

ST EWE PARISH COUNCIL **DRAFT** MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting, MONDAY 8 July 2024

7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall, Committee Room

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Peter Cox, Peter Shannon and Philip Vellenoweth.

ABBREVIATIONS:

Councillors' names – abbreviated with their initials. CC – Cornwall Council. CAP – Community Area Partnership. LMP – Local Maintenance Partnership. 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.

24/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from PC, PS and PV.

24/23 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

None.

24/24 Public Session

A A Getliff, Head of Operations at Heligan Gardens, came to explain progress on the screening of the portacabins (**PA21/09586** | Siting of Heligan Hive). He brought a mock-up photo of wooden cladding for the building which will weather naturally. Mr Getliff was confident that the work would be begin during the summer season.

The new eatery on the East Lawn is a temporary structure made of wood without a foundation and as such the Heligan team do not think it requires planning permission; however, this is not a decision from Cornwall Council.

The Chair thanked him for attending and Mr Getliff left the meeting.

B Residents of Luney Barton attended and the impact of the proposed Bistro/Bar at Meadow Lakes **PA24/02515** was discussed with reference to the application being decided at the Central Planning Committee. See Minute 24/29.B.i.

Four members of the public left the meeting.

24/25 Meetings and governance

A The council **RESOLVED** (proposed JF, 2nd JD) that the minutes, as read, of the extraordinary meeting on 3 June 2024 were a true and correct record and they were duly signed.

B The DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were **REVIEWED** and their accuracy

	was AGREED . It's good to review the minutes whilst they are fresh in the mind; however, only the next Parish Meeting planned for next May.
C	The council RESOLVED (proposed JF, 2 nd TT) to change the council's website to a GOV.UK domain. There will be no cost for two years because St Ewe PC qualifies for a government grant of £100 to change the domain. After two years, the domain name is charged at £50 per year. The council will keep its current domain names (.co.uk – .com – .org.uk) so they won't be used by others and confused with the parish council's website. The new website address will be www.st-ewe-pc.gov.uk . The old website address will point to the new address, so both addresses will work for some months.
D	The review of Standing Orders was DEFERRED until the clerk can complete a draft based on NALC's new Model Standing Orders.
E	The review of protocols for Agendas & Minutes will also be DEFERRED so that a working party consisting of Cllr Cox, Cllr Dickinson and the Clerk – and any other councillors who are interested – can review the protocols in conjunction with the draft of the new Standing Orders. The working party will bring their recommendations to full council.

24/26 Finance

A	There were no queries regarding the Clerk's reports: Bank Reconciliation, Budget Comparison and Cash Flow, to the end of June 2024.										
B	The complete set of documents for the Year-end 2023-24 accounts are posted on the website under <i>Council Accounts</i> .										
C	It was AGREED that the Noticeboard Reserve should remain in place for the maintenance of the St Ewe noticeboard. A Reserves Policy drafted by the clerk was discussed but approval was DEFERRED until the September meeting.										
D	A grant for Gorran Preschool (a charity) was discussed at length. The council recognises that most children from the parish attend this preschool and, therefore, the council may use the power granted by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to grant funds "in the interests of, and which will bring direct benefit to, some of its inhabitants". The council RESOLVED (proposed JL, 2 nd TT) to grant £412.50 to Gorran Preschool from its CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funds in order to develop the outside play area of the preschool.										
E	The council AUTHORISED payments for July 2024 totalling £1,470.91 (proposed MH, 2 nd JL). <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description</th><th>Amount with VAT</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clerk's salary and expenses</td><td>£541.61</td></tr> <tr> <td>HMRC payment</td><td>£120.80</td></tr> <tr> <td>Verges & Footpaths, 1st payment</td><td>£396.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grant, Gorran Preschool (CIL funds)</td><td>£412.50</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Description	Amount with VAT	Clerk's salary and expenses	£541.61	HMRC payment	£120.80	Verges & Footpaths, 1st payment	£396.00	Grant, Gorran Preschool (CIL funds)	£412.50
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24/27 Reports

A	Report on Actions.
	i. Information from Heligan about the screening plans and the food outlet. See Public Session 24/24.A. ii. The Clerk will write to a person who has offered to fix the notice board in St Ewe. The council will pay for all materials (Minute 23/11.D, May23).
B	Police. MH reported that there were no police notices that directly affected the parish.

