

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday April 11, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:	Cllr Mrs Lay	Cllr C.Mitchell
	Cllr N.van den Berg	Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell
	Cllr M.Clayton	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle
	Cllr P.Davidson	Cllr Mrs M.Warren
	Cllr G.Gibson	
	Cllr R.Maddern	C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: Mr Fern.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the April meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC Vaughan sent his 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, with the addition of the hand-written amendments, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, March 14, 2011 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 from the minutes which are not covered elsewhere in this agenda.

4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Clayton reported that

- Cornwall Highways has identified two possible sites on the western approach to Edgumbe/Rame for the Vehicle Activated Sign. The Parish Council is invited to submit its preference
- the owners of the mobile home at Gardenia have undertaken to remove it from site
- as a result of financial cutbacks, the Police may not attend every meeting. However, in their absence and in order not to lose contact with the Parish Council, a monthly written report will be forwarded
- as the result of a request from Cornwall Council, 1,000 second home owners have agreed to remove themselves from the Register of Electors because there is a possibility that they may distort the results of elections. Others will be asked to consider their position
- the working agreement between Conservative and Independent groups at Cornwall Council (which has permitted difficult financial decisions to be taken) has been re-evaluated. The Independent group of County Councillors has decided that it will now focus on localism with an emphasis on enabling decisions to be made at local level
- seventeen of the parishes which make up the Helston and the Lizard Community Network Area have become involved in the Local Needs Affordable Housing pilot project. As one of those parishes, Wendron should now be thinking in terms of looking for small parcels of land within the parish which are suitable for this sort of development.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that, in March 2011, four crimes (a burglary, a theft, an assault and a case of a dog bite) had been reported to the Police: this compares with five reported crimes in March 2010.

He reiterated his warning to members and residents concerning the increased risk of the theft of domestic heating oil from unsecured tanks.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Fern stated that he was present to seek the Parish Council's support for the application submitted by his wife for a wind turbine at South Boderwennack Farm. He confirmed that the original height of 15 metres has been lowered to 8.1 metres following objections from the Ministry of Defence.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The co-option of Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that no applications for co-option onto the Parish Council have been received.

Meetings at other venues

Following discussion, it was agreed that in June, July, August and September 2011 Wendron Parish Council should attempt to meet elsewhere in the hope of attracting interest in the work of the Council. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

Local Needs Housing Survey

The Clerk reported that he had posted nine hundred and seventy-two questionnaires: one to each of the households identified on the Register of Electors and that, to date, he has received three hundred and eighty-seven replies. He added that he considered the opportunity to respond should remain open until the end of April, which meant that he would be in a position to report on the answers given in Part One at the Annual Meeting in May.

The Informal Planning Group

Following extensive discussion, it was agreed to continue meeting as an informal group on the Monday before the Parish Council meeting (unless that Monday is a Bank Holiday when the group will meet on the Tuesday). It was also agreed that Councillors with access to the internet will make every effort to inform those without of the details of applications. The Clerk also undertook to inform by telephone those Councillors who live near an application site but who are without access to a computer.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Bases for Speed Visors in Rame and Carnkie

Cllr Clayton presented a map and photographs of the proposed sites for the two bases along the A394 as it runs through Rame and Edgcumbe. Members agreed that the site on the eastern approach (between Lestraynes Lane and the bus shelter) is suitable and that, on the western approach, the site should be before the Halfway House pub rather than after it. The Clerk was asked to let Mr Andy James (CC's Regional Engineer) know of members' decision.

Publication of a newsletter following the Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman presented a draft of a three-fold newsletter to be published following the Annual Meeting. Members agreed that this would be an excellent way to publicise the work of the Parish Council and the Chairman and the Clerk agreed to work together to produce a more finished product for consideration at the next meeting and possibly for distribution at the forthcoming school fêtes and Trewennack Show.

Mugs commemorating the wedding of HRH Prince William and Catherine Middleton

The Clerk presented members with three examples of mugs commemorating the forthcoming wedding of HRH Prince William with Miss Catherine Middleton. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council will present the children at both Wendron and Halwin Schools with a bone china commemoration mug made by Chown China of Connor Downs bearing the words *Presented by Wendron Parish Council* unless a similar exercise has been undertaken by another organisation.

Local Maintenance Partnership

Members considered an invitation to renew partnership working with Cornwall Council with the offer of a grant of £4,044.00 (or 100% of the eligible costs whichever is the lower). In the year to March 31, 2011 Wendron Parish Council's costs for cutting footpaths amounted to £5,857.48 and £5,469.90 of Cornwall's offer of £5,838.97 was claimed. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Cornwall Council with a view to continuing partnership working on the same basis as last year.

