

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:	Cllr Mrs M.Warren (Chairman)	Cllr Mrs C.Lay
	Cllr W.Hamilton (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell
	Cllr N.van den Berg	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle
	Cllr J.Buxton	Cllr Mrs S.Swift
	Cllr G.Gibson	
	Cllr Mrs J.Lackner	C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: Mr I.Perry.

The Chairman welcomed Members and visitors to the meeting. Members and visitors stood in silence for one minute to remember Mrs Myrtle Care, for many years a member of Wendron Parish Council, who died recently.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr P.Phillips, WPC Butcher, PCSO Mitchell, Cllr M.Boase, Cllr M.Clayton and Cllr P.Davidson sent their apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded (Cllr Mrs Lackner and Cllr Mrs Lay who were absent from the last meeting abstained) all others in favour that, subject to the hand-written amendment and the deletion of the first sentence ascribed to KDCllr Clayton on page 1288 (beside which it was agreed that the phrase *this statement was inaccurately recorded at the time* should be written), the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Monday August 18, 2008 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr van den Berg expressed surprise that neither the District nor the County Councils extend the courtesy of informing the Parish Council exactly what is being done within the community by those Councils.

4 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

KDCllr Mrs Swift reported that

- earlier in the day, together with Cllr Clayton, she had informally interviewed candidates for the post of Chief Executive of the new Unitary Authority. The formal interviews begin on Tuesday
- as Chairman of KDC's Audit Committee, she has been invited to sit on OneCornwall's Finance and Audit Group of which Cllr Clayton is Vice-Chairman
- she recently met John Healey MP (who was visiting Cornwall on a fact-finding mission) who was particularly interested in the work being done by OneCornwall with the Town and Parish Councils
- she had gone to Newton Abbot with Steven Ford to attend a meeting resulting from the findings of questionnaires circulated to Town and Parish Councillors in Devon (similar to the exercise which has recently been undertaken in Cornwall). She has arranged for Plymouth University to host a similar meeting in Cornwall once the questionnaires have been evaluated
- the OneCornwall Localism Group has produced three lists of services which are the duty of a statutory authority: the first list includes grass-cutting, cleaning roadside signs and the like (all of which a Parish Council is presently capable of undertaking), the intermediate list includes such matters as play areas and open spaces (which a more enterprising Parish Council might like to

undertake) and the third list includes matters such as education, adult social care (all of which are beyond the remit of Parish Councils). This third list includes planning, where it may be that Parish Councils, with training, can make a greater contribution – although Cllr Mrs Swift emphasised that final decisions will rest with the Planning Authority

- there are a number of Pilot Schemes concentrating on the management of services currently being undertaken by the Town Councils of St Ives, Newquay and Bodmin
- the boards of all the Citizens' Advice Bureaux in Cornwall are merging on October 1 partly to enable easier access to funding. Clients will not notice any difference in the service provided.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk WPC Anne Butcher reported that in the period from July 22 to September 22 there have been six crimes: two of theft from Halfway House, a theft of copper from the electricity transforming station, a theft of diesel in Wendron, a crime resulting from a neighbourhood dispute and the slashing of a tyre on a motor vehicle.

Both she and PCSO Mitchell have continued with foot patrols and monitoring the illegal use of speed through Wendron. They are considering holding surgeries in the Parish, but as the response last time was poor, are seeking other ways to engage with residents.

Cllr Mrs Swift drew members' attention to the appointment of a new inspector at Helston, Caroline Coad.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Perry expressed concerns that the new Unitary Authority will not continue to finance the road improvement scheme through Trewennack. Cllr Mrs Swift said that she anticipated that existing commitments will be honoured, but added that she will make enquiries.

Mr Perry said that he had met Inspector Coad and commented that policemen in rural areas have found that the use of bicycles enable them to cover more ground. It was noted that PCSO Mitchell has been seen on a bike!

7 CARNKIE PLAY AREA

The Clerk reported that he is still awaiting responses from Awards for All.

8 PROJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH

Wendron Walks booklets The Chairman reported that the project is fast going ahead. Bill Scolding now has five walks on which to work.

