

# Wendron Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Wendron Parish held on Monday May 19, 2008 at 7.00pm in the Community Hall, Burras. Chairman of the Council, Cllr Mrs Marion Warren, presiding, Mr C Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

**Visitors:** Cllr N. van den Berg, Cllr M. Boase, Cllr J. Buxton, Cllr M. Clayton, Cllr G. Gibson, Cllr W. Hamilton, Cllr Mrs J. Lackner, Cllr Mrs C. Lay, Cllr Mrs S. Moyle, Cllr Mrs S. Swift, KDCllr Mrs Taylor and Mr Lay.

The Chairman welcomed visitors to the meeting

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from CCCllr P.Phillips Cllr P.Davidson and Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell.

## **2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

It was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday, May 14, 2007 were a true record at the meeting on June 18, 2007 when the Chairman signed them as such.

## **3 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Marion Warren, said

“I begin with my thanks to the Clerk, whose knowledge, advice, contacts, and willing effort support and benefit us all. We also thank the District and County Councillors who have kept us informed of activity at higher levels of local government.

“The year 2007/8 has been a particularly difficult one for me personally and I should like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Clerk, the Vice-Chairman and all members of the Council for their caring and practical support.

“During the year we have co-opted new Councillors and welcomed Cllr Buxton and Cllr Van den Berg and Cllr Mrs Lay and Cllr Mrs Mitchell. Cllr Gibson was re co-opted. Cllr Mrs Nute stood down after long and valued service

“The year has seen the customary mix of successes and stumbling blocks!

“The Planning Advisory group has met on the Monday before the meeting in order to give more time and local expertise to report back at the meeting. At the April 2007 meeting we welcomed newly appointed KDC Principle Planning Officer Mrs Nicola Stinson and Mr Peter Blackshaw KDC Enforcement Team Leader who answered questions on various issues in Wendron Parish. Mrs Stinson agreed that communication needed to be better and explained that a new approach to complaints would serve the community more efficiently. A year later we have received a list of enforcement issues which have been closed although the communication has been minimal!

“The Parish Council has worked closely with Carnkie Play Area Association and four Councillors have strengthened their membership.

“Residents of Trinity Close now have an extra car parking facility: low fencing to protect the adjacent grass area is yet to be completed.

“Double yellow *No Waiting* lines at Rame Cross junction have been funded by CCCllr Plummer. CCC has also provided a new bus shelter on the North side of the A394 at Trewennack. CCCllr Phillips has kept us informed of the progress of the Trewennack Bypass Scheme, Councillors have supported his concerns regarding the positioning of foot and cycle ways.

“Police reports throughout the year have shown a consistent pattern of incidents in Wendron Parish. A series of localised PACT meetings with the general public identified traffic speed, dog fouling and anti-social behaviour as main issues.

“Throughout the year Cllr Davidson has brought to our attention many and varied requests from local groups and support services for donations, which totalled £2,060.

“Last year we were told that Wendron’s Gold footpaths would be the subject of survey and refurbishment beginning in September/October 2007. Not surprisingly, the County-wide programme of works is proving to be a major task and we have not been given a new date. However, our own efforts to cut greens and open spaces and cemetery surrounds have continued and many footpaths have been recovered from nature and opened up again.

“Following a decision by Councillors to seek funding to finance a professionally produced Wendron Walks booklet, Awards for All and CCC have together provided the finance and work on the booklet has begun.

“A new noticeboard at Trevenen Bal and the construction of a bus shelter at Edgcumbe are projects for completion next year, as is the search for funding for a new Rotaweb to enhance Carnkie Play Area.

“And finally, One Cornwall is to be a reality and still our role within it is shrouded in guarded hints and secrecy. Whatever the eventual outcome, one thing is certain, Wendron Parish Council’s position is sovereign. I am confident that Councillors will only agree to take on extra responsibilities if they feel it is within their scope and will benefit the residents whom they represent.”

#### **4 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO MARCH 31, 2008**

The Clerk presented the Financial Report for the year 2007 – 2008 which had been accepted at the Ordinary Parish Meeting on Monday April 21, 2008. In brief, this showed that Wendon Parish Council had started the year with a reserve of £13,386.82 and ended it with an increased reserve of £22,923.49. However this sum includes a grant from Awards for All in the sum of £9,690.00 for the production of a walks booklet. The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor (Peter Richards, KDC Chief Auditor) had signed off the accounts and that they are now in the hands of the External Auditor.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by asking parishioners present if they had any questions or views about the actions of the Parish Council.

Mr Lay said that he felt the meeting might have been better advertised and, following general discussion, it was agreed to consider placing an advertisement in the local newspaper in future years.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed.