

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:	Cllr Mrs C.Lay (Chairman)	Cllr G.Gibson
	Cllr M.Clayton	Cllr C.Mitchell
	Cllr M.Boase	Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell
	Cllr J.Buxton	Cllr Mrs M.Warren
	Cllr Davidson	C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: Mrs Barrett, Mr Hoskin, Mr Perry and Mr and Mrs Thomas.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the September meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr van den Berg, Cllr Mrs Moyle, PC Vaughan and PCSO Sadler sent their apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

A question arose concerning the wording of agenda item 3 (Matters Arising) of the draft minutes of the August meeting. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded and it was agreed that no changes should be made to this paragraph. Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, (Cllr Boase who was absent from the last meeting abstained), all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, August 9, 2010 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 on this agenda.

4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Clayton encouraged members to attend the "Provision of real affordable housing" meeting at Camborne on September 29. He stated that the focus of this meeting will be to look at ways forward for meeting affordable housing needs in rural areas with particular emphasis on community led provision. It was agreed that Wendron Parish Council should be represented at this meeting by the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Lay, and Cllr van den Berg (if he is available).

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that in August 2010 one crime (the possession of drugs) was reported to the Police which compares with four crimes reported in August 2009. Additionally, PC Vaughan reported that traffic officers have again monitored the speed of traffic as it passes through Rame. Eighteen motorists have received training and four fixed penalty notices have been issued.

It was noted that a heavy stone vase has been stolen from the grave-yard in Penmarth.

Correspondence

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority changes to Police Authority Liaison Meetings (preset strategic themed topic; attendance by Local Policing Area Commander). Next meetings: Camborne September 28, Falmouth October 18 and St Ives October 20 – *it was noted that Cllr Clayton will be chairing the meeting in Camborne*

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Thomas said that he was present to seek support from members for his planning application.

Mr Perry reported that a cyclist recently pedalling through Trewennack had come perilously close to becoming an accident statistic and, unsurprisingly, had been very distressed about the incident. He urged members to press for a footpath/cycle track between Helston and Trewennack. Speaking of the B3297, he spoke of a similar need for a footpath/cycle track between Helston and Wendron.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Members reported that they are no further forward with finding members of the public who are interested in co-option on to the Council.

Members reviewed Wendron Parish Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. The following changes were proposed by Cllr Mrs Lay, seconded by Cllr Mrs Warren all others in favour

In Standing Orders

Paragraph 77 (2) will read

“Any proposed contract for the supply of goods, materials, services and the execution of works with an estimated value in excess of £10,000 shall be procured on the basis of a formal tender as summarised in (3) below

Where it is intended to enter into a contract:

- (i) for expenditures between £5,000.01 and £9,999.99 in value for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works or specialist services other than as set out above the Clerk shall invite formal tenders from at least three firms
- (ii) for expenditures between £1,000.01 and £5,000.00 in value the Clerk shall invite formal tenders from at least two firms.
- (iii) for expenditures up to a value of £1,000 the Clerk will seek comparable quotations from at least two firms.”

Paragraph 77 (3)(a) will read

“a public notice of intention to place a contract of a value in excess of £5,000.01 to be placed in a local newspaper if so decided by formal vote of the Council;”

Paragraph 77 (3)(d) will read

“sealed tenders submitted are to be opened, after the stated closing date and time, by the Clerk and at least one member of Council;”

In Financial Regulations

Paragraph 10.1(b) will read

“Where it is intended to enter into a contract:

- (i) exceeding £5,000.00 in value for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works or specialist services other than as set out above the Clerk shall invite formal tenders from at least three firms
- (ii) for expenditures of £5,000.00 or less in value the Clerk shall invite formal tenders from at least two firms.
- (iii) for expenditures up to a value of £1,000 the Clerk will seek comparable quotations from at least two firms.”

Paragraph 10.1(d) will read

“sealed tenders submitted are to be opened, after the stated closing date and time, by the Clerk and at least one member of Council.

Cllr Clayton commended the Clerk on the revised wording of these two documents.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Wendron Lawn Cemetery

Members considered the charges for exclusive rights of burial in earthen graves at Wendron Lawn Cemetery. Following discussion, Cllr Davidson proposed Cllr Mrs Warren seconded all in favour to increase the charge to £ 300.00

It was agreed that the Clerk should continue to use discretion in applying charges at the Lawn Cemetery.

The complete and revised list of charges now reads as follows

INTERMENTS

For any interment in a grave or vault.

£

- i) there is no charge for the interment of a minor under the age of 18, who, at the time of death, was a resident of the Parish of Wendron

ii) of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 18 years	145.00
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EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVES

For the exclusive right of burial in an earthen grave 9ft x 4ft	300.00
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The fee indicated here includes the deed of Grant and all the expenses thereof.

