

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday, June 9, 2008 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Mrs M.Warren (Chairman)	Cllr G.Gibson
	Cllr W.Hamilton (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Mrs C.Lay
	Cllr M.Boase	Cllr Mrs J.Lackner
	Cllr M.Clayton	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle
	Cllr P.Davidson	C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** CCCLlr N.Plummer, KDCllr Mrs Taylor, Mr P.Wilkinson (CCC Highways Area Surveyor) and forty-two members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed Members and visitors to the meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr N.van den Berg, Cllr J.Buxton, Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell and Cllr Mrs S.Swift sent their apologies for absence.

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Mrs Lackner seconded all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday May 19, 2008 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday May 19, 2008 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising which were not covered in this agenda.

## 4 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

KDCllr Mrs Taylor stated that she noted that both the matters she had in mind (the proposed number of elected members of the new Unitary Authority and the date of the next Parish Council elections) are covered in the agenda.

CCCLlr Plummer said that he found it inexplicable that, although Chairman of the Implementation Executive, CCCLlr Whalley had made a counter-proposal against the Implementation Executive's recommendation for a 130 seat Unitary Council.

## 5 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report.

*Cllr Mrs Warren proposed and it was agreed to bring Agenda Item 11 forward to this point. It was further agreed to suspend Standing Orders in order to allow discussion between members of the public, Councillors and Mr Wilkinson*

## 11 TRAFFIC CONCERNS

On behalf of the Council the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Warren, welcomed Mr Paul Wilkinson CCC Highways Area Surveyor to the meeting. She opened the discussion by saying that the recent PACT meetings had, possibly unsurprisingly, raised concerns about the use of speed by motorists throughout the Parish and in particular had sought a review of ways of slowing traffic using the B3297 between Helston and Redruth.

Mr Wilkinson said that, although he had considerable sympathy with what residents felt, he was neither in a position to make promises nor could he report that there is anything in the pipe-line concerning improvements to the B3297. He spoke of the inherent dangers of widening or straightening the road and referred those present to a National Speed Review of all A and B class roads which will aim to co-ordinate speeds throughout the country and which should be in place by 2011. However, this Review means that there can be no change on A and B roads until after that date.

Amongst other matters, members of the public spoke of

- a recent serious accident at Farms Common
- numerous unrecorded minor accidents along the length of the road
- concerns that nothing will be done until someone is killed
- the difficulties of crossing the road
- the impossibility of walking along the road despite the requirement from CCC Education Department for children to walk to school if they live less than three miles away from it
- inappropriate use of speed by larger vehicles
- a possible weight and or width restriction on larger vehicles
- the impossibility at many points along the road for larger vehicles to pass in opposite directions
- the need to impose a 40mph speed limit along the entire length from Helston to Redruth
- the fact that, for the majority of motorists, speed limits do have the required effect
- use of the road as a race track by motor-cyclists with speeds well in excess of 100mph
- signs obscured by vegetation

Further suggestions to improve the situation made by members of the public included

- more double white lines
- more signage, including Accident Black Spot signage
- speed monitors to record actual speeds to inform the process
- dragons' teeth at Farms Common
- parked unmanned police cars to deter speeding drivers
- cardboard cut-outs of policemen on motorbikes also to deter speeding drivers

It was noted that

- the majority of accidents are the result of driver error
- SpeedVisors can only be used within a 30/40mph limit
- it appears to take in excess of three years to change a speed limit
- the same concerns were raised some twenty years ago
- there are ways other than limiting speeds to slow traffic
- work is currently in hand to slow traffic as it passes through Wendron
- ways of slowing traffic through Farms Common will be examined in the near future
- Cornwall Highways do recognise the dangers to residents

It was agreed that

- there will a follow-up meeting within the next three months
- a file of all accidents should be compiled to further the process

## **6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Pickering drew Members' attention to the strength of feeling in Trevenen Bal against the proposed development of a Pool House at Greenacres. (This fact was endorsed by Mr Gegg.) He stated that no dimensions were given on the plans, but that Wendron Parish Council had correctly observed about the original proposal that its size would have a detrimental effect on the surrounding countryside. It was his opinion that other than to move the footprint of the proposed building no other changes had been made and he urged Members to seek refusal for development on the same grounds.

