

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday, January 21, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

**Present:**

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

**Visitors:** Mr A.James (Cornwall Council's Regional Engineer West), PCSO Sadler.

The Chairman, Cllr Hamilton, welcomed members and visitors and in particular Mr Andy James to the January meeting.

Mr Andy James introduced himself and reminded members of the Central Government initiative which requires County Highways to review speed limits on all rural single carriageway A and B roads before 2011. Cornwall has already carried out this review on the A394 and the B3297. The Government has financed the review but has made it clear that no money for the implementation of any proposals will be forthcoming. With all this in mind, Mr James looked in more detail at the concerns and recommendations noted in the Parish Council's proposals for Traffic Control within the Parish of Wendron written by Cllr Hamilton and published in March 2006.

Along the A394

between Trewennack and Trevennan and on to Edgcumbe it is proposed to keep the speed limit at 60mph and at Edgcumbe it is proposed to keep the speed limit at 50mph. However, there will be consultations on these proposals and it may be that the Parish Council will wish to comment.

Traffic calming schemes on major roads, such as speed cushions and features in the middle of roads, are difficult to implement because of the consequent increase in noise and fumes in populated areas and because of restrictions imposed by the existing width of the road. Both A and B roads are designed to be arteries between centres of population and where they pass through villages there are inevitably conflicts. However, the responsibility for adhering to a safe speed lies with the driver and no amount of signage or draconian traffic law will alter inappropriate behaviour. The country as a whole needs to target the culture of speed.

Along the B3297

between Burras and Nine Maidens the proposal is to reduce the speed limit to 50mph. The narrowness of the road at this point makes it difficult to create gateways although there may be opportunities to paint lines across the road to warn of bends or hamlets. The possibility of erecting a sign stating the number of accidents occurring along the road will be explored. However, Members noted that too many signs have the reverse effect on what might be expected

at Farms Common, a local safety scheme is planned at which a number of measures will be examined: in particular, the rationalisation of the chevrons (so that they may be seen from both directions) and the possible installation of a vehicular activated sign. He noted that the proposed speed limit at this point is 50mph

at Trenear, the proposed speed limit is 50mph. However, although there may be other opportunities for traffic calming, the width of the road mitigates against a central island to protect vehicles and pedestrians from on-coming traffic

at Wendron, the proposed 20mph speed limit on the side road (although possibly not the option of speed cushions) will be investigated further

Elsewhere

at Carnkie, solving the parking problem at the bottom of the hill by painting yellow lines would raise further problems, not least the displacement of cars that currently park there and the enforcement of any restrictions

at Penmarth, Mr James agreed to look at a number of options including the provision of a gateway (although here he warned about the width of the road) and priority signage. He also agreed to look at siting the existing warning sign a further back from the corner

at Porkellis, the width of the road mitigates against a gateway scheme with a central island

at Rame (from London Wells to Sunny Corner) members argued that a weight restriction might be imposed preventing the use of this narrow lane as a rat-run by heavy goods vehicles.

General questions followed during the course of which both the noise generated by rumble-strips and the perceived inappropriate use by heavy vehicles of the Byway Open to All Traffic across Medlyn Moor was noted.

The Chairman thanked Mr James for coming and for his patience and interest in the parish.

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, December 14, 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 in this agenda.

### **4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS**

CCllr Clayton stated that he had nothing to report.

### **5 POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Sadler reported that in December 2009 five crimes were reported to the police (possession of drugs, three burglaries and a theft), which compares with six crimes reported during the same period in 2008. In the year to December 31, 2009 a total of 54 crimes were reported, which compares to 63 in the year to December 31, 2008

### **6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

### **7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

Members again discussed the question of the co-option of Parish Councillors to fill the four vacant places. A number of suggestions were advanced which may encourage local people to put their names forward for consideration. These included a glossy three-fold A4 delivered to every household in Wendron outlining what the Parish Council does, monthly press coverage to include a short summary of proceedings and a full colour advertisement seeking candidates for co-option to be placed on notice-boards (and possibly delivered to every household). Members noted that a member of the public had expressed an interest to Cllr Buxton.

