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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday, August 10, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:	Cllr W.Hamilton (Chairman)	Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell
	Cllr N.van den Berg	Cllr G.Gibson
	Cllr M.Clayton	
	Cllr P.Davidson	C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: PCSO Ceri Sadler, PCSO Jon Bell, Mrs Charlotte Chadwick (Cornwall Council's Community Network Manager for Helston and the Lizard) and Mrs Weston.

The Chairman, Cllr Hamilton, welcomed members and visitors to the August meeting. In particular, he welcomed Mrs Charlotte Chadwick, Cornwall Council's Community Network Manager for Helston and the Lizard, and invited her to speak about what the Community Network will mean both for the Parish Council and for residents of the Parish.

Mrs Chadwick introduced herself by saying that her background in community work is as the Chair of the Young Enterprise Cornwall Board and as a Board Member of Penwith Community Radio.

As the newly appointed Community Network Manager for Helston and the Lizard, Mrs Chadwick's primary rôle is to offer support to the seven elected Ward members, to Town and Parish Councillors, to services such as the Police and Health Service and to the Community and Voluntary sector. Speaking of the proposed Community Network Panels she warned that a review of the scheme as a whole is taking place and that decisions concerning the manner in which they will operate will not be taken until later in the year. It was her contention that each of the nineteen Community Networks will operate in different ways and she affirmed both that issues relating to rural areas must be addressed and that the danger of Community Networks becoming 'urban-centric' must be avoided.

In the meanwhile, she is available and able to help Town and Parish Councils both with their Active Partnering bids and with fund raising and indeed with any matters relating to Cornwall Council. In the longer term she hopes to be working on strategic issues which affect communities throughout the Network Area: issues such as affordable housing, travel and transport, the environment and the disposal of waste.

CCllr Clayton observed that, in the light of the review, it seemed reasonable to defer a decision to appoint a representative from Wendron Parish Council to attend future Community Network meetings which, without funding becoming available, will simply be a talking shop. He added that he had spoken with Mrs Chadwick about the Council's aspirations to cut the closed churchyard at Wendron and to trim roadside verges throughout the parish.

On behalf of Councillors the Chairman thanked Mrs Chadwick for attending the meeting and for speaking. Mrs Chadwick left the meeting .

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Boase, Cllr Buxton, Cllr Mrs Lay, Cllr Mrs Moyle and Cllr Mrs Warren sent their apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cllr Gibson proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded (Cllr Hamilton, who was absent from the last meeting, abstained) all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, July 20, 2009 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 elsewhere in this agenda.

4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Speaking of the planning process, CClr Clayton reported that

- as long as they have valid planning reasons, Town and Parish Councils can now require that a planning application is considered by the Planning Committee
- any elected member may make representations on a planning application at the Committee stage
- Cornwall Council's Planning West area extends from St Just to Penryn and is huge. The Committee comprises fifteen members: eight from Penwith and seven from Kerrier (of whom just two represent the area beyond Camborne/Pool/Redruth). It follows that members of the Committee simply do not know the area about which they are required to make decisions
- because of the size of the area, there are considerable problems associated with travel
- planning decision in Cornwall is informed by inconsistent policies (according to geographic area)
- a common policy for Local Needs Housing is being worked upon as a matter of urgency by a twelve-man committee. Recommendations to this Committee include recognition of Sustainable Settlements (where application for one or two dwellings will be considered on merit) and a scheme to encourage land-owners to release land for a mixture of Local Needs Housing and private development.

5 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Sadler reported that in July 2009 five crimes were reported to the police (two burglaries, two incidents of criminal damage and a theft), which compares with two crimes reported during the same period in 2008. She further reported that PC Vaughan has again spoken to Cornwall Highways who have now agreed that a surveyor should assess the B3297 and report back.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Weston asked if she might have a list of those paths which Wendron Parish Council trims and whether or not they would all be cut before the end of August. The Clerk agreed to send her a copy of the list of paths and stated that it is his understanding that, mainly because of the inclement weather, all the paths listed will not be cut before the end of August.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Members considered making alterations to Wendron Parish Council's Standing Orders following the establishment of the Unitary Authority. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded all in favour to replace the existing paragraph 74 with the following paragraph

74 Liaison with Cornwall Councillors

A Summons and Agenda for each meeting shall be sent, together with an invitation to attend, to the Unitary Councillor for the appropriate ward.

Unless the Council otherwise orders, a copy of each letter ordered to be sent to the Unitary Authority shall be transmitted to the Unitary Councillor for the appropriate ward.

Following discussion, Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Hamilton seconded all in favour to adopt a formal written policy concerning the award of grants. A copy of the adopted policy is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Wendron Cricket Club for payment of the grant held by Wendron Parish Council on behalf of Kerrier District Council. Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Hamilton seconded all in favour to authorize full payment of the grant for £5,000 once Wendron Cricket Club has provided a copy of the invoice for the refurbishment of the club's all-weather surface training facility.

