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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

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

Visitors: CC Cllr P.Phillips and Mr M.Eddy (Town and Parish Council Lead Officer for OneCornwall)

The Chairman welcomed Members and visitors to the meeting.

Before the formal meeting began, Mr Martin Eddy (Town and Parish Council Lead Officer for OneCornwall) spoke of the opportunity for Parish Councils and the new Unitary Authority to develop a durable and mutually beneficial relationship. Across the county, OneCornwall will create twenty Community Networks tasked to examine local issues, develop a local plan and communicate service needs to the Unitary Authority. Community Networks will consist of representatives from the service agencies, from voluntary groups and from the Town and Parish Councils.

The Core Agreement of the Localism Charter (on which Town and Parish Councils are presently being consulted) is intended to define this new relationship between the Unitary Authority and Town and Parish Councils. At OneCornwall there is a resolve to improve communications, to identify and address training needs and to develop the Active Partnering model and, through it, a new approach to working for the benefit of the community. In short, the new Unitary Authority is looking to provide a unified service.

In answer to questions, Mr Eddy stressed that the relationship between Town and Parish Councils and the Unitary Authority will be a developing one and that Parishes will be able to become involved at a time of their choosing. He hoped the initial, noticeable results will be improvements in the core business of the Authority, in service delivery and in planning matters, a greater engagement with Town and Parish Councils and through them with local residents and, finally, a Community Network capable of resolving issues in local areas. He confirmed that each Parish Council will be invited to send a delegate to Community Network meetings and that only elected representatives will be able to vote at these meetings, though he anticipated that decisions will be such that a formal vote will be unnecessary.

Cllr Clayton noted that, from April 1, 2009 (when the District Authorities cease to exist) until such time as an election is held, there will be a period of unknown authority in Cornwall. He anticipates that the elected members who will carry the process forward towards a Unitary Authority will be the members of the Joint Implementation Executive. It is his opinion that Town and Parish Councils will be the local authority of the future and therefore better able to represent the people of the parish than possibly they are at present. Proposals concerning the formation of three Planning Committees composed of five elected members from each of the six districts are being tabled on November 26.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

WPC Butcher, PCSO M.Mitchell, KDCllr Mrs J.Haycock, Cllr M.Boase, Cllr J.Buxton and Cllr Mrs S.Swift sent their apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded (Cllr van den Berg, Cllr Mrs Lackner, Cllr Mrs Lay, Cllr Mrs Moyle and Cllr Mrs Mitchell who were absent from the last meeting abstained) all others in favour that, with the correction noting Cllr Mrs Swift's absence and apologies, the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday October 20, 2008 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Mrs Moyle reported that a washing machine has been dumped on Rame Common. The Clerk was asked to report this incidence of fly-tipping to Kerrier District Council.

4 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

CCClr Phillips reported that he had received an application from the Clerk for help with funding the cost of the walks booklet and that a reply would be forthcoming before Christmas. He further reported that County Highways have examined the reflectivity of the signs at the Farms Common bend and could find no defect.

Through the Clerk, KDCllr Mrs Hayward reported that

- in future, entry to the Helston Museum will be free of charge for all visitors
- there are concerns about the winter closure of the café in Coronation Park, which will be brought to the attention of the Scrutiny Committee later this week
- she noted Wendron Parish Council's intention to discuss the provision of a website and, coincidentally, OneCornwall's announcement that they will assist Parish Councils in setting up websites.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Mark Mitchell reported that, in the period from October 20 to November 17, there have been three crimes: criminal damage (again) to Nine Maidens School, a theft of fuel from a motor vehicle and a drink-driving offence at Wendron. There has been a fatal road accident at Farms Common where enquiries are continuing.

PCSO Mitchell warns parishioners about becoming complacent: there are increasing incidents of thefts both of fuel and of granite mushrooms.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

7 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Following discussion and in order to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded all in favour, to adopt the Model Publication Scheme.

8 PROJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH

Wendron Walks booklets The Chairman reported that the project is progressing well. Bill Scolding seeks information from anyone who has historic photographs or written information about villages and hamlets within the parish. Councillors were able to give names to the Chairman, who undertook to pass them on.

