

ST EWE PARISH COUNCIL **DRAFT** MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting, MONDAY 10 MARCH 2025

7.00 pm, St Ewe Village Hall, Committee Room

PRESENT:

Councillors: Will Richards (Chairman), Peter Cox, Jenna Fuggles, Mick Howell, Janet Lockyer, Peter Shannon, Terry Teverson.

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

John Dickinson (Vice-chairman), Philip Vellenoweth.

NOTE ON NUMBERING:

The Municipal Year which in May. Jan-Apr will carry the 24/ prefix. The first item on the May 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.

24/104 Apologies

A	Apologies were received from JD and PV.
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B	It was NOTED that Cllr Kevin Davis has resigned from the parish council.
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24/105

None.

24/106 Public Session

A	Mr Steve Double introduced himself as a candidate for the Cornwall Council division of <i>St Mewan and Grampound</i> , which includes St Ewe parish. Cllr Michael Bunney will not run this term for Cornwall Councillor.
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B	A resident informed the PC of local concerns over a recent car park on land beside Anne Rose Way (SW9991146734) that is part of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The council is not equipped to investigate such reports and it was AGREED , because of the need to protect the AONB from unplanned development, that the council would submit an enforcement request.
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Reports (24/109.A) was brought forward to this point. See the report at that item. The Clerk arrived having been held up in road works.

24/107 Meetings and governance

A	ELECTION. The council NOTED that Parish Council and Cornwall Council elections are on THURSDAY, 1ST MAY 2025 . There are ten seats on St Ewe Parish Council. The Chair, Will Richards, has Nomination Packs for Parish Council candidates. Please contact Will to collect a Nomination Pack (trudgianfarm@aol.com 01726 843 397).
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	If you are thinking you might like to become a parish councillor and have any questions, feel free to contact the councillors or the clerk.
B	The council RESOLVED (proposed MH, 2nd JL) that the minutes, as read, of the meeting on 13 January 2025 were a true and correct record and they were duly signed.
C	The council RESOLVED (proposed WR, 2nd PC) to approve the Terms of Reference for the Three Parish Low Carbon Fund committee. A copy will be uploaded to the parish council website under <i>Council Policies</i>. The committee will not have a regular meeting schedule but will meet as and when necessary. A report from the committee will be a standing item on the St Ewe PC agenda.
D	The council RESOLVED (proposed WR, 2nd PC) to appoint members of the newly formed Three Parish Low Carbon Fund committee: Cllr John Dickinson will be the parish council's representative. The other members will be: Richard Bennett, Sue Hawken and Chris Lobb. Mr Bennett represents St Goran parish and the committee will strive to co-opt a member who can represent St Michael Caerhays parish. The committee is made up of the same members that previously made up the St Goran Low Carbon Fund Panel.
E	The council RESOLVED (proposed PC, 2 nd WR) that an advertisement for a new Clerk should be put in the local newspaper(s) and that the Clerk with the members of the Employment Committee will make arrangements for advertising, wording of the advertisement, salary point and schedule for interviews, etc.

24/108 Finance

F	There were no queries regarding the Clerk's reports: Bank Reconciliation, Budget Comparison and Cash Flow, to the end of February 2025.										
G	The council RESOLVED to approve the payment schedules of February and March 2025 totalling £791.01 (proposed JL, 2nd JF). <table> <tr> <th>Description</th><th>Amount with VAT</th></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk's salary and expenses</td><td>£551.71</td></tr> <tr> <td>HMRC payment</td><td>126.40</td></tr> <tr> <td>25% share: training, mileage, supplies Apr23-Mar25</td><td>100.90</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bank service charge Feb & Mar25</td><td>12.00</td></tr> </table>	Description	Amount with VAT	Clerk's salary and expenses	£551.71	HMRC payment	126.40	25% share: training, mileage, supplies Apr23-Mar25	100.90	Bank service charge Feb & Mar25	12.00
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24/109 Reports

A	Report on Actions
i.	The Lost Gardens of Heligan invited St Ewe PC to the Gardens to chat about their current and future projects. WR informed the PC about their plans to build a new car park on land at Pengrugla corner. A planning application is expected in the next few weeks and it is likely that the Chair will call an extraordinary meeting so that the council can submit consultee comments.
ii.	St Ewe Eggs invited St Ewe PC to its premises to hear about its future plans. WR reported that they have plans to develop a large chicken farm facility at Gargus Farm. Though this is in the neighbouring parish of Tregony with Cuby, they would like to keep St Ewe informed.
B	Police notices reported by MH. • Various Anti-Social Behaviour campaigns, notably in Torquay. • Expansion of drop in centres across D&C (Liskeard was recently formally opened).

- A new Sexual Assault Referral Centre has opened at Exeter and visited by Queen Camilla, details on D&C Police website:
<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/ro/report/rsa/alpha-v1/advice/rape-sexual-assault-and-other-sexual-offences/how-to-report-rape-sexual-assault-other-sexual-offences/> or ring 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. It was **AGREED** to put these contact details on the PC website.
- Yet another ‘New’ Chief Constable, James Vaughan || Cutting Senior ranks in favour of ‘Worker Bees.’ || The usual Weekly Reports of the Commissioner.