Following discussion and solely as an interim measure, Cllr Hamilton agreed to represent Wendron Parish Council at future meetings called to discuss matters raised by the Community Network.

8 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (footpaths 42, 47, 49, 72, 73, 74, 125, 131, 132, 144, 157,)	£ 424.13	£ 368.81	£ 55.32
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (footpaths 44, 51, 52, 76, 130)	£ 275.28	£ 239.38	£ 35.90
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (footpaths 22, 23, 26, 25, 80, 82, 85,86, 87, 88, 89)	£ 465.11	£ 404.45	£ 60.66
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (footpaths 91, 92 93)	£ 163.02	£ 141.76	£ 21.26
Eric & Jeff Bray (cemetery)	£ 115.00	£ 100.00	£ 15.00
Gareth Mitchell			
Open Areas (July 17)	£ 90.00		
Open Areas (July 31)	£ 90.00		
	total	£ 180.00	
Colin Chapman			
Salary (July)	£ 478.10		
telephone	– £ 3.71		
office expenses	£ 36.99		
travelling	£ 23.44		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 559.82	

It was proposed by Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr Davidson, all others in favour that the above seven accounts be paid.

The following receipts were noted

Retanna Holiday Park (booklets)	£ 10.50
Maritime Museum (booklets)	£ 15.00
Wadebridge Bookshop (booklet)	£ 5.00

10 PLANNING

Cllr Clayton declared an interest as a member of CC Planning Committee. He took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

Applications

PA09/00927/LBC Mr I.Fitter – Listed Building Consent for the replacement of front door and windows to the front and rear of dwelling – Trelubbas Villa, Lowertown. Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors support this application.

As friends and fellow Councillors of the applicant's mother, all Councillors present declared a personal interest in the following application.

PA09/00961/F Ms L Jacobsen – Retention and completion of a dwelling and installation of a sewage treatment plant – Mount Joy Farm, Carnkie. Cllr Hamilton proposed and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors should return this application marked “No observations”.

PA09/00962/RM Mr N.Still – Erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling – Higher Boquio Farm, Porkellis. Cllr Gibson proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors should return this application marked “Wendron Parish Councillors note that the site for this application lies outside the development area. Further, because there is no main farm building on the holding, the proposed dwelling cannot be tied to a main farm. Moreover, the absence from the application of a business plan brings into question whether or not the proposed dwelling will form part of a sustainable business. For these reasons they ask that the application be considered at a meeting of the Planning Committee and that the Planning Committee refuse permission for development.”

Decisions

PA09/00580/LBC Listed Building Consent for the extension and alterations to dwelling, internal alterations to music room and conversion of garage to provide additional residential accommodation) – Merther Uny Chapel, Merther Uny – *noted*

PA09/00582/F Conditional Permission for Development (extension and alterations to dwelling, internal alterations to music room and conversion of garage to provide additional residential accommodation) – Merther Uny Chapel, Merther Uny – *noted*

PA09/00611/LD Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed use or development (proposed erection of a 15 metre tower) – Carmenellis Service Reservoir, Nine Maidens, Redruth – *noted*

PA09/00644/F Notice of Refusal of Permission for Development (conversion of redundant agricultural building into four units for holiday accommodation and installation of a septic tank) – Burnt House Farm, Porkellis – *noted*

PA09/00654/LD Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed use or development (proposed erection of an outbuilding as a utility, shower room and store room) – Craigniesh Bungalow, Trevenen – *noted*

PA09/00672/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a replacement dwelling and domestic garage and installation of two septic tanks) – East Calvadnack, Carmmenellis – *noted*

Correspondence

CCTP Planning training sessions – *it was agreed that a representative from Wendron Parish Council should attend these training sessions. Further discussion resulted in a decision to re-evaluate the monthly informal meetings held to view planning applications and the subsequent creation of planning observations at meetings of the Parish Council.*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that RuralNet (the Parish Council's e-mail provider) has gone into liquidation. It was agreed that, for the time being, e-mails to Wendron Parish Council should be directed through the Clerk's personal e-mail address colinchapman@lineone.net

The Clerk further reported that, in the absence of a locally based franchisee, he had cancelled the contract Wendron Parish Council holds with Prokill.

Correspondence

CRCC Cornwall AONB questionnaire – *noted*

Tony Mogford Associates Ltd Carnkie Playground inspection (no new issues) – *noted*

Cllr Mrs Swift letter of resignation from the Parish Council – *noted*

Truro College Training for people working in their local communities – *noted*

CC Town and Parish Council Newsletter (August) – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS.

To consider the advantages and disadvantages of the informal meetings held monthly to view planning applications received by the Parish Council

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Monday September 14, 2009 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

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