

ST EWE PARISH COUNCIL **DRAFT MINUTES**

Ordinary Meeting, MONDAY 13 January 2025

7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall, Committee Room

PRESENT:

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Peter Cox, Kevin Davis, Jenna Fuggles, Mick Howell, Janet Lockyer and Philip Vellenoweth.

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Peter Shannon, Terrye Teverson.

NOTE ON NUMBERING:

The prefix will follow the Municipal Year which begins in May. January-April will carry the 24/ prefix. At the May 2025 meeting the first item on the Agenda will be 25/01.

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.

24/89 Apologies

Apologies were received from PS and TT.

24/90 Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

JF declared an interest in 24/96.D.ii, the application PA24/09177, because she is a near neighbour.

24/91 Public Session

- A Jeremy Roberts spoke about the work of Three Bays Wildlife CIO (3BW) that monitors the health of the River Luney as part of the 3 bays catchment area (Mevagissey, St Austell and Veryan). Three Bays Wildlife powerpoint presentations and contact details will be available on the St Ewe PC website. A few highlights from Jeremy's talk:
- The EA only has the funds to test the water between May – Sept. Three Bays Wildlife works with the EA and other organisations using volunteers, trained as Citizen Scientists, to test the waters all year round.
 - The River Luney more polluted than the bay; worst section is south of Tubbs Mill.
 - You can send local wildlife photos to 'I Spy Wildlife in the Three Bays!' Facebook page.
 - You can attend Three Bays Wildlife family friendly events.
 - You can volunteer.
 - Three Bays Wildlife (3BW) social media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (X)

One member of the public left the meeting.

- B A member of the public spoke briefly about Meadow Lakes planning. See 24/96.A.

- C The applicants for PA24/09177 spoke briefly about their plans and the councillors were able to ask questions. Item 24/96.C.ii was brought forward for discussion and vote. See the decision at that Minute.

Four members of the public left the meeting.

- D Richard Bennett spoke about the Gorran Low Carbon Fund (st-ewe-pc.gov.uk/low-carbon-fund) which is currently run by a Panel of five members. The Panel would like the administration its funds under the care of a permanent community organisation for the avoidance of risk and for more transparency. The parish council moved Item 24/95.A forward. See the decision at that item.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

24/92 Meetings and governance

- A The council **RESOLVED** (proposed JF, 2nd MH) that the minutes, as read, of the meeting on 11 November 2024 were a true and correct record and they were duly signed.
- B The council **RESOLVED** (proposed KD, 2nd JD) that the minutes, as read, of the meeting on 2 December 2024 were a true and correct record with one change in Minute 24/80.A. The word 'auction' was changed to 'sale' and the change was initialled by the Chair and Clerk and the minutes of 2 December 2024 were then signed.
- C The council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd JL) to approve the Standing Orders, as revised at the working party meeting on 2nd December and circulated to all councillors. The new Standing Orders, based on the 2022 model, will be posted on the website.

24/93 Finance

- A There were no queries regarding the Clerk's reports: Bank Reconciliation, Budget Comparison and Cash Flow, to the end of December 2024.
- B The council **RESOLVED** (proposed PC, 2nd JF) to renew three of its website domains: : st-ewe-parish.co.uk (£19.17 biennial) & .org (£17.98 annual) & .com (£17.98 annual). The council must keep its .co.uk domain because it is keeping the associated email address for the time being. It is good practice to maintain the .com and .org domains.
- C 2025-26 Allocation of reserves. Looking at the 12-month cash flow for the 2024-25 fiscal year it was conservatively estimated that the parish council will hold £14,500 at the beginning of April 2025. The earmarked grant funds are projected to total £8,264. It was **RESOLVED** (proposed PC, 2nd WR) that the remaining funds would be allocated between the Election Reserve £3,500 and the Contingency Reserve £2,736.
- D 2025-26 BUDGET. The council compared this year's budget and projected actuals to the actual payments of the previous two years. Taking current inflation into account and considering its obligations for the next 12 months the council **RESOLVED** (proposed PC, 2nd JD) a budget of £9,015.
- E 2025-26 PRECEPT. Subtracting projected receipts of £1,485 from the resolved budget of £9,015, the council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd JL) to set a Precept for the 2025-26 fiscal year at £7,530, which results in a Band D annual tax increase to St Ewe residents of less than one pound, that is a £0.95 increase in the Band D annual payment.
- F The council **RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedules of Dec'24 and Jan'25 totalling £989.39 (proposed MH, 2nd PV).

