

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday June 13, 2011 at 7:30pm in Trewennack Methodist Hall.

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| 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: there were no visitors.

The Chairman welcomed members to the June meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC Vaughan and PCSO Sadler sent their apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, (Cllr Clayton, Cllr Davidson and Cllr Mrs Moyle who were absent abstained) all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday May 9, 2011 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

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4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

Considerable discussion arose concerning the legality both of the meetings held during the course of the last year and therefore the legality of the decisions made in them. It was alleged both that proper notice had not been given, (in that agendas were not published three clear working days before the meeting) and that additional items, particularly the payment of certain invoices, had been added to the agenda without proper notice. The Clerk stated firmly that on both counts, Wendron Parish Council had acted within the law, that proper notice of meetings constitutes three clear days (and not three clear working days) and further that the Chairman can propose that a matter is urgent and that, if it is agreed, then a decision can be made. Cllr Gibson proposed, Cllr Clayton seconded that those invoices appearing on the Additional Items List should not be paid this month. An amendment proposed by Cllr van den Berg, seconded by Cllr Mrs Warren, Cllr Mitchell abstaining, that those invoices appearing on the Additional Items List should be paid this month, but that in future they would not be paid unless they had appeared on the formal agenda was carried. The original proposal was therefore lost. The Clerk was asked to inform those contractors working for the Council that only invoices received by the end of the month preceding the meeting would be considered for payment. It was noted that this matter had not been on the agenda for the meeting.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Clayton reported that

- the initial findings of the Local Needs Affordable Housing Survey are now available
- he commended the Clerk on the survey and commented that 42% of the questionnaires had been returned

- he understood that an Affordable Housing Officer will be attending the meeting in July
- he expects that that Officer will give an in-depth evaluation of the survey (which identifies 26 people in immediate need), will speak about the type of Affordable Local Needs Housing required in the Parish and will identify the land which has been offered
- it will then be up to the Parish Council to progress the matter
- if the Parish Council decides to go ahead, careful evaluation of the sites on offer will follow
- once three or four suitable sites have been identified, the Community as a whole will be given the opportunity to become involved
- he hoped members would be supportive of moving from words to deeds
- the Localism Bill will abolish the Standards Board for England and therefore the Code of Conduct. Misdemeanours which are presently punished with a ‘slap on the wrist’ will become a criminal offence. However, it appears that the law will only apply to the Unitary Authority: Town and Parish Councils will be exempt
- he has concerns about the rôle of the Parish Council as a Statutory Consultee in planning matters. He does not believe that at present the Planning Authority gives the Parish Council all the information it requires to make valid comment. He also believes that contrary decisions should be properly explained by the Officer concerned. He reminded members that in the event of the Parish Council offering a recommendation contrary to the decision of the case officer it is he, as the Ward Member, who will make the decision whether or not to insist that the application is decided by the Planning Committee
- Enforcement Officers have given the owners of the mobile home at Gardenia, Rame Common a further six months to remove it from the land
- Enforcement Officers are seeking a formal application for the commercial use of a residential property in Carnkie.

It was agreed to add the rôle of the Parish Council as a Statutory Consultee in planning matters to the agenda for the July meeting.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that, in May 2011, no crimes had been reported to the Police: this compares with seven reported crimes in May 2010.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

8 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.

9 PROJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH

Bases for Speed Visors in Rame and Carnkie

The Clerk reported that, as requested, he had enquired about the costs relating to solar and conventional powered Vehicle Activated Signs. Although the cost of installing a single sign would be considerably cheaper if it were solar powered, the array would be too delicate to permit it to be transported between the proposed two sites. It was agreed that the original proposal should be pursued without further delay.

Mugs commemorating the wedding of HRH Prince William and Catherine Middleton

The Chairman reported that, just before their half-term holiday and on behalf of Wendron Parish Council, she and Cllr Mrs Warren had presented mugs commemorating the wedding of HRH Prince William and Catherine Middleton on April 29, 2011 to the children of Wendron School. She further reported that she had presented similar mugs to the children of Halwin School (each of the mugs had had a Parish Information and News brochure placed inside it).

Local Needs Housing Survey

The Clerk had sent members a report on the findings of the recent Local Needs Affordable Housing Survey which had been prepared by Cornwall’s Affordable Housing Team. CCllr Clayton had already spoken about his preferred way forward.

10 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council’s financial position as at June 13, 2011. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Tanya’s Courage Trust for help with funding. Following discussion, it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council cannot support this cause.

- PA11/01346 Grant of Conditional Permission (erection of a wind turbine) – South Boderwennack Farm, Trevenen Bal – *noted*
- PA11/01533 Grant of Listed Building Consent (alterations to building to form a residential dwelling and installation of a septic tank) – Tregarrisk, Treprison, Helston – *noted*
- PA11/01561 Grant of Conditional Permission (installation of solar photovoltaic array on agricultural building) – Trenethick Farm, Redruth Road, Wendron – *noted*
- PA11/01680 Grant of Conditional Permission (erection of cubicle and covered feed building no 2) – Gregwartha Manor, Lancarrow, Four Lanes – *noted*
- PA11/01686 Grant of Conditional Permission (erection of cubicle and covered feed building no 1) – Gregwartha Manor, Lancarrow, Four Lanes – *noted*
- PA11/01976 Grant of Conditional Permission (construction of replacement garage/work-shop and single storey extension) – 8, Trevenen Bal, Wendron – *noted*
- PA11/02316 Grant of Conditional Permission (construction of porch extensions) – Barn 3 & 4, Trevilges Farm, Trewennack – *noted*

Correspondence

CC Amended public speaking procedure at Planning Committee meetings – *noted*

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Mrs Bushnell and Mr Smith letter of thanks to the Parish Council for the expression of concerns about flooding at Burras Row – *noted*

Came and Company schedule of insurance to May 31, 2012 – *noted*

Mr S. Williams concerns about encroaching hedgerows on Underlane – *noted*

Mrs Bushnell and Mr Smith follow-up letter concerning the spring and the pipe – *noted*

Cruse in Cornwall invitation to AGM on July 7, 2011 at St Austell Community Hospital – *noted*

Barney Eyres letter of thanks for the commemorative mug – *noted*

Wendron School invitation to attend the Art Tent Celebration on Thursday June 16 – *Cllr Davidson drew members' attention to this event and urged them to attend*

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Helston and The Lizard Community Network Group will be on Wednesday at St Keverne when the topic under discussion will be the Localism Bill.

The Chairman also reminded members of the suggestion made at the Annual Parish Meeting that trees might be planted in the Parish to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of HM the Queen and asked for this matter to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

She reported that the Clerk is looking into the matter of signage for the World Heritage Site and asked that this matter is also added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Clayton asked the Chairman to meet him to discuss a matter concerning Wendron Parish Council. He was not prepared to bring it to the attention of members at that moment. The Chairman intimated that she would consider Cllr Clayton's request.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

It was noted that

- Cllr Gibson has again repaired the signs over Polighey Moor
- Wendron Cricket Club's new project will cost a great deal of money
- the vegetation bordering the river which runs through Penmarth will be strimmed later this month
- potholes on Rame Hill have not been repaired despite the fact they were reported as dangerous to Highways on May 11
- the parking on the triangle at the bottom of Rame Hill obstructs drivers' vision

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday July 11, 2010 at 7.30pm in Edgcumbe Methodist Church.

Signed.....Chairman

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