

ST EWE PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES**Ordinary Meeting, MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022****7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall****PRESENT:**

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Peter Cox, Mick Howell, Janet Lockyer, Finlay Luke, Peter Shannon and Philip Vellenoweth.

ALSO PRESENT:

Clerk to the Parish, Mrs Christine Wilson, Ward Member Cllr Michael Bunney, and Caitlin Lord, Community Link Officer for the St Austell & Mevagissey Network.

ABSENT:

Adam Getliff, Terrye Teverson.

NOTE ON NUMBERING:

The prefix will follow the Municipal Year which begins in May. January-April will carry the 21/ prefix. At the May 2022 meeting the first item on the Agenda will be 22/01.

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.

21/99 Apologies

Apologies were received from AG and TT .
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21/100 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

None.

21/101 Public Session

Caitlin Lord, Community Link Officer for the St Austell & Mevagissey Network, introduced herself. She has taken over the post from Helen Nicholson and she will be a link between the parish council and Cornwall Council. She wanted to understand the issues affecting St Ewe parish and stayed for the entire meeting.

She thanked the council very much for its grant of £50 to the People's Climate Festival. The Festival was a great success.
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21/102 Meetings and governance

A The council RESOLVED (proposed JL, 2nd JD) that the minutes, as read, of the meeting on 8 November 2021 were a true and correct record and they were duly signed.
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B There was no proposal to respond to the CC consultation on Hackney Carriage (Taxi) / Private Hire Vehicle, Operator and Driver Licensing Statement of Practices, Procedures and Policy.

C PC volunteered to attend CC's online finance briefing about their 2022/23 budget. The clerk will forward the details and a link to the line by line CC Draft Budget.
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21/103 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 November 2021.	
B	Change of Bank report. Unfortunately, the new bank, Unity Trust Bank, stopped processing new accounts during December because of an unprecedented influx. The council's new accounts should become active this month. ACTION: Clerk	
C	The council AUTHORISED payments for January 2022 totalling £1,232.24 (proposed MH, 2nd JL).	
	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount with VAT</u>
	Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 548.48
	HMRC payment	66.40
	Various receipts for Christmas tree planting, SECAG	312.36
	People's Climate Festival grant	50.00
	Uncontested election May 2021	255.00

21/104 Reports

A	Report on Actions. All complete except the new bank accounts.
B	WR reported on the Stakeholder meeting at Heligan in November. Heligan is moving in a new direction with a new business model under new leadership. They are intending to shape the future of Heligan with consultation from members of the public. Hopefully there will be an opportunity for local people to have an input into the process in due course.
C	MH reported on the Devon & Cornwall Police Notices: • How to report an Incident; • Safe Christmas Campaign; • Drink Driving Case involving two fatalities; • Scam emails and Phishing Attacks; • Public Survey on police budget; • Police and Crime Plan 2021-25; • Vision Zero: 34 new road safety projects across Devon and Cornwall (£153,000 mainly for Vehicle Activated speed signs, new road signs and awareness events for younger and older drivers and cyclists across the area).
D	Ward Member Michael Bunney's report to the Parish Happy New Year to everyone or Bledhen Nowydh Da in Cornish. I hope you were able to enjoy a peaceful and festive Christmas and we can all enjoy a more hopeful 2022. As the pandemic continues to affect many of us, it is more important than ever that we encourage everyone to test regularly and get their booster vaccinations. Thank you to all the NHS, pharmacy and surgery staff who are working tirelessly and to all the volunteers who are helping with the vaccination centres. Concerns remain regarding the new variant of Covid and we will need to be ready to help each other this winter. Having run the help scheme in St.Ewe & Gorran in 2020, I know we have many volunteers locally and am confident our communities will pull together and look after each other, as our Cornish communities always do. Over Christmas it was a privilege to help local families in need and the generous donations from local people will have made a big difference to many children's Christmas. Our communities are so strong, and I know our finest Cornish traditions of care for others and celebrating together will continue. Over the Christmas I have enjoyed helping with many community events and especially enjoyed the St.Ewe meal, Trewoon Christmas Fair, seeing the Polgooth and Sticker lights and reading at the Carol Concert at St.Nun's in Grampound. Attending

community Christmas events right across my area was a real pleasure and it was lovely to see our chapels and churches full, as well as the many other Christmas celebrations. I was delighted to run a raffle again for the Hospice and for Gorran Haven Toilets. Thank you to all the people of Polgooth and Gorran who bought tickets and especially to Lorraine who made a manger and knitted a whole nativity scene for the main prize. I have now done my 100th volunteer clean of Gorran Haven toilets and it is the work of our volunteers that enable us to keep them open all year and free to use. I also ran a guided walk for the hospice and we raised £290 from this and other efforts. We organised the New Years's Day Swim again for the RNLI and raised £751, with over 150 people taking part. Last week's Voice had some lovely photos and thank you to everyone who supported this event. Christmas should be a time to think of others and it was a pleasure to help with all these charity events over the holiday.

As we move into 2022, I will be working harder than ever to look after the communities I represent and ensure the council is focusing on what really matters. I have 100% attendance at the Cornwall Council committees I sit on and I will continue to speak up for our communities. I know how important it is for public money to be spent wisely in these challenging times and I have not claimed any expenses since September. Local people work very hard, and I will do all I can to make sure your hard-earned taxes are spent efficiently, on core public services that really matter. I will be restarting my monthly councillor surgeries in February hopefully, or as soon as the data on Covid confirms it is safe to do so. Please keep an eye on the village Facebook groups for surgery arrangements. I continue to work full-time as your Cornwall Councillor, alongside a little bit of teaching on Fridays. 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 allows me to focus on wider issues. Please do report any issues to Cornwall Council, online is easiest at 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 that you have reported.