Description	Amount with VAT
Clerk's salary and expenses	£780.06
HMRC payment	142.20
Renewal of domain st-ewe-parish.co.uk (biennial)	19.17
Renewal of domain st-ewe-parish.org (annual)	17.98
Renewal of domain st-ewe-parish.com (annual)	17.98
Bank service charge Dec & Jan	12.00

24/94 Reports

A	Report on Actions. The Clerk reported all actions completed.
B	Police Notices. The council NOTED the report from MH on the latest information and initiatives from the Police. Highlights are: • The new Police and Crime Plan 2025 is now available. • The Criminal Justice and You project has been launched. (A multi media resource with a series of videos to provide support to victims and witnesses). • There is a proposed official launch opening event for the reopening of Police Enquiry Offices in Liskeard (opening date to be confirmed) Friday, February 21st.
C	Ward Member Michael Bunney's report to the Parish Happy New Year to you all or Bledhen Nowyth Da in Cornish. I hope you enjoyed a lovely Christmas. I helped with our many local Christmas activities, for example I compered Mevagissey Ladies Choir's Christmas Charity Concert at Gorran Church, in aid of Mount Edgecumbe Hospice and I ran a Christmas Raffle for St.Austell Food Bank at Cakebreads Carols evening. We raised nearly £800 for the Food Banks, which is much needed for local families struggling at this time of year. My family and I again decorated the historic lookout hut at Dodman Point for Christmas, and I hope you were able to walk out there to enjoy the views and Celtic Christmas atmosphere. Thank you to all the community volunteers that run our local events. It was lovely to meet local residents at Lobbs Farm Shop Café and to be in St.Ewe and Trewoon running more councillor surgeries and great to support our local businesses, for example I held our Cornish History Christmas Meal at the Crown Inn, St.Ewe. I have continued to support local people on planning issues and attended the appeal hearing for the Sticker application on Friday and the planning committee on the Meadow Lakes applications. The new highways improvements at St.Mewan School are currently being consulted on and the feedback I have received is very positive. Throughout stormy weather I check our area and have reported many trees that were down and checked the local community Facebook groups throughout the storms to pick up any problems and report them if residents were struggling. Please do report any highways, drains, floods concerns via the website "report something Cornwall" www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something or for this winter weather the emergency tel 03001234222, which is 24 hours, you just have to stay on the line. I am heavily involved with two local community campaigns, supporting St.Ewe -SEALH in the fundraising to purchase more land from the Diocese for another small affordable housing scheme by the Community Land Trust. In Grampound, we have registered the Dolphin Inn as a community asset, which confirms a community right to express an interest to buy. We are working hard to negotiate the future of the pub, as the Brewery has announced their intention to sell. Thank you to our parish councillors for all your hard work. It has been a pleasure to be

your Cornwall Councillor for the last 4 years. Just a reminder that March will be my last parish council meeting. If anyone is interested in standing in the elections and would like a confidential chat, please let me know. I will support whoever is chosen to replace me as much as they want and will still be around to help especially with any heritage or Cornish history activities.

I am here to help on any issue until 30th April, so please do not hesitate to contact me.