- C Ward Member Michael Bunney’s report to the Parish. Cllr Bunney gave a brief verbal report. He professed mixed emotions as it was his last meeting as Cornwall Councillor. He spoke of his pleasure working with St Ewe for the last 4 years and for the 2 years before coordinating the pandemic help scheme. He thanked the parish councillors who are all volunteers. “I’ll see you in the Crown soon!”
- Cllr Bunney was thanked wholeheartedly by the council and clerk for his passionate and untiring work for St Ewe parish.

MH made his apologies and left the meeting.

24/110 Considerations

- A Nothing to report for SECAG for the moment.
- B Kestle Well. Cllr Bunney reported that he has attempted to interest Cornwall Council and the Cornwall Heritage Trust with the renovation of the well, but because legal ownership is undefined, neither organisation will get involved.
- A resident explained that Kestle Well is a part of the parish history, that it should be recognised as a community asset and preserved. He further stated that the safety issue is paramount. No one knows how deep the well is and there is a danger that a child could fall in. At the moment a gate has been leaned against the entrance but a more permanent gate should be constructed.
- The council **RESOLVED** (proposed WR, 2nd PC) that it would approve payment of up to £250 for a new door/gate and a sign using the money from the Aura Wind Turbine. The council will look for someone to do the work.
- ACTION: WR & PS

24/111 Planning, Enforcement & Compliance.

- A Of note & correspondence. Planning decisions are reported in Clerk’s Notes.
- i. PC reported on the planning training he attended about the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and its ‘presumption in view of sustainable development’ and also the new numbers of homes that the government expects to be built in Cornwall. These revised policies will have a strong influence on planning in Cornwall and subsequently in St Ewe parish. The pressure to build new homes has never been greater.
- ii. **PA25/00070/PREAPP | Pre-application advice for essential repairs to prevent rain water entering the property through roof and windows and guttering. | Levalsa London Apprentice St Austell Cornwall PL26 7AW.**
- The council **NOTED** this pre-application.
- B Enforcement & compliance.
- The council has received complaints of pigs loose on the road and the smell of pigs at

Tremen Barnk PL15 7SJ. It was **AGREED** to inform Trading Standards and Environmental Health about the nuisance and health risk.

C Applications for consultee comments.

- i. **PA25/00542 | Proposed loft conversion incorporating four dormer window (three front facing and one rear facing) | Lefasant Bungalow Little Polgooth PL26 7DD.**
The council discussed the application and **RESOLVED** (proposed PC, 2nd PS) to submit the following consultee comments:
*** St Ewe Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application.

Cllr Bunney made his apologies and left the meeting.

24/112 Highways & Flooding

- A JL reported that she and her husband had contacted Highways at various times about the drains and grips on Tucoyse hill. They have been promised numerous times that these would be cleared; JL and her husband have sprayed the road indicating the sites and they still have not been cleared. At one point, equipment was hired privately to clear the worst of it. There doesn't seem to be much hope that these drainage issues, will be tackled.
- B The Clerk was asked to report a dangerous flooding problem in Mevagissey parish between Peruppa Farm and the Electric Distribution Site (SX 00569 46734). After rain there is standing water over 8" deep which can surprise unwary drivers.

24/113 Assets – reports and maintenance

- A Footpaths and verges. Nothing to report.
- B Telephone Kiosks. Nothing to report.
- C Website. It was reported that details of St Ewe's new MP have not been updated. The Clerk will update the contact details on the website.
- D St Ewe Notice Board. The council **NOTES** with thanks the offer of the Friends of St Ewe Church to spruce up the St Ewe notice board, which sits in the forecourt of the church. The council **RESOLVED** (proposed JF, 2nd WR) to reimburse the Friends any materials they might need.

24/114 Parish Matters – reports

- A SE AHL (St Ewe Affordable Housing Limited).
SE AHL has confirmed its status as a registered charity and the parish awaits the decision of the diocese regarding SE AHL's offer to purchase the land next to Glebe Terrace. Though the sale has not been decided, in accordance with Minute 24/69.B, St Ewe parish council **RESOLVED** unanimously to use its full 24-25 S.137 allocation for SE AHL as well as its 25-26 S.137 allocation, if SE AHL's bid is successful.
Since Cllr Davis has resigned, it was confirmed that JL represents the parish council on SE AHL.
- B Village Hall. The heating is working well.

24/115 Correspondence & Invitations (complete list in Clerk's Notes)

Nothing outside these minutes and the Clerk's Notes.

24/116 Business for the next meeting

No business was requested.

24/117 Second Public Session for feedback from the public

None.

24/118 Dates of next meetings.

A NOTE the ELECTION to be held on THURSDAY 1st MAY 2025.
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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.
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C Three meetings on Monday, 12 May 2025 will start at 7.00 pm in St Ewe Village Hall.

i. Annual Parish Meeting – followed by:

ii. Annual Parish Council Meeting – followed by:
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iii. the Ordinary Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Mrs C Wilson ~ Parish Clerk ~ 12 March 2024

SIGNED:

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES.

Chair of meeting: _____ Date: _____