Unity Trust Bank has confirmed the council's eligibility for the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). This must be reconfirmed every year based on the council's annual budget.		
C	The Clerk reported that the internal auditor for the council for the last few years will no longer be doing internal audits and the clerk will bring some quotes to the next meeting. ACTION: Clerk		
D	The council <b>AUTHORISED</b> payments for September 2023, the exact total to be confirmed, but approximately £1,291.23 (proposed KD, 2nd JF).		
	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount with VAT</u>	
	Clerk's salary and expenses	£548.28	
	HMRC payment	126.00	
	Verges	114.00	
	SECAG Bat Boxes	68.95	
	SECAG Paints for Bat Boxes	20.00	(to be confirmed)
	Plaque for Queen's Jubilee Silver Birch	£396.00	(to be confirmed)

## 23/42 Reports

A	Reports on Actions.		
	i. Polmassick Bench repair is in progress.		
	ii. Repair of the pump in Kestle has been discussed at PC meetings because it is in disrepair and may be dangerous. Cllr Bunney reported that Cornwall Heritage Trust would be interested but would need to own the land. It was generally thought that the land was not owned by any person. Cllr Bunney will follow through with Cornwall Heritage Trust. The council <b>AGREED</b> that it supports a community scheme to repair the pump in Kestle and make it safe.		
B	<p>The Clerk has registered St Ewe Parish Council on Let's Talk, as was requested by the Community Area Partnership (CAP). The CAP will use Let's Talk Cornwall to survey its members about issues and projects. With the appointment of Cllr Lockyer as Principal and Cllr Cox as Deputy St Ewe Representative on the CAP, the council's one vote is delegated to them. (See Minute 23/40.D above.)</p> <p>One of the CAP's most important functions will be making recommendations to Cornwall Council about Community Levelling Up Programme (CLUP) funding for the CAP area. You can see more information about this here: <a href="#">CLUP Community Area Partnership Prioritisation Frameworks</a> and click on CAP 8.</p> <p>Cllr Bunney is the Chair of the 'Cornwall South' CAP (also known as CAP 8). Cornwall South is a large area and Cllr Bunney wants to make sure St Ewe parish is not forgotten among the larger town and parishes.</p> <p>The next CAP meeting will be held in St Ewe Village Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 6.30 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.</p>		
C	<p>Police Advocate report by Cllr Howell.</p> <p>— There is a call for the public to help the police with their private dashcam video evidence and for more use of police body cams. — There is a move to use a motorcycle simulator to train motorcyclists. — There is an increased use of drones for fighting crime and detecting speeding. Many offences can now be caught on camera; a high number of seat belt violations have been cited. — There is an increased use of fixed speed cameras in general. — The Chief Constable position has not yet been filled. — There is a police</p>		

webinar on Violence on 19th September. MH cannot attend, details available if anyone else can. — Now over 200 Community Speed Watch groups in place. — A survey about rural crime has been previously circulated.

D Ward Member Michael Bunney's report to the Parish

Happy September everyone. I hope everyone had a lovely summer and enjoyed our many wonderful community events. We are so lucky to have so many community events and I try to attend as many as I can. For example, it was lovely to help on the morning of St.Ewe Country Fair. It was a shame Sticker Rally had to be cancelled and I was looking forward to helping at that too. Thank you to all the volunteers who run all the events. I am looking forward to our Autumn and Winter activities and will be speaking at Polgooth Gardening Club on the Cornish botanists in November and Grampound WI for their centenary. I donate all funds from these talks to local charities and will be handing all donations to St.Austell and Truro food banks over the winter. I spent Friday at Truro Food Bank and the demand for their services continues to grow enormously. They provide advice and training too and all donations they receive make a huge difference. Cornwall Community Foundation also offers crisis grants of £250- 1000 and be contacted on tel 01566779333 or at [www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com](http://www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com) and click on *GRANTS* to apply.

At the end of July I led a guided walk of St.Ewe and Polmassick for local residents and Pentewan Old Cornwall Society. It was wonderful to have so many local people join and thank you for the donations which I gave to St.Ewe Village Hall and the local food banks. Thank you to everyone who came and especially to Janet and Richard for looking after us. It was lovely to show off the fantastic heritage of St.Ewe and Polmassick and to look at our special historic sights. We also investigated the census of 1871 and it is wonderful to see so many local families still in the parish. This was meaningful for me, as there were 23 Bunneys living in St.Ewe Parish in 1871, so it is a real honour to now be your Cornwall Councillor, 150 years on. I will be repeating the walk in October, so please do get in touch if you would like to join us.