MONUMENTS, GRAVESTONES AND MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

For the right to erect or place on a grave in respect of which an exclusive right of burial has been granted a headstone not exceeding 4ft height x 3ft wide and 1ft 3ins deep	75.00
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The fees indicated above include the first inscription.

For each inscription after the first a fee of £30.00 is payable.

CREMATED REMAINS

For interment in a grave of cremated remains	60.00
For the burial of cremated remains in the area set aside for this purpose	60.00
For the right to place over cremated remains a stone 2ft long and 1ft 6ins wide, and 2ins high at the front 4ins high at the rear.....	75.00

The fees indicated above include the first inscription.

For each inscription after the first a fee of £30.00 is payable.

The above fees, payments and sums apply where the person to be interred or in respect of whom the right is granted is, or immediately before his death was, an inhabitant of the parish of Wendron. In all other cases, the fees, payments and sums will be doubled

Searches of register books and for copies and extracts to be taken therefrom

For every search per hour and per part of hour.....	20.00
Every certified copy of an entry of burial in the register books	20.00

Carnkie Methodist Chapel

Members considered whether or not the Parish Council should continue to pay for grass-cutting at Carnkie Methodist Chapel now that the Chapel is no longer in use. Cllr Davidson proposed and it was agreed that in order to keep the area tidy Wendron Parish Council should continue cutting the grass at Carnkie Methodist Chapel until a 'For Sale' board appears on the building. In the meanwhile the Clerk was asked to write to the Methodist Central Office in Manchester to ask for a contribution towards this work.

Winter Service Provision

The Clerk reported on Cornwall Council's new policy concerning the provision and maintenance of salt bins which (because this is a discretionary service) will all be withdrawn during the summer of 2011. Parish Councils have been invited to consider whether or not to provide and maintain salt bins once Cornwall Council ceases to provide the service. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cornwall Council has a duty of care towards its citizens, that its citizens have a right to expect such care and that Cornwall's proposal that Parish Councils might take on the delivery of this service at their expense is nothing less than bare-faced effrontery. Cllr Clayton described withdrawing this service and offering responsibility for delivery to Parish Councils as "the thin end of the wedge". He agreed to raise the issue with the seven elected representatives of the Helston and the Lizard Community Network Area at their next meeting. It was also agreed to seek the views of other parishes and, if possible, to present a united response to Cornwall's proposals to cease provision of this service.

Projects

Public Seat in the Lawn Cemetery: the Clerk reported that he had ordered the seat for the cemetery from John Robertson Ltd.

The A394 at Rame and Trewennack: members noted that the Public Meeting at Edgcumbe Methodist Chapel had attracted a number of local residents and that the following action points had been agreed

1. A discrete box to record vehicle speeds will be sited at locations to be indicated by Cllr Mitchell in both Rame and Edgcumbe.
2. The legalities of positioning repeating 40mph signs will be investigated.
3. The possibility of creating refuge islands in the centre of the road opposite the bus shelters at the eastern end of Rame and in Edgcumbe will be investigated.

4. A petition seeking a reduction in the speed limit through Edgcumbe to 40mph which will form part of the Parish Council's response to the 2011 Speed Limit Review will be organised.
5. Flashing warning signs will be sited beside both carriageways in Rame.
6. Residents from both Rame and Edgcumbe will run a Community Speed Watch team.

It was agreed to ask Mr James to provide a written response to these action points together with a time-frame for their implementation. Additionally, Members will look for a progress report in six months.

Cllr Mitchell reported that he has met with Mr James (CC Highways Regional Engineer) and that together they had identified two places (one in Rame and the other in Edgcumbe) where discrete speed recorders will be placed. This will be done within the next fortnight.

The Clerk reported that Mr Andrew George MP had again indicated his willingness to attend a future Public Meeting in Trewennack to discuss the need for the proposed relief road to form part of the 2011 Local Transport Plan. He further reported that in answer to a letter addressed to Mr Kevin Lavery, he had received a reply from Mr Matt Sidney (CC Strategic Projects Manager) which had stated that Cornwall Council is aware of the local concerns about the A394 and the need for the scheme. However, Mr Sidney's letter also said that the Trewennack scheme is being "assessed" as a candidate scheme for inclusion in *Connecting Cornwall 2030* and that it would be "prioritised" by officers and, if it does appear on the prioritised list, put to Cornwall Councillors for "consideration and endorsement." No guarantee that it would be included in the 2011 Local Transport Plan was given. The Clerk added that he had again written to Mr Lavery expressing disappointment that he had not replied personally to a letter addressed to him and that it looked as if the inadequacy of the A394 as it passes through Trewennack would once again be ignored.

