

ST EWE PARISH COUNCIL **DRAFT MINUTES**

Ordinary Meeting, MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall, Committee Room

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Kevin Davis, Mick Howell, 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 7.02 pm in the Committee Room and the Chair welcomed all.

24/48 Apologies

Apologies were received from KD, MH, PV.

24/49 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

None.

24/50 Public Session

The Head of Operations from The Lost Gardens of Heligan, Adam Getliff, came to explain the progress of the portacabins (**PA21/09586**) and the discharge of its conditions (**PA24/07020**). The screening of the building (Condition 3) will be in three parts: first, the cladding of the building with wood, a mixture of larch and cedar (Adam brought examples of the wooden cladding which will 'green up' or weather to grey over time); second, the cladding of a metal frame in front of the building with the same wood; and third, green plantings to grow through the screen. As soon as Planning approves the materials, work will commence on the cladding of the building and the screen. A planting scheme is being mapped out now and planting will commence during the planting season. Drainage (Condition 5) is in place. Comprehensive refurbishment inside the buildings is going on now. The north-facing windows, from which the light spill could be most problematic (Condition 6), will be removed because the toilets will be located there.

There was a query about the reasons for cutting down large trees and bushes in the car park. Adam explained that this was done after the nesting season to tidy the car park for more efficient use. They removed mainly bamboo, laurel, sycamores, and hydrangeas.

Mr Getliff left the meeting.

24/51 Meetings and governance

The council **RESOLVED** (proposed JD, 2nd PC) that the minutes, as read, of the extraordinary meeting on 21 Aug 2024 were a true and correct record and were duly signed.

24/52 Finance

A	There were no queries regarding the Clerk's reports: Bank Reconciliation, Budget Comparison and Cash Flow, to the end of August 2024. The Clerk reported that from October bank charges were going to be monthly rather than quarterly. There has been no notice about the charges increasing. They currently stand at £72/year.												
B	The Clerk REPORTED that she has confirmed the council's eligibility for the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) for 2024/25. This must be confirmed with the bank every year.												
C	The Clerk REPORTED that Cornwall Council has estimated that elections costs for the May 2025 election will go up approximately 25% in comparison with the 2021 parish council elections and could, therefore, be in the region of £3750 for a contested election.												
D	The council RESOLVED (proposed JD, 2 nd JF) to approve a standing order at the bank for the Clerk's salary at £250 per month to be paid on the first of each month, until and including 1st May 2025. The rest of the salary and expenses will be approved at the ordinary meeting and the standing order will be renewed at each ordinary May meeting.												
E	The council RESOLVED (proposed WR, 2 nd PS) to approve payment of the Village Hall hire for the Emergency First Aid Training, to be taken from the Noticeboard Reserve. The training itself was approved in May (Minute 24/13.H).												
F	The council AUTHORISED payments for September 2024 totalling £1,178.93 (proposed PC, 2nd TT). <table> <tr> <th>Description</th><th>Amount with. VAT</th></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk's salary and expenses</td><td>£604.93</td></tr> <tr> <td>HMRC payment</td><td>136.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Emergency First Aid training x12</td><td>420.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hire of VH for First Aid training</td><td>to be confirmed</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bank service charge</td><td>18.00</td></tr> </table>	Description	Amount with. VAT	Clerk's salary and expenses	£604.93	HMRC payment	136.00	Emergency First Aid training x12	420.00	Hire of VH for First Aid training	to be confirmed	Bank service charge	18.00
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24/53 Reports

A	The Clerk reported actions completed.
B	Cllr Bunney has organised a training session with the Planning Enforcement Group Leader. It was AGREED that the councillors would meet on Microsoft Teams at 5pm on Monday 7 th October. Councillors will send questions to the Clerk so she can send them to the Enforcement officer before the meeting.
C	Emergency First Aid Training was completed for 11 people on 31 st July and 7 th August. Congratulations and thank you to all those who took part.
D	Police advice: The Police and Crime Commissioner is increasingly concerned about the impact of theft on retail, hospitality and rural businesses.
E	Ward Member Michael Bunney's report to the Parish. I hope everyone has enjoyed a productive and enjoyable summer and the recent fine September weather we have been enjoying. Thank you to all the community volunteers that run our local events. It has been a pleasure to volunteer at Grampound Community

Shop over the last 3 years and lovely to attend the 10 year anniversary celebrations last week. The shop is entirely community owned and run, with all profits recycled back into the community. I also want to especially thank again the incredible St.Ewe Country Fayre team. I understand this may have been the last fair in the current format, but I know the St.Ewe community will continue to organise great events in one way or another. I ran a lovely session for Sticker Memory Café in August on local festivities and the main feedback was how much local people enjoy our community events. Memory Cafes are so important and are a lifeline to many. We are lucky to have Mevagissey and Sticker Memory Cafes running so brilliantly and I will support them in every way I can.

I attended the Gorsedh Kernow in Callington at the beginning of the month as a Bard, which I was nominated for all my local Cornish history activities. It is a wonderful celebration of Cornish culture and it would be wonderful to one day host it here in Mevagissey, St.Ewe and Gorran. If anyone knows of anyone in our area who should be nominated to be a bard, please get in touch and let me know of their contribution to local and Cornish culture or economy. I can think of many folk locally who are deserving, but can only make one nomination each year, so please let me know your thoughts. I continue to work as a trustee of the Royal Cornwall Museum and have been delighted to play my part in saving and enhancing this Cornish gem. I also spoke at Kenwyn Church on Cornish history and donate all funds from these talks to local charities. I am continuing to work with the Cornwall Poverty Forum and St.Austell and Truro Foodbanks to support local people. I am a trustee of St.Ewe Relief Charity and we met to plan how we can best help any local people in need.

It has been a pleasure to chair the community White River Project, which covers the whole of the Pentewan Valley, right up to Gover and the Clay District. I hope you will have noticed improvements, with many tree planting schemes and the construction of the new footway and crossing at London Apprentice (apologies for the delays and lights during construction!). We have been successful in securing a grant of £20k to help form further plans for biodiversity, culture and access improvements and are working with the Environment Agency, Woodland Trust and other groups. Pentewan Valley is such a lovely area we all enjoy, and it is vital to protect and enhance it. I have continued to report any roads and hedges that need work, for example our reports finally got the corner by Heligan done and the road to Polgooth resurfaced. Please can residents report any work needing doing via the website “report something Cornwall” as this shows local concern and Highways will update you on their maintenance. I will keep reporting everything I see too.

Please do report any highways, drains, floods concerns via the website “report something Cornwall” www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something or the emergency tel 03001234222. I have been pressing Highways to desilt the Polmassick Culvert and they have inspected this and are programming the work to be completed in the near future.

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)

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24/54 Considerations

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| A | SECAG. The council discussed the wildflower planting scheme for the verges in St Ewe |
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	village. The three-year trial is now complete with, unfortunately, little or no success. There was no proposal to continue sowing wildflowers on the verges at a cost of approx. £55/year.
B	The council RESOLVED (proposed PC, 2nd JD) to accept the 2024/25 Grass Cutting Agreement with Cornwall Council for the verges around St Ewe village which includes a 4.9% increase in the rate per m ² .
C	The council RESOLVED (proposed JD, 2nd PC) to write to Savills to request that it let the council know if and when they will lease the land. The council has also NOTED with disappointment that the injurious weeds are seeding on the land, after being told by Savills last month that a contractor had been instructed to top them.

24/55 Planning

A	Planning Correspondence. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk's Notes.
i.	The Central Sub-area Planning Committee decision for the Meadow Lakes application for the conversion of the redundant building to bistro/bar (PA24/02515) will most likely be scheduled for 21 st October 2024.
ii.	The Clerk reported that there is no decision yet about the Pendower Beach Hotel (PA24/00042).
iii.	PA24/05510 Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed - the creation of a new access track, utilising existing gateway, to access dwelling created under Class Q permitted development. Bosue Vineyard St Ewe PL26 6EU. This application has been WITHDRAWN.
iv.	PA24/06857 Prior Approval for the change of use of part of an agricultural building to class R - office use (E). Lanuah Farm St Ewe St Austell PL26 6ER. and PA24/06858 Prior Approval for Change of Use from agricultural building to one dwellinghouse (Class C3) Lanuah Farm St Ewe St Austell PL26 6ER. The council discussed both applications together as the barns are physically connected. The first application (Class R) is to turn the pole barn into a two-storey office. The second application is to turn the wooden shed in a dwellinghouse. After discussion the council unanimously RESOLVED (proposed JD, 2nd PS) to submit the following comments to the case officer: *** St Ewe Parish Council is aware that these two applications (PA24/06857 & PA24/06858) are not submitted for consultee comments; however, the council has looked at them both in depth and reviewed the property's long planning history, including the Appeal decision (APP/D0840/W/23/3314604). St Ewe Parish Council requests that the case officer: 1) looks very closely at the criteria to ensure that these dilapidated barns, which both lack solid walls or strongly load bearing pillars and beams, are in a fit state for Class R and Class Q conversion; 2) protects Gold Footpath 418/4/1 which runs right by the barns; 3) has a close look at the exterior designs of both buildings, including the balcony, to ensure they are compliant; 4) considers whether the amount of parking is greatly underestimated for the size of the office space proposed in PA24/06857.
v.	PA24/07020 Submission of details to discharge condition 3, 5 and 6 in relation to Decision notice PA21/09586 dated 02.03.22 Heligan Gardens Ltd The Lost Gardens Of Heligan Pentewan St Austell Cornwall PL26 6EN. (See the Public Session.)

B Applications for consultee comments. None.
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24/56 Highways & Flooding

A JL will send the Clerk the information about the Polmassick drains in order for the council to report the need for it to be dug out.
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B PS will send the Clerk the information about the drains at Drunken Bridge and Kestle in order for the council to report the need for them to be dug out.
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24/57 Assets – reports and maintenance

A Footpaths and verges. The verges are ready for their last cut of the season.
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B Telephone Kiosks. The defibrillator will need new pads in January. PC will send the Clerk details so the pads can be ordered. ACTION: PC & Clerk

C Website. The new email address should be working on Monday, 30 th Sept: clerk@st-ewe-pc.gov.uk . The old email address will be forwarded to the new one.
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24/58 Parish Matters – reports

A SE AHL (St Ewe Affordable Housing Limited). No progress toward finding a plot for affordable homes yet.

B Village Hall. The new boiler is installed.
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24/59 Correspondence & Invitations (complete list in Clerk's Notes)

An email from a parishioner about PA24/00198 was received and NOTED .
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25 th Sept. is the CAP meeting. JL is on the sub-committee for affordable housing.

24/60 Business for the next meeting

To review the effectiveness of the internal audit alongside the competence and independence of the auditor. To review the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations in light of their new models.

24/61 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

None.

24/62 Dates of next meetings.

A Ordinary Meeting 11 November 2024, 7.00 pm at St Ewe Village Hall.
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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 9.05 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 25 September 2024

SIGNED:

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.

Chair of meeting: _____ Date: _____