In August I was also very lucky to be asked to represent Cornwall at the Festival Interceltique in Lorient, Brittany. It was a real honour to be chosen to carry our Cornish flag, alongside the other Celtic nations in the parade that 70,000 people watched, in the largest festival in Europe. Cornish wrestlers, musicians and dancers were also represented, and it was a lovely opportunity to showcase Kernow and spread the word about our culture and heritage. We joined the ambassadors of other Celtic countries, and I did all I could to make sure Cornwall's profile was strong. Whatever people's views on Brexit, it is so important to still connect with our Celtic cousins and European neighbours and make links for Cornish businesses and cultural groups. Cornwall is part of a wider Celtic family and the support for and interest in Cornwall was humbling to experience. I also helped with the Cornish Gorsedh in September, which is a wonderful celebration of Cornish culture. I can nominate local people and have many ideas of brilliant local people who deserve to become a bard, so please do let me know if you have any suggestions.

Back home, lots of my work is focused on roads and drains. I have reported many potholes and lines that need repainting. Please do report any concerns via the website "report something Cornwall" [www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something) and you will be updated on planned work. I am pleased the 20mph zones are being rolled out. Polgooth signs have been done and Polmassick and St.Ewe will be done soon. All our villages will

be eligible in 2024 and I will support all schemes that Highways and the community will agree to. The key point is to improve safety and accident data shows driving at 20mph significantly reduces accident casualties. We can apply for other Highways schemes at the end of the Autumn and although budgets are tight, it is still a good idea to get ideas on the list. I have met residents in Little Polgooth and Trelowth to look at measures that could help there.

Planning is another major part of my work, and I will always endorse the community's views as represented by the parish council. We have done well over the last year to prevent inappropriate developments and won cases at committee and planning appeal. I am heavily involved with a number of planning & enforcement cases and GDPR rules mean I can't say much more on this, but rest assured, I am speaking up for our communities. I would urge anyone who has an idea for an application that may be controversial to please consult with the community and parish council at the very earliest opportunity.

I continue to work hard as your Cornwall Councillor and have met many residents to help with case work. I continue to volunteer at Grampound Community Shop and present my Cornish history talks. I donate all proceeds from these to local charities. Please never hesitate to get in touch if I can help with anything. 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 report any emergencies 24hrs on 03001234222.

Oll an gwella. (All the best in Cornish), Michael Bunney | 07939 457590 in office hours | Email: [cllr.michael.bunney@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.michael.bunney@cornwall.gov.uk)

## 23/43 Considerations

### A SECAG.

- i. It is time to think about planting out the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of wildflower seeds in the verges. Unfortunately, the dry springs we've had for the last two years have meant poor germination of the wildflowers. The council approved the purchase of wildflower seed for three years in a row and this will be the third year. The person who did the planting will not be able to this year, so this year the Clerk will purchase the seed and have it sent to Cllr Richards. He will plant this year with Cllr Teverson's help. He'll liaise with the contractor so the verges are cut and ready for planting the wildflower seed this Autumn or Spring.

ACTION: Clerk & WR & TT

- ii. In July, thirteen children learned about bats from a local expert. They put together wooden bat boxes and painted them. It was a very successful afternoon. Thank you to Cllr Bunney for the £100 donation from his Community Chest to be able to do this.

### B CC Local Energy Plan. See Minute 23/40.B.

## 23/44 Planning

- A Of note. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk's Notes and on the website. The council is concerned that the applications below have not yet been decided. This not only affects neighbours and other interested parties, but the applicant is badly let down by the system.

- i. **PA23/01937** | Change of use of holiday let to dwelling | The Smithy St Ewe St Austell Cornwall PL26 6ES.

