

ST EWE PARISH COUNCIL **DRAFT MINUTES**

Ordinary Meeting, MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2021

7.00 pm, ONLINE via Zoom

PRESENT:

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Diane Clemes, Adam Getliff, Janet Lockyer, Peter Shannon, Jeremy Upton and Philip Vellenoweth.

ALSO PRESENT:

Clerk to the Parish, Mrs Christine Wilson, Acting Ward Member Cllr James Mustoe, and 2 Members of the Public.

ABSENT:

Tracey Jenkin, Trevor Johns.

NOTE ON JOINING ONLINE MEETINGS AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Members of the public request online Meeting details in advance from the Clerk in order to join the meeting online.

NOTE ON NUMBERING:

The prefix will follow the Municipal Year which begins in May. January-April will carry the 20/ prefix. At the May 2021 meeting the first item on the Agenda will be 21/01.

ABBREVIATIONS:

Councillors' names – abbreviated with their initials. CC – Cornwall Council. CNP – Community Network Panel. LMP – Local Maintenance Partnership. PC – Parish Council. *** indicates consultee comments for planning applications decided by the Parish Council; formal submission is delegated to the Clerk.

MINUTES:

The meeting began at 7.10 pm and the Chair welcomed all.

20/84 Apologies

Apologies were received from TJe, TJo.

20/85 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

AG declared an interest in the planning application PA20/05626 at Item 20/91.C.i because it is his place of work.

20/86 Public Session

- A M Bunney gave an overview of the local support available in St Ewe and St Goran parishes during the current Lockdown.
- The Community Help Scheme continues to receive offers of volunteer help.
 - It can be contacted via Facebook *St.Ewe and local area support group*, and telephone number 07939 457590.
 - They will not be serving meals or delivering hampers during this lockdown because, in general, people have worked out their own support networks.
 - The group thought it was important to support local businesses, so volunteers will deliver take-aways from any local supplier; for example, the Barley Sheaf, Gorran or The Crown Inn, St Ewe.
 - They have come to the conclusion that, in this Lockdown, the main problems no

longer have to do with getting food and medicine. Mental health problems are more prominent.

- B A Rivers attended the meeting to support the council's new climate change emergency initiatives.

20/87 Meetings and governance

- A The council **RESOLVED** (proposed DC, 2nd AG) that the minutes, as read, of the ONLINE meeting on 23 November 2020 held via *Zoom* were a true and correct record. The Chair's signature will be obtained by post.
- B The council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, PS) to move the May meetings to **Monday, 17 May 2021**, because the election for parish councils will take place on Thursday, 6 May 2021 and the new councillors do not take office until Tuesday, 11 May.
- C CONSULTATION. Standards Matter 2: Public Consultation and Public Sector Surveys. There was no proposal for a response to this consultation.
- D CONSULTATION. Code of Conduct – Cornwall Council. There was no proposal for a response to this consultation.

20/88 Finance

- A The council received the Clerk's reports, *Bank Reconciliation*, *Budget Comparison* and *Cash Flow*, to the end of December 2020. There were no questions.
- B The council **RESOLVED** (proposed, WR, 2nd JD) to increase the Clerk's home office allowance, as permitted by HMRC. This is now £6/week and shared 50/50 with the Clerk's other parish. A retroactive payment from Apr'20 is £41 for 41 weeks.
- C The council **AUTHORISED** payments for January 2021 totalling £629.74 (proposed AG, 2nd JL).
- | Description | Amount with VAT |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Clerk's salary and expenses | 531.74 |
| HMRC payment | 98.00 |

20/89 Reports

- A Report on Actions. The bank mandate to organise online payments has had a setback because there is a new form for parish councils. It was agreed to **DEFER** the set up of online payments until after the May elections.
- B Acting Ward Member James Mustoe's report to the Parish. All has been quiet over the last months in St Ewe. Cornwall Council has also been quiet over the holiday period. Saying that, the new Covid restrictions and questions about government support have kept James busy.

20/90 Considerations

- A There was no action needed regarding the Emergency Plan during this Lockdown period. The designated area wardens are alert and in communication if necessary.
- B LMP. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed AG, 2nd JD) to accept the Local Maintenance Partnership grant for the year 2021-22 for maintenance of the footpaths.
- C PC Facebook page. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd AG) that the parish council would start a Facebook page as a trial. It will be run by the Clerk. The Facebook page will be used to communicate information, much like a public notice board, for

example: climate change action, meeting dates, road works, etc. It will work alongside the *St.Ewe and local area support group*, which is about direct community support. Please note that communication with the parish council should be by email, post, or telephone. The Clerk will not reply to messages or comments on the Facebook page. The St Ewe Facebook page will be for information only and hopefully it will serve the community well.

ACTION: Clerk

M Bunney left the meeting.

D Climate Change Emergency.