Bus shelter at Edgcumbe the Clerk reported that Martin Froggatt has commenced work on this but warns that, once construction is complete, the render will have to dry before it can be painted

Trinity Close fencing *This item, being of a financially sensitive nature, was taken in Part 2 following the departure of members of the public.* Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Lackner proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded Cllr Gibson against all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council should instruct Rex Andrew to replace the chain-link fencing and posts at Trinity Close in the sum of £554.00 + VAT

9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at September 22, 2008. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted the conclusion of the Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2008 and the report of the External Auditor which states *The Council must review its level of fidelity guarantee insurance cover, currently £2,000. The Audit Commission guideline level is cash balances plus half the precept.* It was agreed that this should be reviewed when the insurance is renewed.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 465.88		
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd			
Open spaces in August	£ 250.50		
Bridleway 90	£ 90.00		
(BR 90 is the bridleway from Carnkie to Stithians Reservoir Boundary)			
	£ 400.09	£ 340.50	£ 59.59

Eric & Jeff Bray	£ 111.63	£ 95.00	£ 16.63
Colin Chapman			
Salary (August)	£ 464.28		
telephone	£ 19.79		
office expenses	£ 28.70		
travelling	£ 58.59		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 596.36	

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

10 PLANNING

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

The following observations made under delegated powers and returned during August were noted

PA08/01147/F Mr B.Cookson – Conversion of utility barns into a holiday let and installation of a septic tank – Dacum Farm, Porkellis. This was returned marked “Wendron Parish Council has concerns about the access off the road, but welcomes the conversion of these barns and therefore supports this application.”

PA08/01327/F Mr P.Attwood – Erection of a dwelling – Meadowside, Burras. This was returned marked “Wendron Parish Council is sympathetic towards local needs housing, however it does not believe that in this instance the case has been proved. Moreover, the Council notes that the proposed location is in the open countryside and must therefore urge the Planning Committee to refuse permission for development.”

PA08/01458/F Mr & Mrs Paull – Erection of extensions and detached domestic garage to dwelling – Primrose Lodge, Carnkie. This was returned marked “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

Applications

PA08/01529/F Mr R Pryor – Conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling and installation of domestic oil storage tank (amended scheme) – Menherion Farm, Menherion. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

PA08/01560/F Mr P Stubbs – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two dwellings – Wakefield, Stone Lane, Carnkie. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Lackner seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Wendron Parish Councillors ask the Planning Committee to refuse permission for development. They believe that the application represents an overdevelopment of the site and that the access road (which serves the Village Hall and four residential properties) is inadequate.*

Decisions

PA08/01041/F Mr M.Terry – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a barn for stabling livestock and storage) – The Old School House, Halwin – *noted*

PA08/01241/F Mr R.Downing – Conditional Permission for Development (retention and completion of a first floor extension to dwelling and replacement domestic garage) – Ash Cottage, Rame Cross – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

CCC acknowledgement of receipt of claim under LMP – *noted*

Cornwall Countryside Access Forum Annual Report – *noted*

OneCornwall One-Stop-Shops location – *noted*

CCC copy of letter to Bill Scolding re Wendron’s mining heritage – *noted*

BT Adopt a Kiosk programme (which allows communities to, where usage of the public payphone service is limited, the opportunity to take ownership of the red telephone box) – *The question of adopting the telephone boxes in Carnkie, Porkellis, Medlyn and Trenear was discussed. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed that Wendron Parish Council should adopt each of the telephone boxes without the telecommunications equipment at a cost of £1 per box. An amendment that each of the telephone boxes should be adopted together with the telecommunications equipment at a cost of £500 per box per annum proposed by Cllr Hamilton and seconded by Cllr Gibson was lost and the original proposal seconded by Cllr Mrs Mitchell was then voted upon. This proposal (that the telephone boxes in Carnkie, Porkellis, Medlyn and Trenear should be adopted at a cost to the Parish Council of £1 per box) was carried by seven votes to three*

Tony Mogford Associates Carnkie Play Area Quarterly Inspection Report – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter and invitation to renew subscription – *Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Hamilton seconded and it was agreed that the current subscription for four additional copies should be renewed*

12 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Website, Highway matters

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday October 20, 2008 in the Community Hall, Burras commencing at 7:30pm

Signed.....Chairman

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