<p>ii. <b>PA22/11425</b>   Conversion of barn to dwellinghouse   Tremen Barn Tregony Truro Cornwall TR2 5SJ.</p>
<p>iii. <b>PA22/01404</b>   Erection of agricultural machine store and associated ground works.   Agricultural Barn At Tredici Farm Tregony Truro TR2 5SH.</p>
<p><b>B Planning Correspondence.</b></p>
<p>i. The councillors have been invited to a discussion about the possibility of establishing a new off-road cycle route / multi-use trail to link Gorran Churchtown and Heligan. It will be held at <b>St Ewe Village Hall, Mon, 18th Sept, 6.30 pm</b>. The council <b>AGREED</b> that this is a good idea in principle.</p>
<p>ii. The parish council has been very concerned about the recent works at Meadow Lakes near Luney Barton. It is just over the border in the neighbouring parish of Grampound and greatly affects the residents of Luney Barton. The council has been advised that the planning enforcement EN23/00070 is still under investigation.</p>
<p>iii. Levalsa Farmhouse, London Apprentice, has been put on the market by Cornwall Council. Cllr Bunney has complained on St Ewe PC's behalf at they never replied to the council's offer of £1 for the property to develop affordable housing there. Cllr Bunney has asked the Affordable Housing team at CC whether they could develop affordable housing there and they said no.</p> <p>A member of the public contacted CC about the details of sale which states that the footpath through the yard of Levalsa Farmhouse is unused. This is not the case; in fact, footpaths 418/7/1, 16/3 and 15/1 meet in the yard. Cllr Bunney has emailed to emphasise that public footpaths and bridleways must be respected and protected.</p>
<p>iv. Mr Lakeman wrote to the Chairman and, with Mr Lakeman's permission, shared it with the parish council. Mr Lakeman would still like to consider putting affordable housing on his land. Cllr Davies, as the council's representative on St Ewe Affordable Housing Ltd (SE AHL), will arrange a meeting of Mr Lakeman and SE AHL.</p> <p>ACTION: KD</p>
<p><b>C Applications for consultee comments.</b></p>
<p>i. <b>PA23/05875   Verandah to Front Elevation, Slate cladding to side and the installation of Solar Panels .   1 Levalsa London Apprentice St Austell PL26 7AW.</b></p> <p>The council discussed the application and <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed TT, 2nd KD) to submit the following consultee comments:</p> <p>*** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application.</p>
<p>ii. <b>PA23/06363   Listed building consent for re-roofing using existing slate, improvements to chimney details.   Trelewack Farm St Ewe St Austell PL26 6EX.</b></p> <p>The council discussed the application and <b>RESOLVED</b> (proposed WR, 2nd PV) to submit the following consultee comments:</p> <p>*** St Ewe Parish Council SUPPORTS this application because it is a necessary repair. The council hopes it will be approved as soon as possible because of the urgency of the repair.</p>

23/45 Highways & Flooding

<p>A Cllr Bunney has reported Peruppa Bridge. He has also met with people from Little Polgooth to discuss traffic calming measures there because it has become a little bit of a 'rat run'. One side of the road is in St Mewan parish and the other side is in St Ewe parish. Unfortunately, it doesn't meet the criteria for a 20mph speed limit, but Cllr</p>
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Bunney will send in an expression of interest for the Highway Scheme and so that they can perhaps find another suitable form of traffic calming. They don't want a scheme that makes it difficult for tractors, for example. The council **AGREED** that some form of traffic calming there would be a good thing.

ACTION: Cllr Bunney

- B Pengrugla Corner had a recent accident and Highways will inspect the area to check the current condition of signage and road markings, etc.

#### 23/46 Assets – reports and maintenance

A Footpaths and verges. See Minute 23/43.A.i.

B Telephone Kiosks. Nothing to report.

C Website. Nothing to report.

#### 23/47 Parish Matters – reports

A SE AHL (St Ewe Affordable Housing Limited). See Minute 23/44.B.iv.

B Village Hall. JF reported on the VH Committee meeting last month. They requested that their webpage be updated with their new website address: [www.stewevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.stewevillagehall.co.uk) (the website is currently under construction) and that the old information be taken down from the council website. She explained that the VH Committee didn't need to wait for a council meeting; they could contact her immediately with anything they need added or removed from the PC website.

The Committee is very grateful for the council's grant toward the refurbishment of the kitchen. The refurbishment is complete and they've held their first event!

#### 23/48 Correspondence & Invitations (complete list in Clerk's Notes)

None.

#### 23/49 Business for the next meeting

Budget & Precept. Potential CAP projects with as much detail as possible. Internal Auditors.

#### 23/50 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

None.

#### 23/51 Dates of next meetings.

A Community Area Partnership (CAP) meeting **2<sup>nd</sup> October, 6.30 pm**, St Ewe Village Hall.

B Community Roadshow about the **new food waste, recycling and rubbish collection service**. Cornwall Council recycling officers will be there to answer any questions you have face-to-face. **13 November 2023, 10am - 6pm**, St Ewe Village Hall.

C Ordinary PC Meeting **13 November 2023, 7.00 pm** at St Ewe Village Hall.

D 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 8.30 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.*

*Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 15 September 2023*

**SIGNED:**

**THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.**

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