- i. There was no proposal to declare a climate emergency. St Ewe PC prefers to speak with action. However, it was **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd JU) to keep *Climate Change Emergency* as a permanent agenda item.
- ii. The council received *2020.11.30 Notes from Climate Change Working Party* which outlined a few suggestions for the parish.
- iii. AG will investigate possible donors of trees. A Rivers will make a list of ‘future-proof’ trees (i.e., trees that will be around for the next two or three generations at least) and their characteristics so that suitable trees may be found for any available area in the parish. AG will contact the Roseland Beekeepers group to find anyone who would like to place hives in the parish.
ACTION: AG and A Rivers
- iv. It was agreed to organise another meeting of the Climate Change Working Party. Date to be announced. All councillors and interested parties are welcome.

E Parish Council Website. Unfortunately, the designer and host of the website is no longer able to maintain the WordPress based site, which serves the parish council and the community. The website structure has become out of date and slow. AG and the clerk will look for a solution to move the website to a new host. Please note that any community groups that would like a webpage are welcome to use the website and need to contact the clerk.

ACTION: AG and Clerk

It was agreed to move 20/92 Highways forward to this point (see the discussion at that Item) after which AG left the meeting.

20/91 Planning

A Of note. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk’s Notes and on the website.

B Planning Correspondence.

- i. **PA20/03842** | Conversion of existing hotel building to provide a 14 bedroom hotel with restaurant (A3 use class) and retail shop (A1 use class) and demolition of existing buildings/structure and erection of 25 residential apartments/houses, together with access, highway remediation, car parking infrastructure, landscaping and ancillary works. | Pendower Beach House Hotel Rocky Lane Ruan High Lanes Truro TR2 5LW.
The Friends of the Beach wrote to give an update: The application has not been decided and the case officer has asked the applicants to withdraw the application which has not yet been done. Parish Councils across Cornwall responded with comments. There are 539 objections to the proposals and only 12 in favour.

C Applications for consultee comments.

- i. **PA20/05626** | Use of land to station portacabins to provide education/ demonstration and office facilities | The Lost Gardens Of Heligan Road From Heligan Gardens Entrance To Heligan Mill Pentewan St Austell PL26 6EN.

This application has changed, proposing one-storey buildings which will be clad with tanalised timber. The council discussed the application at length. It was very aware of continued complaints by parishioners about the buildings and found it difficult to reach a decision.

The council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd JL) to submit the following consultee comments:

*** St Ewe Parish Council would first like to note that the portacabins are an inappropriate type of building for the setting in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a listed building site; they can be seen every day from the road. It has not been lost on the parish council or other consultees that structures which could have been purpose-built for the site for education/demonstration and office facilities, would have been designed to blend into the landscape much better. Nevertheless, the council has been pragmatic and, albeit reluctantly, offers NO OBJECTION as long as: 1) the top storey is removed on all units; 2) the buildings are clad with attractive appropriate timber; 3) the buildings are screened from all angles, particularly the road and the gardens, using fast growing plants that are appropriate to the setting such as camellias or laurel; and 4) the buildings are carbon neutral. The council fervently hopes that this is the last time Heligan uses retrospective planning.

20/92 Highways & Flooding

A	Flooding near the new signpost on Trevithick Hill has been reported by TJe on 1 st December, but nothing has yet been done about it. The Ward Member will look into it. Ref: W2051785 ACTION: Ward Member J Mustoe
B	The village sign at Pengrugla has been hit and removed and this has been reported. Ward Member Mustoe said he would see if it could be replaced as soon as possible. ACTION: Ward Member J Mustoe
C	AG reported that the flooding on the road near Pengrugla seems to have been resolved.
D	A 30 mph sign at Tucoyse Hill has been hit and placed in the hedge. The clerk will report. Ref: W2154908
E	The clerk will report 2 potholes between Trevithick Barton and Polmassick. Ref: W2154907

20/93 Assets – reports and maintenance

A	Footpaths and verges. Nothing to report.
B	Telephone Kiosks. M Shannon has offered to start a Book/DVD/CD swap in the Kestle telephone kiosk. The parish council RESOLVED that this would be a very good idea.

20/94 Parish Matters – reports

A	SE AHL (St Ewe Affordable Housing Limited) Nothing to report.
B	Village Hall. It is of course closed during Lockdown. The new LED lighting is in place.

20/95 Correspondence & Invitations (complete list in Clerk's Notes)

None.

20/96 Business for the next meeting

Nothing was highlighted.

20/97 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

None.

20/98 Dates of next meetings.

A Ordinary Meeting 8 March 2021, 7.00 pm ONLINE via Zoom.

B Climate Change Working Party. Date to be determined.
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C An extraordinary meeting may be called by the Chair for Planning or other business if needed. An agenda would be posted 3 clear days before.
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The meeting closed at 9.10 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 12 January 2021

SIGNED:

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.

Chair of meeting: _____ Date: _____