



Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council Meeting of St
Mewan Parish held in Sticker AFC, on Thursday 4th July
2019 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present

Cllr Kneller (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Tarbox (Vice-Chair), Cllr Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Padley, Cllr Mrs Ringrose, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Holman, Cllr Jannaway, Cllr Nicklin, Cllr Passmore, Cllr Spencer, Cllr Wallis

In Attendance

Wendy Yelland – Clerk

Public Attendance

Recorded names up to time start time of meeting

Clerk to St Ewe Christine Wilson, Cornwall Cllr Cherilyn Mackrory, Cornwall Cllr Mike McLening

Residents; 27 - St Ewe, 3 – Hewaswater, 3 – Grampound in Creed, 1- Sticker, 1 – Polgooth

Representatives on behalf of St Stephens in Brannel; Cllr Mrs Yates, Cllr Sibley

Representatives on behalf of St Ewe

Chairman's address: An introduction to the Community Governance Review and the challenges faced by all parish and town councils during part of Cornwall Council's process. Thanked everyone for attending and appreciates whilst emotions are running high, to be respectful to one another when speaking. Each individual proposal will be discussed, public participation and parish representation will be introduced, coming back to the table for a final resolution.

EX007/19 Apologies

Full attendance

EX008/19 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Ringrose declares an interest in Map 4A and 4B

EX009/19 Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests.

EX010/19 Council Meeting Minutes

It was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes previously circulated of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on the 31st May 2019 as a true and accurate record. Prop Cllr Wallis, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox.



EXO11/19 Community Governance Review

Map 1 – Edgumbe Green

Public participation

There were no members of the public

Parish representation (St Mewan)

Confirmed there has been no feedback from residents in Edgumbe Green

Members discussion

Members have no objection transferring the small area of 14 properties in Edgumbe Green to St Austell Town Council.

It was

RESOLVED to submit the proposal as published. Prop Cllr Holman, sec Cllr Harrison. All in favour.

Map 2 – Area south of A3058 near Burngullow

Public Participation

There were no members of the public

Parish representation (St Stephens in Brannel)

- The Parish Council want to retain the area
- Residents associate Lanjeth with Burngullow
- The houses in Burngullow forms part of that settlement
- There is no formal agreement but a gentleman's agreement and confirmed

St Stephens in Brannel bus shelter is in the Parish of St Mewan, but it is maintained by the parish of St Stephens in Brannel and would like that retained

Christine Wilson asked about the leaflet drop in the previous area of Map 1 and who made that leaflet drop. The Chairman confirmed it was Cllr Mrs Tarbox.

Cllr Mrs Yates questioned the Map 2 leaflet drop. The Chairman confirmed he personally delivered them.

Members discussion

No feedback from the leaflet drop in the area has been received and can only assume householders have no opinion on the proposal and that piece of land comes back into St Mewan.

It was

RESOLVED to submit the proposal as published. Prop Cllr Mrs Tarbox, sec Cllr Jannaway. All in favour.



Map 3 – Area West of Hewaswater south of A390*Public Participation*

Asked about the property which goes through the middle of the boundary. The Chairman confirmed it is Hewaswater engineering who have no opinion either way.

Parish representation

No parish representation

Members discussion

Makes sense as there are always concerns of properties on each side of the road and is difficult when the parish boundary goes through the middle of a property/business. The Merlin Centre and Pengelly Garden Centre wish to remain in Grampound with Creed Parish Council.

It was

RESOLVED to submit the proposal as published. Prop Cllr Wallis, sec Cllr Mrs Mitchell.

Map 4B – Proposed enlarged southern St Mewan Parish Boundary, boundary moved south to encompass St Ewe Parish

The chairman of St Ewe requested discussion takes part on map 4B first.

Cornwall Cllr Mike McLening suggested using divisional boundaries.

The Chairman confirmed the advice was to ignore division boundaries when looking at parish boundaries

Public Participation

- Inadequate consultation
- Legal issue over consultation
- Little desire from St Ewe residents to become part of St Mewan
- No justification to merge because of facilities in St Mewan that St Ewe residents use
- Are St Ewe residents really aware of the consequences of a merge
- Council tax is more than double in St Mewan
- Ward Parish Cllr representation proposal for St Ewe is 2 this would reduce the voice of St Ewe residents detrimental to their interests being heard
- St Ewe has access to funding to support projects and a larger council could have different priorities
- Seal the Community Land Trust has enhanced the local housing needs in the parish which would jeopardise with a merge council and the criteria used would apply to all residents in the enlarged parish
- Possible administrative benefits but the negatives would outweigh the positive
- Reconsiders its proposal and keeps the status quo as part of our Cornish heritage
- Services provided by St Mewan don't really affect St Ewe
- The precept would be spent in St Mewan rather than St Ewe



Parish representation - The Chairman of St Ewe

- High number of objections to the St Mewan proposal
- Disappointed in the way in which the proposal has been determined as it does not demonstrate a democratic approach
- No adequate consultation with St Ewe regarding the current submission which flies in the face of local democracy and may breach the requirement of procedural fairness
- No confidence in St Mewan having the sensitivity and awareness to manage the needs of St Ewe
- Incorrect statement implicating the lack of efficiency, competence and sustainability to serve its parishioners
- Financial implications for St Ewe and other parishes affected
- Accurate contrasts in service benefits and usage etc
- Feels there is no awareness of the cohesiveness and sense of identity that St Ewe Parish has
- St Ewe will lose their identity
- There will be no understanding of local need
- An urban council is offering diluted representation and will have little in common with the rural parish of St Ewe

Cornwall Council have to consult at the next stage

Members discussion

Cllr Kneller addressed members expressing this is a difficult one, however we came to this conclusion for the right reasons and with the right motives, as in exchange of emails to the Chairman of St Ewe and we have heard some strong representation tonight so we clearly need to think about.