Cllr Mrs Lay reported that footpath 159 is blocked by barbed wire, a gate which is fastened (both because sheep are being kept in the field) and by an overgrown hawthorn bush.

Bus shelter at Edgcumbe the Clerk reported that Martin Froggatt has all but completed the bus shelter: what remains to be done is the fitting of the fascia, the soffits and the bench and the final painting.

9 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk reported that, following an exchange of e-mails, Paul Wilkinson has stated that no defects have been found with the reflectivity of the chevrons sited on the bend at Farms Common, that senior traffic engineers advise that the bend at Farms Common is considered not to be appropriate for the provision of advisory speed limit signs and that the provision of speed humps in Wendron is a matter for the 'A' and 'B' Road Speed Limit Review team.

Cllr Hamilton reported that people living near Farms Common, although disappointed that a speed limit cannot be immediately imposed, would welcome additional warning signage at the bend. Cllr Clayton indicated that he has set £1,500 aside to pay for this signage and the Clerk was asked to contact County Highways as a matter of urgency.

10 A PARISH WEBSITE

Speaking of the provision of a dedicated Parish Council Website, Cllr Hamilton detailed the opportunities for better communication, the available options and the wide range of prices quoted by different organisations. He noted that Mr Jeff Meadows has quoted total initial costs (which include the creation of the site, purchase of a domain name and a year's hosting) of just under £400, which in his opinion represents a very reasonable offer. He warned that there will be year-on-year costs associated with a website, but that these should be under £100. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Mrs Lackner seconded all in favour that Wendron Parish Council should commission a dedicated Parish Council website from Mr Jeff Meadows.

Correspondence

CCCLr Plummer acknowledgement of receipt of application for a Member Community Grant – *noted*

CCC notification that an application for financial help with funding the cost of the website has been successful – *noted*

11 ST WENDRONA CHURCHYARD

The Chairman reported that, following the Remembrance Day Service, she, Cllr Davidson and the Clerk had spoken with Rev'd Miller about the maintenance of the disused churchyards at St Wendrona. Councillors agreed in principle that Wendron Parish Council is willing to take on the responsibility for this work and the Clerk was asked to write both to Kerrier District Council with a request to take on the service delivery with immediate effect and to OneCornwall with a request to do this work as part of the recently announced Active Partnering pilot scheme.

12 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at November 17, 2008. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted that there has been no further information forthcoming concerning dialogue between Penmarth Methodists and St Andrew's, Pencoys. Accordingly, a decision concerning the funding of a replacement War Memorial Slab was again deferred.

Members considered a request from Penmarth Methodist Church for help with funding a ramp for those with walking difficulties, a toilet and a kitchen, all to comply with the Discrimination and Disability Act. The Clerk was asked to write to the Trustees with a request for further information.

Members considered the Clerk's future remuneration in the light of the revised national pay scale. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, Cllr Mrs Lackner abstained, all others in favour that the Clerk should continue to be employed for fifteen hours a week at Spinal Column Point 20

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

Cllr Mrs Warren declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the account submitted for payment by Richard Warren, who is her son.

Cllr Mrs Warren relinquished the Chair and left the room.

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Clerks and Councils Direct (subscription)	£ 40.00		
Rex Andrew (fence at Trinity Close)	£ 639.20	£ 544.00	£ 95.20
Richard Warren (footpaths)	£ 294.51		
This account refers to the following work			
73	FP from BR76 north of Porkellis to BR72		820 metres
75	FP from BR76 north of Porkellis to BR72		803 metres
120	BW from road west of Carnkie to BR119		1,687 metres
124	FP from road east of Lower Porkellis to BW120		947 metres
128	FP from road south west of Lower Porkellis to Porkellis Bridge		935 metres
143	FP from road north of Trewavas to road south of Porkellis Moor		502 metres
	... and 2 hours placing waymark signs		
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd	£ 1,172.65	£ 998.00	£ 174.65

This account refers to the following work

22	FP from FP26 to road west of Penmarth	1232 metres	£ 60.00
57	FP from FP60 to road opposite FP25	503 metres	£150.00

Clearing riverbed at Burras	£240.00
Clearing riverbed at Penmarth	£420.00
Cutting and strimming greens throughout the Parish	£128.00
Martin Froggatt (interim payment bus shelter)	£ 3,000.00
Colin Chapman	
Salary (October)	£ 464.48
telephone	£ 16.51
office expenses	£ 41.49
travelling	£ 25.11
use of home	£ 25.00
	total £ 572.59

It was proposed by Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lackner, all others in favour that the above six accounts be paid. It was noted that the straining wire on the newly erected fence at Trinity Close needs attention.