Oll an gwella. (All the best in Cornish) Happy New Year - Bledhen Nowydh Da

E Cllr Bunney was part of a national dialect project some years ago in which parishioners in St Ewe participated. He has signed St Ewe up again for what will be an important follow-up to the previous national dialect project.

F Cllr Bunney has been following up on the planning applications that are not yet decided, and he will be reiterating the council's views for the case officer.

21/105 Considerations

A SECAG. JD reported on the very successful planting of Two Trees on 5th December. About 70 people attended and were treated to delicious soup! A plaque is being organised for the Queen's Jubilee Silver Birch. The Hope & Memories written on leaves are in All Saint's Church where people are welcome to add to them. They may be part of the Country Fair this year if it goes ahead.

B SECAG. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd PS) to approve approximately £50 per year for the next three years, taken from the Aura Wind Turbine Fund, for wildflower seed which will be planted in the St Ewe village verges that are cut by the parish council. The road edges will be mowed regularly to maintain sightlines. A Rivers will be planting the seed. He and WR will meet with the contractor to arrange a new

	cutting schedule. The council would like to thank Alistair Rivers for the vital expertise, time and work he is providing to SECAG and its projects.
C	AG reported to the meeting that the pads are well within their expiry date and that spare pads can be obtained within 24 hours. The council decided not to order spares. AG also reported that Cllr Cox was now an official contact with the emergency services for the St Ewe defibrillator. The council RESOLVED (proposed WR, 2nd PC) that PC would be the second Lead Councillor for the defibrillator.
D	White River Project. Cllr Bunney and Caitlin Lord explained that the Project is newly formed to tackle pollution in the White River. Members of the Project do not necessarily need to be councillors. It was AGREED to send the invitation to its next meeting to the SECAG mailing list.

21/106 Planning

A	Of note. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk's Notes and on the website.
	i. TREGONY WITH CUBY decision. PA21/09028 APPROVED Proposed multi-use games area Roseland School Tregony Truro Cornwall TR2 5SE
B	Planning Correspondence. The council NOTED a letter from a parishioner who would like to build three homes close to Polmassick for himself and members of his family. A site visit will be arranged shortly.
C	Applications for consultee comments.
	i. PA21/11628 Demolition of existing detached garage and replacement with a two storey side extension to dwelling creating to a garage, carport, utility room and gym with home office over. School House School Hill PL26 6EY The council viewed the planning documents, discussed the impact of the development and RESOLVED (proposed WR, 2nd JL) to submit the following consultee comments: *** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application.
	ii. PA21/12601 Erection of 3 storm porches to Front elevation and one to rear. Replacement of hardstanding parking and associated garden works Kilbol Country House Trevithick Hill Polmassick St Austell PL26 6HA. The council looked at the plans, discussed the application and RESOLVED (proposed WR, 2nd JD) to submit the following consultee comments: *** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application subject to approval by Highways.

21/107 Highways & Flooding

A	The council is extremely pleased that the problematic drains on Trevithick Hill have been cleared and seem to be functioning as they should.
B	Highways Scheme 2021-2025. Caitlin Lord, as CN Link Officer, will coordinate the Highways Scheme. Expressions of Interest forms for parish proposals were sent out on the day of this meeting and are due by early February. MH explained his disappointment about the new signage at Hewas Water (EDG1797_SN19SAR) approved in the previous Highways Scheme. MH argued that the 40 mph limit is too fast for the number of houses there and that the approved signs will remove large lorries but will not curb the high speed traffic.

After lengthy discussion about how best to submit a proposal(s) for the 2021-25 Highways Scheme, the council **RESOLVED** (proposed JD, 2nd MH) to submit a request for '20 is Plenty' to be implemented in all the hamlets in the parish. If the Scheme cannot be completed for all the hamlets at once, the priority list will be: 1) Hewas Water; 2) Polmassick; 3) St Ewe village; 4) Pengrugla.

ACTION: Clerk

21/108 Assets – reports and maintenance

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| A | Footpaths. JD explained the problems with the footpath signage throughout the parish using the helpful list compiled by T Jenkin when she was a councillor. Missing signage was requested last year but was somehow didn't land on the correct desk. At Cllr Bunney's suggestion, the Clerk will organise a meeting with the Countryside Officer for the St Ewe area, JD and T Jenkin, as soon as possible.
ACTION: Clerk |
| B | Verges. See Minute 21/105.B. |
| C | Telephone Kiosks. Nothing to report. |
| D | Website. Nothing to report. |

21/109 Parish Matters – reports

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| A | SEAH (St Ewe Affordable Housing Limited). Nothing to report. |
| B | Village Hall. Nothing to report. |

21/110 Correspondence & Invitations (complete list in Clerk's Notes)

None.

21/111 Business for the next meeting

Cllr Bunney suggested that St Ewe consider a response to CC about the proposed cancellation of the Cornwall Outdoors programme for children and young adults.

21/112 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

None.

21/113 Dates of next meetings.

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| A | Planning Working Party. Monday, 24 January 2022, 7.00 pm at St Ewe Village Hall. |
| B | SECAG – St Ewe Climate Action Group, Tues, March 1st, 7.00 pm via Zoom. Open to all. |
| C | Ordinary Meeting Monday, 14 March 2022, 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 9.20 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 12 January 2022

SIGNED:

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.

Chair of meeting: _____ Date: _____