Cllr Holman – a comment was made at the beginning about a legal issue with this which we may need to look at and certainly CC will need to which could change everything depending on legal issues. It's an important issue one which we may have to consider, irrespective of what we do, we will have to abide by if a legal binding decision is made in either direction

Cllr Harrison - St Austell CGR that the advice given was the CGR was about effectiveness an efficiency of councils and sustainability is the key. Definition is sustainability as something that will be about in the next 30 years which what has driven St Mewan on this motion and has been discussed over a series of meetings

Cllr Kneller – Important regarding the community items we have heard which we wouldn't want to stop or hinder. If CC had run this process differently with a more collaborative approach to getting to this point but unfortunately this didn't happen

Cllr Mrs Tarbox – There was no need to consult as it is something CC will do. Concerns that parishes and towns are not consulting so nobody knows what is happening around their periphery. St Ewe would be sustainable as a complete ward,



bigger organisation and working together. This proposal is with the best of intentions for the future.

The advice is securing effective governance within boundaries for the future. St Ewe is a very small parish with a Cllr ratio is 1:44

Cllr Passmore – Concerns over the proposal

Cllr Wallis – We could keep the ratio of Cllrs for St Ewe 1:200 which would assist in this process. Recommend an increase in Cllrs if this proposal is considered.

There is no benchmark to work out sustainability

It was

PROPOSED by Cllr Kneller to withdraw Map 4B, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox. Vote: For - 10, 1- Against Cllr Harrison, 1 Abstention - Cllr Wallis.

Map 4A – Initial proposed new parish boundary with St Ewe, 20 houses in Hewaswater and Lower Sticker moved into the Parish, locally supported, a firm border is not obvious

Public Participation

- Objects as it is not locally supported
- The leaflet drop was per household not per constituent
- Christine Wilson clerk to St Ewe confirmed St Ewe carried out a letter drop on the 3rd June 2019 to each of the 19 residents including 3 businesses, consultation on the St Ewe website, 2 positive responses to be part of St Mewan
- No response means St Ewe residents are happy to remain in St Ewe
- There is change now to one resident who now wants to remain in St Ewe
- St Ewe is a small parish and we need the residents, St Mewan is a big parish who don't need the St Ewe residents
- St Mewan have upset 3 parishes and would question is this a wise move wanting St Mewan to represent these parishes

Parish representation

Vice-Chair of St Ewe confirms they object to this initial proposal

Members discussion

Cllr Holman refers back to Map 4B which has now been removed and Map 4B did include the small piece. It contrary to say we have rejected Map 4B but accept Map4A. Should consider withdrawing this.

Cllr Wallis - It makes sense to have houses on both side of the road and is a typical boundary recommendation proposal and I would support it
St Mewan PC has received positive feedback from people

Cllr Ringrose – Hewaswater boundary is the road and simpler to leave it as the boundary



Cllr Spencer St Stephens in Brannel proposal is to move to the road and now we are considering the opposite.

Cllr Jannaway the road is a strong boundary

Cllr Holman **PROPOSED** to withdraw this proposal, sec Cllr Nicklin.

Votes: For – 9, Against – 2 Cllr Harrison and Cllr Wallis, Abstention – 1 Cllr Kneller

Map 5 – Area East of current Parish near Polgooth/Tregongeeves Lane

Public participation

Mr & Mrs J Richards

Parish representation

No parish representation

Cllr Kneller advises the public Pentewan Valley have confirmed by email they do not object to moving this border and recognise the proposal is to round off and where a lot of properties are in Polgooth.

- Mrs Richards from Coyte Farm strongly objects to the land being south of A390 into St Mewan.
- St Mewan would either gain through development of land or want to stop it.
- Its named Rocky Parc, part of Tregonegeeves, therefore the line should be along the A390 a strong boundary of a road and don't want it in St Mewan.
- St Mewan don't represent the rural community as we all live in villages – no one came to see us.
- No consultation
- Nobody received the St Mewan Parish Community Newsletter
- Belongs in Pentewan Valley
- Coyte Farm should be in Pentewan
- Hard boundaries follow the river
- Only Cherilyn Mackrorys letter informed us about this
- Farming is a business we were not consulted as like other business in the other affected areas
- Tregongeeves residents are not happy business is in Pentewan
- The boundary around Trewhiddle is a footpath

The Chairman re-enforced Pentewan Valley are not against this proposal.

- St Mewan NDP looks after villages not St Mewan
- Christine Wilson the clerk at St Ewe has tried to contact the clerk in Pentewan Valley.

Members discussion

- The properties East of Tregongeeves have suffered with planning issues
- All Residents feel more aligned with Polgooth/St Mewan Parish.



- Consider a line around the houses, it may be possible, but the line proposal is following a distinct border.
- The boundaries are physically attached to Polgooth

It was

RESOLVED to submit the proposal published. Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Harrison.

Vote: For – 11, Abstention 1 - Cllr Spencer

EXO12/19 Community Governance Review Submission

It was

RESOLVED St Mewan Parish Council should submit the proposals as drafted subject to:

- Deletion of maps 4A and 4B.
- Amending other test as appropriate

Prop Cllr Kneller, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox. All in favour.

A thankyou from the Chair of St Ewe.

There being no further business to be transacted the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.20 pm

Signed.....

Chairman of Full Council

Date.....

Full Council Members

Cllr Kneller – Chairman

Cllr Mrs Tarbox – Vice Chair

Cllr Mrs Mitchell

Cllr Mrs Padley

Cllr Mrs Ringrose

Cllr Nicklin

Cllr Passmore

Cllr Wallis

Cllr Holman

Cllr Jannaway

Cllr Harrison

Cllr Spencer