A number of views about possible safety measures along the A394 were aired, particularly the use of traffic islands which both allow people to cross the road in relative safety and keep the traffic in single lanes. The Clerk reported that Mr James had indicated that a traffic island costs in the region of £10,000.

Speed Visors in Rame and Carnkie: the Clerk reported that he is awaiting costings for the installation of the necessary infrastructure, but that he had indicated to Mr James that, subject to the cost Wendron Parish Council is minded to pay for the infrastructure necessary to locate two flashing speed warning signs.

9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at September 13, 2010. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Penryn Town Council's Clerk for sponsorship with money going towards the Merlin Project (Cornwall Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre). Following discussion, it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

Members considered a request from Cornwall Air Ambulance for help with funding. Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay 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.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

		GROSS	NET	VAT
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd				
Wendron Church (July)	£ 205.62			
Footpaths 9, 13, 29, 31, 32,				
33, 34, 42, 49, 51, 52, 73,				
74, 75, 76, 129	£ 529.49			
Footpaths 8, 14, 22, 23, 25,				
26, 27, 40, 72, 80, 82	£ 630.82			
	total	£ 1,365.93	£ 1,162.50	£ 203.43
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd				
Footpaths 16, 18, 19, 20, 59,				
61, 62, 67, 68, 70, 71	total	£ 407.67	£ 346.96	£ 60.71
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd				
Wendron Church (August)	£ 270.25			
Footpaths 97, 98, 99, 100,				
101, 105, 106, 107, 108,				
109, 110, 117, 118	£ 465.53			
	total	£ 735.78	£ 626.20	£ 109.58

RTS (Garden Services) Ltd				
Footpaths 1, 53, 54, 55, 64, 93, 111, 112, 115, 122, 123, 138, 144, 145	total	£ 593.00	£ 504.69	£ 88.31
HM Revenue and Customs		£ 657.12		
Colin Chapman				
Salary (August)		£ 538.71		
telephone		£ 17.81		
office expenses		£ 38.52		
travelling		£ 53.01		
use of home		£ 25.00		
	total	£ 673.05		

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

The following account was also presented for payment.

Cllr Mitchell declared a personal and prejudicial interest in that this account was submitted by Gareth Mitchell, his son.

Cllr Mitchell left the room.

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Gareth Mitchell (open spaces)			
Cutting grass 13/08	£ 90.00		
Cutting grass 26/08	£ 90.00		
Cutting grass 07/09	£ 90.00		
Carnkie Play area – spray	£ 12.00		
Mole catching	£ 24.00		
Strim bus shelters	£ 24.00		
Polhigy Common Path	£ 36.00		
	total	£ 366.00	

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Warren, seconded by Cllr Clayton all others in favour that the above account be paid.

Cllr Mitchell returned to the room

The following account, missing from the agenda, was also presented for payment.

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Eric and Jeff Bray	£ 119.99	£ 102.12	£ 17.87

Proposed by Cllr Clayton, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lay all others in favour that the above account be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

Pendle Funeral Services (Mr Pascoe)	£ 205.00
Pendle Funeral Services (Mrs Hagon)	£ 205.00
CC precept second instalment	£ 12,250.00
Walks booklets (cash)	£ 13.50

10 PLANNING

Applications

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

PA10/04155 Mr K.Coultard – Conversion of Farm Shop into an affordable dwelling – Vicarage Farm Shop, Underlane Wendron. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “With the proviso that an S106 obligation (affordable dwelling) is signed, Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

As the applicant, Cllr Mrs Warren declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following application. As colleagues of Cllr Mrs Warren, all other Councillors present declared a personal interest in the following application.

PA10/04173 Mrs M.Warren – Extension and conversion of outbuilding to form self-contained annexe – Mount Joy Farm annexe, Carnkie. It was agreed without formal vote that circumstances require this application to be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council makes no observations.”

PA10/04196 Mr M.Wearne – Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling and detached garage (amended design) – New View, Carnebone, Laity. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “With the proviso that an S106 obligation (agricultural dwelling) is signed linking this dwelling with the land, Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA10/04298 Mr G.Thomas – Conversion of barns into two dwellings – Lancarrow Home Farm, Four Lanes. Cllr Mrs Lay 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.”

As a near neighbour and customer of the applicant, Cllr Boase declared a personal interest in the following application. As a friend of the applicant, Cllr Gibson declared a personal interest in the following application. They both remained in the room but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

PA10/04311 Mrs M.Williams – Construction of cafe and manager’s flat – Gables Service Station, Trevenen. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “In principle, Wendron Parish Council supports this application: however permission should be subject to the submission of a viable business plan and to a tie linking occupancy of the flat with the business.”