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, dates for the meetings in 2010/2011 will be as follows

Monday February 15, 2010	Community Hall, Burras
Monday March 8, 2010	Community Hall, Burras
Monday April 12, 2010	Community Hall, Burras
Monday May 10, 2010	Community Hall, Burras
Monday June 14, 2010	Community Hall, Burras
Monday July 19, 2010	Community Hall, Burras
Monday August 9, 2010	Community Hall, Burras
Monday September 13, 2010	Community Hall, Burras
Monday October 11, 2010	Community Hall, Burras
Monday November 8, 2010	Community Hall, Burras

Monday December 13, 2010	Community Hall, Burras
Monday January 10, 2011	Community Hall, Burras
Monday February 14, 2011	Community Hall, Burras

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are due to begin at 7.30pm

It was further agreed that, if an agenda item refers to a particular area of the parish, every effort should be made to hold the meeting in that area rather than at Burras.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Monday May 10, 2010 and the Annual Parish Council meeting will follow it immediately.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

The Clerk reported that there is a possibility that the Community Payback team may be prepared to take on the clearance of the open access land on Calvack Hill. He is awaiting a telephone call.

The Clerk reported that he has met with Bob Sanders and that the paper work required by Cornwall Council in order that the Parish Council can apply to take on the maintenance of the churchyard at Wendron is almost complete.

## 8 FINANCE

Members considered a request from the Tanya's Courage Trust for help with funding their work of supporting young people in Cornwall aged 16 – 25 with cancer. Following discussion, it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Gareth Mitchell (river at Penmarth)	£ 264.00		
Cornwall Council (chevrons)	£ 1,926.25	£ 1,675.00	£ 251.25
Eric and Jeff Bray	£ 57.50	£ 50.00	£ 7.50
Gareth Mitchell			
Open Spaces	£ 90.00		
Bridge at Carnkie	£ 1,244.57		
total	£ 1,334.57		
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd			
Footpath 162 (opening)	£ 339.73		
Footpath 161 (opening)	£ 270.00		
total	£ 701.18	£ 609.73	£ 91.45
Colin Chapman			
Salary (December)	£ 482.40		
telephone	£ 13.70		
office expenses	£ 33.92		
travelling	£ 11.72		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 566.74		

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

The following receipt was noted

Mrs Kitto (booklets)	£ 15.00
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## 9 PLANNING

### Applications

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

*As a governor of Wendron School, Cllr Davidson declared a personal interest in the following application. He took no part in either the discussion or the voting.*

PA09/01100/F Wendron Pre-School – Extension of pre-school and community building, formation of pedestrian access and additional parking and installation of septic tank – Wendron School. Cllr van den Berg proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

*As a close relative of the owners of Gwithian Cottage, Cllr Mrs Warren declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following application and took no part in either the discussion or the voting.*

PA09/01624/RM Mr & Mrs M Haywood – Erection of a dormer bungalow and domestic garage – Land adjacent to Gwithian Cottage, Lowertown. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

### **Decisions**

PA09/01157/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a replacement dwelling) – Boquio Farm, Porkellis – *noted*

PA09/01224/LU Certificate of Lawful Use or Development (existing use of land as a seasonal campsite) – Lower Dacum Farm, Porkellis

PA09/01244/LU Certificate of Lawful Use or Development (existing use of land for the stationing of a residential caravan) – Lakeside, Menherion – *noted*

PA09/01448/FE Conditional Permission for Development (extension of time for the conversion of redundant barn into three units for holiday accommodation and installation of a septic tank) – Jubilee Farm, Carnkie

### **Correspondence**

CC acknowledgement of receipt of letter concerning the neighbour notification relating to the application for the siting of a wind turbine at Little White Alice – *noted*

CC re PA09/01245/F notice that the application to erect a dwelling on Plot 2 Rame Farmhouse has been withdrawn – *noted*

CC reply to the Parish Council’s letter concerning the amended application for a wind turbine at Little White Alice – *noted*

## **10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Correspondence**

SITA Falmouth Household Waste Re-cycling centre at Carveth Farm (update) – *noted*

Cornwall Blind Association acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

CC Town and Parish Council Newsletter December – *noted*

CC acknowledgement of receipt of letter concerning play areas – *noted*

CALC nominations invited to fill seats on the West Cornwall Local Action Group – *noted*

CALC The County Bulletin newsletter – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Alliance and Leicester notification that the change of signatories is now effective – *noted*

## **11 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS**

The Chairman made no comment at this stage

## **12 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS.**

### **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Monday February 15, 2010 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

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