*Cllr Mrs Warren proposed and it was agreed to resume Standing Orders*

*Cllr Mrs Warren proposed and it was agreed to bring Agenda Item 13 forward to this point*

## **13 PLANNING**

Cllr Clayton declared an interest as a member of KDC Planning Committee. He remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

## Applications

*As a neighbour of the applicants, Cllr Gibson declared a personal interest in the following application. He took no part in either the discussion or the voting.*

PA08/00817/F Mr Tynan & Ms Stenson – Installation of a septic tank (revised location) – Adjacent To The Old Vicarage. Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Mrs Lackner seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council should return this application with the following observations

‘When the mains sewer was installed in the village of Penmarth, residents were required to connect to it because of the proximity of Stithians fresh-water reservoir. This requirement was imposed on their dwellings because of the high water table, the abundance of springs in the area (the very reasons why the reservoir was constructed) and the consequent dangers of leachates from septic tanks entering the drinking water system.

‘Understandably, there is a great deal of concern amongst local residents about the present proposal to install a septic tank on this site. There is a mains sewer within forty metres of the new dwelling and Wendron Parish Councillors strongly believe that foul drainage emanating from this dwelling should be connected to that sewer.

For this reason they require that this application should be referred to the Planning Committee for decision and, further, that before any decision is made, a site meeting is held at which the views of local residents may be expressed.’

PA08/00829/F Mr & Mrs C.Butterill – Erection of extensions to dwelling – 6, Penmeneth Road, Trewennack. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Lackner seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

*As a friend of the applicant, Cllr Mrs Lay declared a personal interest in the following application. She took no part in either the discussion or the voting.*

PA08/00985/F Mr & Mrs Lobb – Erection of a detached pool house (amended design) – Greenacres Trevenen Bal. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council should return this application with the following observations

‘Wendron Parish Councillors note the amendments to the original application, but are disappointed that there is no evidence to show that their observations on that have been heeded. They therefore repeat that they believe that, for reasons relating to the size and bulk of the proposed pool house and the detrimental effect it will have on the character and appearance of the open countryside, the Planning Committee should refuse permission for development.’

## Decisions

PA08/00013/F Mr J.McRae – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a polytunnel) – The Barn, Lower Carthvean Farm, Trenear – *noted*

PA08/00367/F Mr C.Liles – Conditional Permission for Development (retention of stables) – North Calvadrack Cottage, Polgear – *noted*

PA08/00392/F Mr & Mrs Groom – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a detached garage, first floor extension and alterations to dwelling) – Boskenna Cottage, Carnkie – *noted*

PA08/00472/F Mr & Mrs P.Balcombe – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extensions to dwelling) – Kernyk, Carnebone, Laity – *noted*

PA08/00488/F Mr B.Stretton – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extensions to stables) – Little Retanna, Retanna – *noted*

PA08/00643/F Mr S.Burridge – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of dormer extension to dwelling and erection of a domestic garage) – Panevista, Carnkie – *noted*

PA08/00786/F Mr N.Ward – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an extension to dwelling to form biomass boiler room and utility room) – Mallow Court, Wendron – *noted*

## Correspondence

**KDC** notification of appeal (PA07/ 01325/F Retention and completion of alterations to access and erection of a livestock/fodder store at Capala Farm, Penmarth) – *noted*

**KDC** notification of appeal (PA07/01486/F Siting of a mobile home to provide a temporary farm manager’s dwelling at Capala Farm, Penmarth) – *noted*

**KDC** PA08/00550/F Mr S.Lobb – Erection of a detached pool house at Green Acre, Trevenen Bal – application withdrawn – *noted*

CCC – notice that planning permission has been granted for the erection of two covered yards and silage clamp at Bodilly Farm, Trenear – *noted*

## 7 CARNKIE PLAY AREA

The Clerk reported that, on behalf of the Carnkie Play Area Association Trust, he has again applied to Awards for All for help with funding the new Rotaweb and also that he had answered the Cory Environmental Trust's request for more information.

Councillors noted that the Porkellis Play Area is finally open.

## 8 PROJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH

**Wendron Walks booklets** – The Chairman reported that Mr Scolding and she had walked one of the six proposed paths (that around Trewennack) and, because of the impending road improvements there, had agreed to alter the line of the walk. Mr Scolding had told her that he hopes to have the booklet ready for distribution in the Spring of 2009.

**Provision of a Parish Noticeboard at Trevenan Bal** – the Clerk reported that, as far as he is aware, the project is on course to be completed by the end of June.