Oll an gwella. (All the best in Cornish) — Michael Bunney

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24/95 Considerations

A After Richard Bennett's presentation during the public session and after careful discussion of the pros and cons, and with three of the five members of the Low Carbon Fund Panel present, the council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd JD) that it would take responsibility for administration of the Low Carbon Fund from the Panel. In order to do this, it will establish a committee with the power to decide applications and the power to authorise payments to successful applicants. The funds will be ringfenced within the council accounts. At least one representative from the parish council will be a member of the committee. Non-councillors, including representatives from the other parishes within the remit of the Fund (St Goran and St Michael Caerhays) may be members of the committee.

The Clerk and Richard Bennett will produce DRAFT Terms of Reference for the new committee for full council approval.

ACTION: Clerk and R Bennett

B There was no recent SECAG activity, but it was suggested that SECAG and the Three Bays Wildlife group get together to perhaps coordinate some activities.

C Discussion of Kestle Well was **DEFERRED** until the next meeting.

D The council **RESOLVED** (proposed JF, 2nd MH) to accept the 2025-26 Local Maintenance Partnership grant which offers a 1.1% increase.

E The council **RESOLVED** (proposed JL, 2nd PC) to accept Cornwall Council's 2025-26 Agency Agreement grant for cutting the verges in St Ewe village as long as it is equal to, or greater than, the amount granted this year.

24/96 Planning, Enforcement & Compliance.

A Of note & correspondence. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk's Notes.

i. The council **NOTED** a letter from the Mayor of Marazion about poor planning protocols.

ii. **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.** REFUSED by the Central Sub-Area Planning Committee.

iii. **PA24/05260 | Installation of a septic tank as part of the foul drainage system for Meadow Lakes Holiday Park with associated groundworks including pipe connections and landscaping (retrospective) | Meadow Lakes Hewas Water St Austell Cornwall PL26 7JG.** APPROVED by the Central Sub-Area Planning Committee.

B Enforcement and compliance. Enforcement confirmed that notice has been served to

Tremen Barn and the landowner has until the end of May to comply.

C Applications for consultee comments.

- i. **PA24/08382 | Associated operational works for re-use of farm building as guesthouse following Class R approval. | Land At Lanuah Farm St Ewe St Austell Cornwall PL26 6ER.**

The council discussed the application, the building, the site and the plans and **RESOLVED** (proposed PC, 2nd MH) to submit the following consultee comments:

*** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application in view of the Class R prior approval for change of use to C1 as long as these three points are considered by the case officer: 1) that the design of the proposed guesthouse is in keeping with the surroundings; 2) that it will not cause much light pollution at night in this rural area; and 3) that the case officer visit the building to see whether a dilapidated barn of this type is truly capable of becoming a guest house without being razed to start afresh. There are not enough details in the plans to satisfy the council in regard to these three points.

Cllr Fuggles left the meeting for the duration of the discussion and vote on the next item.

- ii. **PA24/09177 | Remodelling of the existing dwelling with an extension to improve the layout and to provide a suitably sized home | Heligan Cottage School Hill St Ewe St Austell Cornwall PL26 6ER.**

The council discussed the application and **RESOLVED** (proposed JD, 2nd PV) to submit the following consultee comments:

*** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application as long as the case officer is satisfied with the size and materials.

24/97 Highways & Flooding

Nothing to report.

24/98 Assets – reports and maintenance

A Footpaths and verges. Nothing to report.

B Telephone Kiosks. Nothing to report.

C Website. Nothing to report.

24/99 Parish Matters – reports

A SEAHL (St Ewe Affordable Housing Limited). SEAHL is finalising its bid for the Glebe land beside Glebe Terrace (Lot 1).

B Village Hall. JF will report to the VH committee that the heating was not working Monday night!

24/100 Correspondence & Invitations

Nothing outside Clerk's Notes and these minutes.

24/101 Business for the next meeting

Kestle Well. Procedure and advertising for a new Clerk.

24/102 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

None.

24/103 Dates of next meetings.

A	Ordinary Meeting 10 March 2025, 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 9.12 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 19 January 2024

SIGNED:

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.

Chair of meeting: _____ Date: _____