PA10/04600 Mrs Taylor-Browne – Erection of wind turbine – Carthvean Farm, Porkellis Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA10/04723 Mr M.Chapman – Canopy extension to premises – The Halfway House, Rame Cross. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

Decisions

PA10/00142 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (erection of a replacement dwelling) – Trevilges Cottage, Trewennack – *noted*

PA10/00398 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (erection of a stable) – OS field 6932, Redruth Road, Wendron – *noted*

PA10/03197 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (erection of a wind turbine) – Higher Boquio Farm, Farms Common – *noted*

PA10/03234 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (extension to dwelling) – Rose Cottage, Lowertown – *noted*

PA10/03575 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (raising of roof to form additional living accommodation and formation of a verandah) – The Whitehouse, Edgcumbe – *noted*

Correspondence

CC confirmation that the site opposite Hillsboro on which a caravan is situated has been visited and that the situation is in hand – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that, together with the Chairman, he had composed a response to the proposal to cap Town and Parish Council precepts. He added, however, that he did not consider it likely that Wendron Parish Council’s precept was likely to fall within the scope of such proposals.

Members noted that Mrs Sue Walters (Planning Development Manager West) will speak to members about planning rules and how they impact on applications for wind turbines at the meeting in October. Cllr Clayton reported that officers from Planning Enforcement and from Environment departments will also be present.

Correspondence

CC re bus stop flags at Laity – *noted*

Saltash Town Council letter of thanks for support – *noted*

CC Andrew Caddy notification of receipt of concern about the street-light in Penmarth being permanently on – *it was noted that this light is still on throughout the day*

No Need for Nuclear House of Commons Early Day Motion No 557 – *noted*

MacMillan Cancer Support The World’s Biggest Coffee Morning September 24, 2010 – *noted*

The Planning Inspectorate notification that the hearing into Wendron Parish Council's application to register Carnkie Common as Common Land will be held on February 8, 2011 – *noted*

The Planning Inspectorate notification that the hearing into Wendron Parish Council's application to register Viscar Common as Common Land will be held on February 9, 2011 – *noted*

CC acknowledgement of receipt of letter concerning the Trewennack by-pass – *noted*

CC Confirmation of Public Path Order Diversion Order for part of Bridleway 71 over land at White Alice Farm, Carnmenellis – *noted*

Andrew George MP offer to attend a future public meeting at Trewennack – *noted*

The Post Office notification of temporary closure of the branch at The Gables – *noted*

CC reply to Wendron Parish Council's letter to the Chief Executive re the improvements to the A394 at Trewennack – *noted*

CC Community Led Pilot Project 'Provision of real Affordable Housing' meeting on September 29, 2010 at 6:00pm onwards in the Council Offices in Camborne – *Cllr Mrs Lay and Cllr van den Berg will attend*

Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter and invitation to renew subscription – *Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Clayton seconded and it was agreed to purchase a single subscription at a cost of £11.00 for the Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter for the coming year*

CC Building Control Newsletter – *noted*

Carn to Cove forthcoming events calendar – *noted*

CC acknowledgement of receipt of letter addressed to Mr Kevin Lavery – *noted*

South Western Ambulance Service Twentyfourseven Newsletter – *noted*

CC Council Tax Referendum proposals – *noted*

Local Government Boundary Commission acknowledgement of receipt of letter concerning possible parliamentary constituency boundary changes – *noted*

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority Liaison Meeting in Camborne September 28 at 7:30pm – *noted*

TAP (Transport Access People) Dial-a-Ride information pack – *noted*

Cornwall Blind Association financial report for year 2009/2010 – *noted*

Boundary Commission for England acknowledgement of receipt of letter concerning parliamentary constituency boundaries – *noted*

Andrew George MP re CC's response to concerns about the A394 at Trewennack – *noted*

Mrs Cooper and Mr Major re concerns about the residential caravan sited on Carnkie Common – *Cllr Clayton to reply*

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman stated that she would like more members to become involved in the informal planning process particularly at the meeting held in the week preceding the Parish Council meeting.

She mentioned the Parish Council Quality Status scheme and suggested that, despite the fact that Wendron Parish Council lacks the requisite number of elected councillors and is therefore ineligible, Members should nevertheless work towards achieving some of the other requirements. It was agreed to look at this before the end of the year.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Cllr Clayton asked again that consideration be given to holding Parish Council meetings in other places in the Parish. It was agreed to review this when dates are set for the coming year.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Monday October 11, 2010 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....