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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:	Cllr W.Hamilton (Chairman)	Cllr P.Davidson
	Cllr Mrs M.Warren	Cllr G.Gibson
	Cllr M.Boase	Cllr Mrs C.Lay
	Cllr J.Buxton	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle
	Cllr M.Clayton	C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: PCSO Ceri Sadler.

The Chairman, Cllr Hamilton, welcomed members and visitors to the September meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr van den Berg and Cllr Mrs Mitchell sent their apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded (Cllr Boase, Cllr Buxton, Cllr Mrs Lay, Cllr Mrs Moyle and Cllr Mrs Warren who were absent from the last meeting, abstained) all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, August 10, 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

CCllr Clayton reported that at future meetings of the Parish Council he intends giving a written report to the Clerk and confining himself to answering questions.

CCllr Clayton's report, which was read aloud by the Clerk, is summarised as follows

- a review of the Community Network panels is currently being undertaken. It is CCllr Clayton's view that community needs will be best served by pooling resources such as the Community Chest to optimise impact. To achieve the same result for the community, he also proposes exploring the possibilities of tapping into additional funding streams such as those arising from planning gains and the management of local car parks
- the three area planning committees (with all the inherent danger of inconsistencies in determination of applications) will be retained
- he is the Vice-Chairman of a new Policy Committee formed to oversee the move from the County Structure Plan to the Core Strategy. Local needs/affordable housing has already been identified as a priority in the county. Policies are being drawn up designed to identify small sustainable settlements with the potential for one or two local needs houses which might be built outside development boundaries and principles dealing with cross-subsidy exception sites on the edge of villages are being formulated. The latter stratagem will offer positive inducements to land-owners to gift land for affordable housing in exchange for one or two unfettered building plots

- a response re-affirming Wendron Parish Council's position against a Wendron/Crowan warding has been sent to the Boundary Committee.

5 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Sadler reported that in August 2009 four crimes were reported to the police (one burglary, two thefts and a death by dangerous driving), which compares with three crimes reported during the same period in 2008. She added that, as requested, she had met Tom Childs from Cornwall Highways to assess the safety of the B3297 and that they had agreed that appropriate signs are in place (although one or two need replacing). Illuminated safety campaign signs are a future possibility, but the lack of power may be a hindrance. She agreed to look into the possibilities of solar-power.

In answer to a question, PCSO Sadler stated that reports of dangerous driving from members of the public are followed up by the police – and the more information they are given about a particular incident the better.

Correspondence

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority Liaison Meeting Redruth School September 23 at 7.30pm – noted

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Speaking strictly as a member of the public, Cllr Davidson drew members' attention to the request for help with funding the proposed Cober Centre at Wendron Church of England School. It was his opinion that the Centre will not only fill a gap in the educational needs of residents of the Parish (and here he stressed the importance of continuity of education) but also create opportunities for the wider community. Nevertheless he cautioned members against making a donation towards the building of the Centre preferring to see local rate-payers' money spent on fittings and furniture.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Members considered the co-option of a Parish Councillor following the resignation of Cllr Mrs Swift. It was agreed to post advertisements on the Parish Noticeboards and in the Helston Gazette inviting those eligible to apply for co-option. Further decisions will be made at the October meeting.

Members considered the repair of the historic fingerpost at Penmarth. It was agreed that Wendron Parish Council will undertake the repair and refurbishment of this signpost, by removing it from site, welding on the broken arm, sand-blasting, powder-coating in white, painting the raised lettering and surfaces in black and replacing in a slightly different position in order to avoid possible future collision with a passing vehicle.

Members considered the appointment of Mr Gareth Mitchell as Wendron Parish Council's preferred open spaces contractor until March 31, 2013. Following discussion, Cllr Gibson proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, all in favour that Mr Gareth Mitchell's appointment as Wendron Parish Council's preferred open spaces contractor should be confirmed until March 31, 2013.

8 FINANCE

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust for a donation towards the on-going costs of providing this service. Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded, all in favour that Wendron Parish Council (using their powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972) should forward a donation of £250 to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust towards the on-going costs of providing the service.

As a governor of Wendron Church of England School, Cllr Davidson declared a personal interest in the following matter. He remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.

Members considered a request from the Cober Centre for help with funding. Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay seconded, all in favour that Wendron Parish Council should reply offering support for the building of the centre but rather than committing further public money towards the bricks and mortar should offer to help with the fitting and furnishing and preferably with a specific project.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HM Revenue & Customs	£ 471.26		
Eric and Jeff Bray	£ 115.00	£ 100.00	£ 15.00
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (footpaths 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 13, 14, 15, 27, 29, 31, 32, 40, 53, 54, 111, 112, 115, 116, 117, 118, 122, 128, 135, 136, 138)	£ 1,287.73	£ 1,119.79	£ 167.94
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (footpaths 7, 8, 16, 19, 20, 57, 172)	£ 325.19	£ 282.78	£ 42.41

RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (footpaths 41, 55, 64, 67, 70, 71, 137, 141, 142, 143)	£ 402.15	£ 349.70	£ 52.45
Gareth Mitchell			
Cemetery maintenance	£ 96.00		
Open Areas (August 11)	£ 90.00		
Rame Common & Penmarth	£ 12.00		
Rame Common footpath etc	£ 84.00		
Fingerposts & hand-rail	£ 121.00		
Open Areas (August 26)	£ 90.00		
	total	£ 493.00	
Gareth Mitchell			
Open Areas (September 10)	£ 90.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (August)	£ 478.30		
telephone	£ 22.67		
office expenses	£ 33.84		
travelling	£ 34.04		
planning training	£ 25.00		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 618.85	

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

The following receipts were noted

King Edward Mine (booklets)	£ 18.00
Poldark Mine (booklets)	£ 36.00

9 PLANNING

Applications

Cllr Buxton declared a personal interest in the following application in that the applicant is his brother's tenant. He took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

PA09/01027/F Mr M Kemp – Change of use of premises from a workshop into Use Class B1 – Retanna House Farm, Edgcombe. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded and it was agreed that that this application should be returned with the following observation “In principle, Wendron Parish Councillors support this application. However, they have concerns that, should the business expand, there may be issues relating both to the increase in vehicular traffic (specifically as it turns out onto the A394) and the possibility of an increase in noise in this residential area. They ask particularly that, should planning permission be granted, a condition be imposed requiring the sound-proofing of the business premises.”

Cllr Gibson declared a personal interest in the following application as a friend and neighbour of the applicant. He took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

PA09/01036/LU Mrs P V G Matthews – Certificate of Lawfulness for the use of land for the stationing of a residential caravan – Moorfield, East Calvadnack. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded and it was agreed that that this application should be returned with the following observation “Individual members of Wendron Parish Council state that this caravan has been in continuous residential use for some sixteen years.”

PA09/01037/F South West Lakes Trust – Erection of extensions to water-sport centre – Stithians Water Sport Centre, Stithians Lake. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

Cllr Mrs Moyle declared a personal interest in the following application as a friend of the applicant. She took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

PA09/01064/F Mr & Mrs Mitchell – Retention and completion of dwelling (amended design) – 9 Rame Terrace, Rame Cross. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Buxton seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA09/01096/F Mr & Mrs J Hart – Erection of extensions to dwelling – Wishingtons, Porkellis. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

Decisions

PA09/00680/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an extension to dwelling) – 4 Yellow Wort, Carnmenellis – *noted*

PA09/00725/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a general purpose agricultural building) – Higher Tremenheere, Trevenen Bal – *noted*

PA09/00864/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of link between dwelling and garage) – Seven Meadows Farm, Polmarth, Carnmenellis – *noted*

PA09/00974/F Conditional Permission for Development (retention of static caravan for owner accommodation during the demolition and rebuilding of the house) – Little White Alice, Calvadnack – *noted*

Correspondence

CC Draft Planning Protocol for Local Councils (requires a contact from the Parish Council) – *it was agreed that a response to the proposals outlined in this document should be sent drawing the Planning Authority’s attention to Wendron Parish Council’s concerns and reservations*

CC Planning Enforcement Use of land for camping in excess of 28 days and use of land for the stationing of a caravan at Halwin, Porkellis. Caravans have been removed, land has been made tidy. The current use is in connection with temporary sheds and fences (which do not constitute development). The officer proposes to close the file – *noted*

10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the handrails on the footbridge to the play area at Carnkie need replacement. Councillors agreed that this work should be done as a matter of health and safety and sooner rather than later.

The Clerk further reported that he has received an e-mail from Andy Mead of Cornwall Council outlining the Authority’s requirements for partnership working at the closed cemetery in Wendron. Councillors again agreed that this work is something the Parish Council should undertake and the Clerk was authorised to continue negotiations.

Cllr Clayton asked if Wendron Parish Council wished him to pursue the matter of partnership working in the trimming of roadside verges with Cornwall Highways. It was agreed that this too was something the Parish could and should undertake and Cllr Clayton undertook to speak to the Divisional Surveyor.

Correspondence

Cornish Mining World Heritage Newsletter – *noted*

Cllr Mrs Lackner letter of resignation from the Council – *noted*

CALC Member Survey, Planning Liaison Panel, future CC Liaison Groups, Representation on Liaison Groups and Outside Groups, General Meeting (September 29 at 7.00pm) and advice note on ‘Building Britain’s Future’ – *noted*

Andrew George MP request to be informed should Wendron Parish Council intend to make any submissions to the Boundary Committee – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct invitation to renew subscription at £10 per subscriber – *it was agreed to pay for a single additional subscription to this newsletter*

St Ives Constituency Conservative Association copy of submission to the Boundary Committee – *noted*

MacMillan Cancer Support World’s Biggest Coffee Morning September 25 – *noted*

11 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage.

12 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS.

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Monday October 12, 2009 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

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