9 FINANCE

In the absence of the Bank Statement for the month ending March 31, 2011 the Clerk stated that he was unable to present the accounts for the year April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011. It was agreed that matters relating to the Year End accounts will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Cllr Gibson declared a personal interest in the following request because his wife is a Trustee of Penmarth Methodist Church. He remained in the room but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

Members considered a request from Penmarth Methodist Church for financial help with improvements to the fabric of the Sunday School. It was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moyle, all others in favour that, although the Parish Council is unable to commit a substantial sum to this project, under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 the sum of £100 should be forwarded to Penmarth Methodist Church in the hope that it will attract matched funding.

Members considered a request from Cruse Bereavement Care in Cornwall for financial help with support for bereaved people. Following discussion, Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay seconded and it was agreed that using the power of Section 142(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 Wendron Parish Council should forward the sum of £50 to Cruse Bereavement Care in Cornwall.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
CC Cemetery rates	£ 5.19		
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd			
Footpaths 91 and 117	£ 288.00	£ 240.00	£ 48.00
Eric and Jeff Bray	£ 66.00	£ 55.00	£ 11.00
The Information Commissioner	£ 35.00		
Burras Community Hall (hire charges)	£ 230.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (March)	£ 563.86		
telephone	£ 14.35		
office expenses	£ 32.26		
travelling	£ 96.85		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 732.32	

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

The following account was also presented for payment.

Cllr Mitchell declared a personal and prejudicial interest in that the following account was submitted by Gareth Mitchell, his son. He left the room.

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Gareth Mitchell (open spaces)			
Cutting grass	£ 100.00		
Herbicide treatment	£ 24.00		
	Total	£ 124.00	

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

Cllr Mitchell returned to the room.

The following receipt was noted

Cash re booklets	£ 56.00
CC Precept 1 st instalment	£ 12,250.00
Mr C.W.Johns re booklet	£ 5.00

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.

PA10/07526 Mr R.Bassett – Construction of dwelling and associated works (amended plans) – Weeth Cottage, Trewennack. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council notes the amendments made to the original application. It makes no further comment.”

PA11/01346 Mrs A Fern – Erection of a wind turbine – South Boderwennack Farm, Trevenen Bal. 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.”

PA11/01680 Mr T.Hain W.J.A. & S.J.Hain – Erection of cubicle and covered feed building No 2 – Gregwartha Manor, Lancarrow, Four Lanes. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded and it was agreed that this

application should be returned with the following observation “Despite its belief that the location map might have been clearer, Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA11/01686 Mr T.Hain W.J.A. & S.J.Hain – Erection of cubicle and covered feed building No 1 – Gregwartha Manor, Lancarrow, Four Lanes. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Despite its belief that the location map might have been clearer, Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA11/01976 Mr J.Strike – Construction of replacement garage/workshop and single storey extension – 8, Trevenen Bal, Helston. 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.”

PA11/02316 Freestyle Developers (Cornwall) Ltd – Construction of porch extensions – Barns 3 & 4 Trevilges Farm, Trewennack. Cllr Mrs Lay 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

PA10/04298 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (conversion of barns into two dwellings) –Lancarrow Home Farm, Four Lanes – *noted*

PA10/04837 Grant of Planning Permission for non-material amendment (addition of triangular window to south-west elevation) –Higher Boquio Farm, Farms Common – *noted*

PA10/06972 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (stationing of an agricultural worker’s caravan and widening of access) –Barn at Lower Burras Farm, Burras Row – *noted*

PA10/08113 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (erection of a general store) –Stithians Water Sport and Visitor Centre, Menherion – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Trewennack Horicultural Show acknowledgement of and thanks for financial help – *noted*

Interlink Cornwall newsletter – *noted*

Cllr Mike Boase letter of resignation – *noted*

Cancer Research advertisement for the Relay for Life at Mullion School Saturday July 9 – *noted*

Coastline Housing Mrs Michelle Foster letter of apology – *noted*

Carmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee acknowledgement of and thanks for financial help – *noted*

Mrs Trounson concerns about Local Needs Housing – *noted*

The Planning Inspectorate re Carnkie Common application refused – *noted*

The Planning Inspectorate re Viscar Common application refused – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman reminded members that the next informal planning meeting will be on Tuesday May 3, 2011.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday May 9, 2011 at 7:00pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Annual Meeting – Monday May 9, 2011 following the Annual Parish Meeting in the Community Hall Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

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