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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday October 11, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:	Cllr Mrs C.Lay (Chairman) Cllr M.Clayton Cllr N.van den Berg Cllr M.Boase Cllr J.Buxton Cllr P.Davidson	Cllr G.Gibson Cllr C.Mitchell Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell Cllr Mrs M.Warren C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk)
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Visitors: Mrs S.Walters (CC Planning Development Manager West), Mrs H.Nicholls (CC Planning Officer), Mr C.Pound (Post Office Field Change Advisor) and Mr Semmens.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting and introduced Mrs S.Walters (CC Planning Development Manager West) and Mrs H.Nicholls (CC Planning Officer) who had been invited to attend the meeting to speak about planning matters in general and more particularly about enforcement and wind turbines.

Mrs Walters said that she hoped this would be the first of many meetings between the Parish Council and the Planning Department and would better relationships by building on existing working practices and dispelling contrary perceptions. She updated Members on Planning Enforcement measures being undertaken at

- Rame Common Farm EN10/04152
- land opposite Hillsboro, Carnkie EN10/03417
- Halwin Farm, Porkellis EN08/00359
- Anneth Loweth, Trevenen Bal EN05/00032
- Moorfield, East Calvadnack (relating to the Certificate of Lawfulness)
- Lakeside, Menherion EN10/03065

Mrs Walters took note of concerns that planning conditions imposed on the Carpenter's Shop at Laity may not be being adhered to and that heavy equipment, possibly inappropriate to the residential use of the dwelling, is in use at Little Carmenellis.

Mrs Nicholls explained that applications for industrial turbines are dealt with by a central planning department specialising in matters of renewable energy and that applications for smaller "domestic" turbines are dealt with by the same team which deals with matters such as householder applications. She outlined the processes through which an application must go and cited the various statutory consultees. She agreed that the cumulative impact of wind turbines on a rural area will figure more largely in decisions relating to future applications. Members suggested that two wind turbines erected locally may have been constructed without strict adherence to the conditions imposed at the time of permission being granted. Both she and Mrs Walters undertook to investigate further and to report back.

On a more general note and in answer to a question, Mrs Walters said that she would encourage Planning Officers to follow more closely the agreed protocol which requires their initial impressions to accompany requests to Parish Councils for observations on planning applications. In answer to a further question concerning time limitations for receipt of observations, she acknowledged the problems Parish Councils

experience and stated that the Planning Department is looking to build strong relationships with Town and Parish Councils and will therefore, more often than not, accede to a request for an extension of time.

On behalf of Wendron Parish Council the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Lay, thanked Mrs Walters and Mrs Nicholls for coming adding that Members were very grateful to them for their time.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC Vaughan and Cllr Mrs Moyle sent their apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, (Cllr van den Berg who was absent from the last meeting abstained), all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, September 13, 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

Speaking of Cornwall Council's impending emergency budget now due to be debated on October 27, CCllr Clayton warned that there will be cuts in services and that all residents will be affected. Initial research has identified some £100 million of savings but a further and necessary £10 million needs to be found. He speculated that individual Cornwall Councillors' Highways' grants of £8,500 per annum may be withdrawn, that refuse collection may become a fortnightly service, that staff will be made redundant (and possibly re-employed at a lower salary) and that the day-to-day management of Cornwall's Leisure Centres may be contracted out to third parties. Additionally, Town and Parish Councils may be offered further opportunities to undertake service provision, though there is no guarantee of funding following the service. The only piece of good news he offered Members is that there are moves to maintain Council Tax at present levels for the next two years. He urged Councillors in these times of austerity to be particularly careful to obtain best value for any projects they may decide to undertake.