**Bus shelter at Edgumbe** – the Clerk reported that, as requested, he had instructed Martin Froggatt to construct a block-built, pebble-dashed, slate roofed shelter similar to that at the eastern end of Carnkie. He is investigating the possibility of utility service cables being buried at this point.

**Bus shelter maintenance** – the Clerk reported that, as requested, he had instructed Martin Froggatt to do this work on the eight block-built bus shelters in the Parish.

In general discussion, it was agreed to instruct Bob Sanders to add to his list both the maintenance of the grassed areas around the bus shelters and the grassed area on which the boundary stone at the roundabout to the west of Trewennack is sited.

It was also agreed to invite Martin Froggatt to quote both for the renewal and installation of fencing at Trinity Close and for the siting of granite boulders on the green at Penmarth.

## 9 ONECORNWALL

Wendron Parish Councillors considered the range of services the Council might be able to deliver under the new Unitary Authority. They concluded that, without direction from the delivering authority, they are unable to advance this matter. It was agreed to invite Stephen Ford, the Parish Liaison Officer, to attend a future meeting with a view to taking the matter further.

## 10 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillors considered a consultation document concerning the date of the next Parish Council election. It was agreed to make the following observation

It is Wendron Parish Council's opinion that the next Parish Council elections should be held in May 2013, as outlined in the Cornwall (Structural Change) Order. Further, it is Wendron Parish Council's opinion that, in the event of an election, it is unlikely that there would be competition for seats.

## 12 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at June 9, 2008. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 465.88		
Eric & Jeff Bray	£ 111.63	£ 95.00	£ 16.63
CALC subscription	£ 503.22	£ 453.12	£ 50.10
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd	£ 306.08	£ 260.50	£ 45.58
Colin Chapman			
Salary (May)	£ 464.28		
telephone	£ 17.23		
office expenses	£ 56.38		
travelling	£ 36.27		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total		£ 599.16	

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Warren, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moyle, all others in favour that the above five accounts be paid.

The following two accounts were also presented for payment.

*Cllr Mrs Warren declared a personal and prejudicial interest in that both the following accounts were submitted for payment by Richard Warren, her son.*

*Cllr Mrs Warren relinquished the Chair and left the room.*

*The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Hamilton, assumed the chair.*

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Richard Warren (Wendron Churchyard)	£ 100.00		
Richard Warren (Footpaths)	£ 382.20		

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Lackner, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lay, all others in favour that the above two accounts be paid.

*Cllr Hamilton relinquished the Chair.*

*Cllr Mrs Warren returned to the room and assumed the chair.*

The following receipt was noted:

F.Wearne and Sons	£ 30.00
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## 14 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

**South West Water** First time sewerage scheme in Carnkie – *it was noted that a Public Meeting at which this matter and the related costs will be aired has been arranged for later in the month*

**Mrs J.E.Coles** copy of letter to KDC (telephone Box at the northern end of Medlyn Moor) – *it was agreed to urge BT to continue to maintain this telephone box*

**OneCornwall** invitation to a meeting with the Parish Liaison Officer Steven Ford on Tuesday July 8, 2008 from 1900 until 2100 at the Methodist Church, Coinagehall Street, Helston (limited to two representatives) – *it was agreed that two members should attend this meeting and also that Steven Ford should be invited to attend the October meeting of Wendron Parish Council*

**One Cornwall** Newsletter no 9; executive summary of Parish & Town Council engagement events; Parish & Town Council survey results – *noted*

**CCC** comments invited on the proposed diversion of footpath number 96 – *it was agreed to comment that Wendron Parish Councillors fully support this proposal*

**Boundary Committee** comments invited (before July 18) on how any proposed council size would allow for an appropriate model of political management balanced by effective local representation – *it was agreed to reply stating that Wendron Parish Council believes that for reasons of representation and accountability the new Unitary Authority should be composed of a greater number of elected members than the present Cornwall County Council and in line with that proposed by the Implementation Executive*

## 15 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman stated her wish for a return to members taking on specific responsibilities. It was agreed that Cllr Hamilton should, together with Cllr Mrs Lay and Cllr Lackner, develop a website: that Cllr Hamilton should also make himself responsible for preliminary dealings with the Police and the bus company: that Cllr Davidson should continue to assess requests to the Parish Council for help with funding: and that Cllr Mrs Moyle would, in the first instance, be responsible for footpaths and open spaces.

## 16 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

### DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday July 21, 2008 in the Community Hall, Burras commencing at 7:30pm

Signed.....Chairman

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