MH can send links for the Advocate's June Seminar and the Commissioner's Weekly Newsletter upon request.

- C Kestle Well. Further to his report (below), Cllr Bunney requested that the parish council find the owner of the land where the well is situated. The Heritage team at Cornwall Council are willing to help but they will need to know who the owner of the land is.
ACTION: WR, JD

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

I hope everyone is well. I continue to attend as many community events as I can and have enjoyed some lovely evenings in the Crown Inn. We are so lucky to have such a great local pub. I have followed up ways to protect and enhance Kestle Well, as a key heritage asset. I have reported the well to the council heritage team to seek their support. Cornwall Heritage Trust is interested in helping manage the site, but usually they own their sites. Highways has declined the maintenance and cutting request, but I hope the heritage team will be able to help. The other option is to create a community group to manage the site, which I will be happy to help with.

It was lovely to run a session for Mevagissey Memory Café last month on local festivities. Some St.Ewe family members attend this; our Memory Cafes are so important, and I am running a session for Sticker Memory Café in the summer too. Thank you to all the volunteers who run our many brilliant events. It was lovely to help again with Gorran Haven Regatta on the 1st June. The Gig Club ran a brilliant day and over 25 clubs joined us for a great day of racing. I have agreed a grant from my community chest for Sticker Rally to help with staging and have agreed in principle a grant for Polgooth Village Hall. I have also supported Grampound Band with a grant to buy new hymn books. The band has been resurrected and it is wonderful to see so many people involved. I also chaired a candidates' debate at St.Austell College and it was lovely to return to the college as an ex-student and see so many young people getting involved with local politics. By the time we meet we will know the results of the election. I will continue to work cooperatively with whoever has been elected to get the best deal for St.Ewe and our area.

I helped with the D.Day Commemorations by taking a group to Nare Head and Turnaware Point, as key embarkation points. Relatives of veterans were included in the group, so it was especially poignant to remember and thank them for their sacrifice. I opened St.Marks Flower Festival in Sticker and the displays on the theme of Cornish heritage were wonderful. I ran an advice morning at Trewoon Community Hub and it was great to see over 20 residents, with a queue at one point. I am happy to have been made a Trustee of the St.Ewe Relief Charity and have spread the word to stress we can help any local people in need. I also spoke last month to Gorran School pupils about local history and the history of Gorran and St.Ewe Schools. It was lovely to see so many St.Ewe children there and they were very enthusiastic.

I am working with local historian Barry West, who is leading a memorial project on the Quaker Cemetery at Tregongeeves and the life of Loveday Hambly. We will erect a memorial and wildflower garden to mark this important historic site. I chair the White River Community Project and we have drawn up plans for nature recovery, flood mitigation and community environmental protection in Pentewan Valley. We are working towards £40k of funding and have secured a commitment to provide £20k already.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the sunnier weather. It was an incredibly wet

winter though. My Dad has lived in our parishes for 83 years and assures me this has been the wettest winter he has ever known. I have reported many flooding issues and potholes and also many requests for hedge cutting. Some have been resolved and other sections we are still pressing for work on. Please do report any highways, drains, floods concerns via the website “report something Cornwall” www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something or the emergency tel 0300 1234 222.

I continue to work hard on planning and planning enforcement cases and always press the views of the parish and support local residents.

I am here to help on any issue, so please do not hesitate to contact me.

Oll an gwella. (All the best in Cornish)

Michael Bunney EMAIL: cldr.michael.bunney@cornwall.gov.uk MOB: 07939457590

Cllr Bunney left the meeting.