Speaking of the next meeting of the Helston and the Lizard Community Network to be held at Wendron School on November 17, he stated that he intends to ask for the discussion topic to be changed from 'Highways' to 'Affordable Housing'.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that in September 2010 three crimes (an assault, a burglary and an attempted burglary) were reported to the Police which compares with six crimes reported in September 2009. Referring to Hallowe'en at the end of the month, he urged children and their parents to be aware that different peoples' perception of fun differs.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr C.Pound (Post Office Field Change Advisor) spoke of the temporary arrangement that pertains at The Gables Filling Station, which is unsatisfactory in the longer term. The Post Office is seeking premises in the area to use as a Post Office for two mornings a week, but in the absence of other retail outlets this is proving difficult. It was suggested that the Schoolroom at Trewennack Chapel might be available and Mr Pound agreed to look into the matter. In the meanwhile Members undertook to bear the problem in mind.

Mr Semmens said he was present to seek the Parish Council's support for his application for the change of use and conversion of barn to form a dwelling, installation of a septic tank and associated works at Blackdowns Cottage, Calvadnack.

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 considered arrangements for Remembrance Sunday on November 14. It was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Lay, should lay the wreath, that the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Clayton, should read the lesson and that Cllr Mrs Warren should read the names of the fallen.

Cllr Mrs Warren suggested that the Carnkie News Sheet (which is published on a quarterly basis by Wendron Carnkie Village Hall Committee) might be a suitable outlet for news of Wendron Parish Council. Members were entirely supportive of the idea and Cllr Mrs Warren agreed to write a paragraph for publication in the next News Sheet due out in January.

8 PARISH MATTERS

The B3297

Members considered Cornwall Council's proposed amendments and revocation of various speed limits along the B3297. Briefly, this imposes a 50mph limit along the length of the road between Wendron and Four Lanes and a 20mph limit outside the entrance to Wendron School along the unclassified road. Members suggested that a 40mph limit might be imposed as the road passes through the hamlets of Burras and Farms Common and that, when pupils are both going to and leaving school, a 20mph limit should be imposed on the B3297 some 200 yards either side of the bus shelter (with the intention of encouraging greater use of public transport).

Projects

Winter Service provision

The Clerk reported that he has asked for the list of roads Cornwall Highways proposes to salt as and when the weather demands. It was agreed that once this list is to hand, Members will consider the Parish Council's options.

Public Seat in the Lawn Cemetery

The Clerk reported that the new bench for the Lawn Cemetery has been delivered. He is now seeking quotations for the construction of a concrete base to which the bench may be firmly affixed.

Bases for Speed Visors in Rame and Carnkie

The Clerk reported that he has not received a definitive answer from Mr Andy James (CC Highways Regional Engineer) about this matter but that he understood that elsewhere in the county a figure of £2,500 is being muted. He was asked to obtain a guarantee from Cornwall Highways that CCllr Clayton's order for two flashing speed advisory signs is in place.

Publication of a newsletter following the Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman stated that an annual newsletter is one of the requirements of a Quality Council and with this in mind asked Members to consider what might be included in such a publication should it be decided to produce one.

9 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd			
Wendron Church (September)	£ 270.25	£ 230.00	£ 40.25
Eric and Jeff Bray (Lawn Cemetery)	£ 119.99	£ 102.12	£ 17.87
Colin Chapman			
Salary (September)	£ 538.51		
telephone	£ 14.73		
office expenses	£ 38.56		
travelling	£ 19.53		
Clerks and Councils	£ 11.00		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 647.33	

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Warren, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lay, all others in favour that the above three 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 and left the room.

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Gareth Mitchell (open spaces)			
Cutting grass (twice)	£ 180.00		
Knot weed treatment	£ 12.00		
	total	£ 192.00	

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

Cllr Mitchell returned to the room

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.

As a neighbour and a customer of the owner of the site, Cllr Boase declared an interest in the following application. He remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

PA10/04505 Hertz (UK) Ltd & Hertz Europe Ltd – Change of use of land for commercial business to carry car/van rental and erection of a portable building – Gables Service Station, Trevenen. 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 subject to the approval of County Highways and a condition requiring the removal of the portable building in the event that the business of car/van rental on this site ceases trading.”