Cllr Hamilton relinquished the Chair.

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

Members noted the following receipts

F Wearne and Sons (memorial)	£ 40.00
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The Clerk reported that, earlier in the day, he had transferred £5,000 from the deposit to the current account

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

PA08/01754/F Mr D.Hutchings – Conversion of barn to form a dwelling and installation of a septic tank – Forest Farm Barn, Forest, Four Lanes. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Hamilton seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

PA08/01803/F Mr & Mrs S.Lunn – Erection of extension to dwelling – Tolcarne Wartha Cottage, Tolcarne Wartha, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Hamilton seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

PA08/01808/F Mr S.Hodson – Erection of extension to dwelling – The Barn, Halwin Lane, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Lackner seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

PA08/01836/HG Mr P.J.Daley – Removal of hedgerow – Field opposite Treweege House, Bolenow. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Hamilton seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

Decisions

PA08/01560/F Mr P.Stubbs – Conditional Permission for development (Demolition of existing building and erection of two dwellings) – Wakefield, Stone Lane, Carnmenellis – *noted*

PA07/01147/F Mr B.Cookson – Conditional Permission for Development (conversion of utility barns into a holiday let and installation of a septic tank) – Dacum Farm, Porkellis – *noted*

PA07/01327/F Mr P.Attwood – Refusal of Permission for Development (erection a dwelling) – Meadowside, Burras – *noted*

PA07/01458/F Mr & Mrs Paull – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extensions and detached domestic garage to dwelling) – Primrose Lodge, Carnkie – *noted*

PA07/01529/F Mr R.Pryor – Conditional Permission for Development (conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling and installation of domestic oil storage tank – amended scheme) – Menherion Farm, Menherion – *noted*

14 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

CCC Cornwall Landscape Character request for consultation response – *noted*

CCC letter of thanks for clearing footpaths 22 and 57 – *noted*

Communities and Local Government consultation document Codes of Conduct for local authority members and employees – *noted*

CCC (Electoral Review) request to hold a special meeting in December to consider the proposals as they impact on the Parish and to identify a representative who will attend a consultation event – *noted*

OneCornwall Newsletter number 14 – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter – *noted*

Wendron United Football Club acknowledgement of request for further information – *noted*

Mrs Rachel Oliver concerns about the Carnkie Play Area Committee and Kerrier's decision to withdraw the offer of funding the rotaweb – *noted*

OneCornwall formal invitation to participate in a pilot scheme – *noted*

OneCornwall draft Core Agreement of the Localism Charter consultation document – *It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Lay and the Clerk should have delegated powers to respond to this document*

Mr T.Bray Christmas Card and request for help with funding The Four Lanes District Projects Group and the Cornwall Animal Ambulance and Hospital – *noted*

KDC termination of Saturday collection of recyclates at Trewennack – *noted*

15 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman thanked those Councillors who had represented the Parish Council with their attendance at the Remembrance Day Service at Wendron Parish Church.

16 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Cllr Gibson asked the Clerk to deal with the following matters

- to report a broken street lamp at Penmarth
- to obtain permission from County Highways to extend the line of stones in front of the W.I.Hall at Penmarth
- to contact South West Lakes Trust about the newly erected footpath fingerposts at Penmarth
- to instruct Bob Sanders to cut the path over Polighey Moor, Penmarth
- to obtain a response from Kerrier Planning Department about the plans to use a septic tank at The Old Vicarage, Penmarth

The Clerk was also asked to contact Wendron Football Club concerning the apparent lack of directions to the ground – a number of visitors to the Club are asking directions to it in Wendron itself.

It was reported that the exterior lights at Nine Maidens School are left burning possibly unnecessarily. Cllr Clayton agreed to pursue the matter.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday December 15, 2008 in the Community Hall, Burras commencing at 7:30pm

Signed.....Chairman

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