24/28 Considerations

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| A | SECAG. Nothing to report during the summer. A project for autumn is being considered. |
| B | Cornish Language and parish council documents. With regard to Speak Cornish Week (22-30 June this year) it was suggested that parish councils use a few Cornish words alongside their English equivalent in their public documents. Cllr Bunney has offered to send some Cornish words to the Clerk and it was AGREED that it would be good to see a few Cornish words on the Agendas & Minutes. |
| C | There was no proposal for a response to the consultation for Cornwall Council’s gambling policy, which is reviewed every three years. |

24/29 Planning

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| A | Of note. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk’s Notes available on the website. |
| B | Planning Correspondence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The following application for Grampound with Creed parish was commented on by St Ewe Parish because of its impact on the parish and will now be taken to the Central Planning Committee because of the objections of Grampound with Creed and St Ewe: PA24/02515 Conversion of a redundant WC block and holiday park facilities building to a bistro and bar. Construction of outdoor seating area, refuse/recycling compound and hard surfaced access. Meadow Lakes Hewas Water St Austell Cornwall PL26 7JG. <p>The council heard from residents of Luney Barton. The Chair and Cllr Bunney reported on their site visit in June to Meadow Lakes.</p> <p>The council discussed the appropriate response from St Ewe parish at Central Planning Committee on Tues, 27 Aug, 10 am. Cllr Bunney will speak on behalf of Grampound with Creed and St Ewe. It was AGREED that MH would attend as representative of St Ewe, though he will not be able to speak.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED unanimously that a further letter to the Planning Committee would be appropriate explaining St Ewe’s continued objection to this bistro/bar and mentioning the following points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Ewe is a neighbouring parish and was a formal consultee because of the effect this proposed development would have on its residents, particularly those at the hamlet of Luney Barton. • However, because of the nature of the Luney valley, light and sound carry from the |

campsite as far away as St Ewe village, Lower Sticker, Bosue, Tregain and Tucoyse.

- The density of the newly established static caravan park has increased the frequency and intensity of light and sound in the surrounding countryside.
- The density of the newly established static caravan park has lent an urban quality to the area, previously completely rural and agricultural (Historic Landscape Characterisation HCO4: Medieval Farmland).
- In this context, the addition of a Bistro/Bar very close to Luney Barton hamlet and within earshot and eyesight of neighbouring hamlets and houses would be insensitive and unneighbourly.
- Day and night, it would make an unreasonable impact on the rural parish of St Ewe.
- Economically, local pubs and hospitality outlets are working hard to survive. The addition of a Bistro/Bar on this caravan site would unfairly impact the local pubs and other eateries in the area, of which there are a good quantity.

- ii. KD reported that some residents in the parish were considering extending their listed cottage and asked for advice. The parish council could not offer advice on planning matters but suggested they apply for pre-planning advice from Cornwall Council. The listed building team would also be able to advise. If vehicular access to the road would change, advice from Highways might also be helpful.

C There were no applications for consultee comments.

24/30 Highways & Flooding

A TT reported that there was a very quick response to the direct online reporting of potholes: on the [REPORT A POTHOLE](#) section of Cornwall Council website.

B MH attended the 20mph Pre-Consultation Stakeholder Meeting St Austell & Mevagissey and reported that there was nothing discussed that directly affected St Ewe. Only 30 mph areas were being assessed for reduction to 20 mph. Areas with higher speed limits were not being considered for reduction.

C A resident complained about visibility in the lane from St Ewe village to Polmassick and hoped the hedges would be cut sooner rather than later. Only under certain circumstances may a hedge be cut during the nesting season, which in law begins 1st March and ends on 31st August. Further information is available: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hedgerow-management-rules-cutting-and-trimming>

24/31 Assets – reports and maintenance

A Footpaths and verges. Nothing to report.

B Telephone Kiosks. Nothing to report.

24/32 Parish Matters – reports

A SE AHL (St Ewe Affordable Housing Limited). The Cornwall Council public consultation on their Draft Housing Decarbonisation Strategy was sent to SE AHL to see whether they would like to respond.

B Village Hall. The new boiler, partly funded by the parish council, will be installed soon.

24/33 Correspondence & Invitations (complete list in Clerk's Notes)

Nothing apart from the list in Clerk's Notes.

24/34 Business for the next meeting

Reserves Policy. Review of Grant Awarding Policy.

24/35 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

None.

24/36 Dates of next meetings.

A For family commitments, at the Clerk's request, it was **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd MH) to move the September Ordinary Meeting to **Monday, 23 September**, 7.00 pm at St Ewe Village Hall.

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 9.25 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 10 July 2024

SIGNED:

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.

Chair of meeting: _____ Date: _____