PA10/05398 Mr & Mrs D. & P.Doyle – Conversion of outbuilding to form self-contained annexe – Mill House, Lowertown. 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 notes the proposal includes the use of an S106 obligation tying the use of the proposed annexe to Mill House and supports this application.”

PA10/05457 Mrs A.Fern – Extension and conversion of barn to provide self-contained annexe – South Boderwennack Farm, Trevenen Bal. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Boase seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application subject to an S106 agreement tying the use of the proposed annexe to South Boderwennack Farm.”

PA10/05471 Mr James – Formation of window on west elevation – 3, Wheal Oak, Helston. Cllr Mitchell proposed, Cllr Boase seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

As a neighbour of the applicant, Cllr Davidson declared an interest in the following application. As an acquaintance of the applicant, Cllr Gibson declared an interest in the following application. They both remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

PA10/05529 Mr J.Semmens – Change of use and conversion of barn to form dwelling, installation of a septic tank and associated works – Blackdowns Cottage, South Calvadnack, Carnmenellis. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Buxton seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA10/05562 Mr R.Handley-Fairbairn – Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of land for the stationing of a mobile home – Higher Galidna Farm, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council lacks sufficient information to be able to comment on this application.”

Decisions

PA10/03386 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (erection of an agricultural building) – Higher Tremenhere, Trevenen Bal – *noted*

PA10/03656 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (formation of a vehicle hardstanding and installation of a wheelchair lifting platform and associated access) – 4, Parc Bowen, Trewennack – *noted*

PA10/03760 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (erection of an agricultural building) – Gregwartha Manor Farm, Lancarrow, Four Lanes – *noted*

PA10/04023 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (extension of time for the conversion of barn to form holiday accommodation decision notice number PA07/01184 dated 18 September 2007) – Northwest Polmarth Farm, Carnmenellis – *noted*

PA10/04027 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (extension of time for the renovation works and erection of an extension to existing dwelling decision notice PA07/01185/F dated 18 September 2007) – Northwest Polmarth Farm, Carnmenellis – *noted*

PA10/04071 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (provision of 4 oil storage containers for domestic heating systems) – Barns 1-4, Trevilges Farm, Trewennack – *noted*

PA10/04173 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (extension and conversion of outbuilding to form self-contained annexe) – Mount Joy Farm annexe, Carnkie – *noted*

Correspondence

CC Public Path Diversion Order (Bridleway 71 part) land at White Alice Farm – *noted*

Mr and Mrs Bambury copy of letter to CC Planning concerning breach of condition 2 attached to Planning Decision Notice PA08/01890/F erection of a wind turbine at Little White Alice – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**Correspondence**

CC **Andy James** response to the agreed action points arising from the Public Meeting concerning the A394 at Rame and Edgcume – *noted*

CC Cornish Mining World Heritage Site newsletter – *noted*

Post Office Trevenen Branch re-opening – *noted*

Cornwall Air Ambulance acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Andrew George MP acknowledgement of receipt of copy of letter to Mr Kevin Lavery – *noted*

CC Adult Care and Support poster advertising AskSARA – *noted*

Royal Cornwall Museum volunteering in museums in Cornwall – *noted*

Deputy Prime Minister acknowledgement of letter concerning parliamentary boundaries – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that she had attended the Affordable Housing meeting in Camborne and felt it would be wise to invite CCLr Clayton to talk to Members about the issue in depth. She suggested it would give Councillors a better idea on how to respond to planning applications for Affordable Homes and, possibly, to formulate a plan of action.

She noted that Wendron Parish Council's Risk Assessment document is some three years old and suggested it should be reviewed in the near future.

Stating that she had heard of a Parish Council which takes a stall at a local event to publicise the work it does (and enjoys a good response), she suggested that Wendron Parish Council might do the same at a Christmas Bazaar or an event in the summer.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no matters tabled for inclusion at future meetings.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Monday November 8, 2010 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

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