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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday August 8, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

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

Visitors: Mr Bowlzer, Mr and Mrs Care, Mr and Mrs Lawrance, Mr and Mrs Pascoe and Mr Rowe.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Clayton, Cllr Mrs Mitchell, PC Vaughan and PCSO Sadler sent their apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Mitchell proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday July 11, 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 which were not covered elsewhere in this agenda.

4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Clayton reported that

- the existing consent for the wind-turbine at Little White Alice has lapsed under the condition concerning the non-production of electricity for a continuous period of six months
- the owners have voluntarily removed the mobile home from the land adjacent to Gardenia
- he has asked Cornwall to send the Council a detailed evaluation of the sites offered for local needs affordable homes
- he has committed £350 towards the cost of an additional notice-board to be sited at Rame
- Cornwall Council's Planning Policy Committee (of which he is Vice-Chairman) will shortly send Town and Parish Councils a public consultation document which asserts that 40,000 new homes should be built in Cornwall over the next twenty years. This equates to approximately 120 new builds every year in the Helston and the Lizard Community Network Area
- Mr George Eustice MP has passed on a request from Mrs Eddy for a new bus shelter at Trelubbas Wartha just south of the entrance to Wheal Dream (the Clerk reported that he has spoken to Mrs Eddy, that she had wanted a formal bus stop at that point but that she now understands that buses will stop on request at any point along the B3297 as long as it is safe to do so).

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that six crimes (one of criminal damage, one of drink-driving, three thefts and a burglary) had been reported to the Police in July 2011: a similar number was reported in the same period last year.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Bowlzer said that he was present to put the pre-application case to the Parish Council for the siting of a portable building in which to store bikes for hire at the Stithians Water Sports Centre. He added that he had the support of

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the South West Lakes Trust and that the Cornwall Wildlife Trust believes that, should the development be permitted, there will be limited impact on the environment. The site is well situated: there is ample off-road parking, a cycle track follows the eastern side of the lake to the dam and the mineral tramways network is just a mile to the north. It is his belief that a hire shop will enhance local businesses such as pubs, shops and campsites. Having consulted members, the Chairman told Mr Bowlzer that it appeared that the Council is minded to support his application, but that it would reserve any decision until the full application is received.

Mr and Mrs Lawrance said that they were present to state their opposition to the proposed wind turbine at Wendron Cricket Club – and that to their knowledge there are others living locally who are not in favour of it. They stated that the finished turbine will be some eighty feet high and asked, when it is a known fact that occasionally blades break off, whether it was safe for people to play in its shadow. They wondered whether a public meeting might be called before the matter went any further. Cllr Mitchell added that many people in Rame are annoyed that they have not been given the opportunity to comment on this development.

Declaring an interest as a partner in the existing commercial garage in Carnkie, Mrs Pascoe expressed her concerns about a planning application for the continued commercial use of a domestic garage at Primrose Lodge. She stated that the existing building (which had been expressly built for domestic use) is unsuitable for commercial use, not least because of the risk from fire. It is her belief that, contrary to the conditions imposed in the Planning Permission granted in 2008, vehicles exiting from Primrose Lodge will have to reverse out onto the road and that both repair work and car sales will almost certainly be carried out beyond the proposed opening hours. She added that the application itself contains two possible inaccuracies: most notably the position of neighbouring dwellings on the site plan, but also the fact that the applicant has been trading, certainly, since April 18, 2010.

Mr and Mrs Care said that they were present to seek the Parish Council's support for their application to turn redundant barns into dwellings. The barns themselves are no longer viable for agricultural purposes and, as a result, have fallen into disrepair. Their loss from the landscape would be a cause for regret: to renovate them and use them for housing would prolong their useful life.

Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded and it was agreed to discuss agenda item 10 at this point.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA11/04895 Mr & Mrs Rowe – Construction of equestrian building providing stables, tack room, hay barn and trailer store and construction of a garage – Trevilges Farm, Trewennack. 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 believes that a change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian should have been sought before this application was submitted. Despite this, in principle, Wendron Parish Council would support the building of stables and other equestrian buildings”

PA11/04910 Miss L Williams – Construction of local needs dwelling with integral garage and associated works – Land Rear Of Gwel Dream, Wendron. 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 with the proviso that an S106 agreement requiring future sales of the dwelling to be at a fixed percentage discount to the open market value is imposed in perpetuity.”

PA11/05344 Mr & Mrs D & P Doyle – Conversion of outbuilding to form self-contained annexe – Mill House, Lowertown. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application with the proviso that an S106 agreement requiring use of the proposed extension to be ancillary to the existing use of the dwelling is imposed.”

PA11/05388 Mr I Fitter – Replacement of windows on rear elevation – Trelubbas Villa, Lowertown. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA11/05455 Mr & Mrs V.Care – Conversion of barns to form four dwellings – Burhos Farm, Burras. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application with the proviso that all highway issues are dealt with during the planning process.”

PA11/05903 Wendron Cricket Club – Erection and installation of 11Kw wind turbine – Wendron Cricket Club, Underlane. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Because members are aware of considerable local opposition to this application, Wendron Parish Council suggests that, before a decision is taken, the applicant calls a well-advertised

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public meeting to ascertain the views of people living nearby. In the meanwhile, Wendron Parish Council reserves the right to comment.”

Decisions

PA11/00468 Approved (Barn conversion to dwelling) – Treweath Farm, Penmarth– *noted*

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.

Members considered the future need for a written Code of Conduct for Wendron Parish Council in the light of the possible abolition of the Standards Board for England under the proposal outlined in the Localism Bill. It was agreed to review the matter once the Bill has been passed by Parliament.

8 PROJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH

Bases for Speed Visors in Rame and Carnkie

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Cornwall Highways about the installation of bases for the Vehicle Activated Sign in Rame/Edgecumbe. He understands that the work is scheduled for early September when the embargo on road works on the A394 (which enables holiday traffic to pass freely) is over.

Local Needs Housing Survey

The Chairman reported that the informal committee had met and had agreed to recommend to Wendron Parish Council that the matter should be taken forward – not least because the need has been proven. It was felt that, for the present, Wendron should concentrate on delivering rented accommodation and that this housing should be of good and varied design, should include provision for green energy (ground source heating, solar pv etc.) and have sufficient space for a garden. Conditions of tenancy too had come under scrutiny: suggestions that there should be a re-assessment of tenants’ need after ten years’ occupation, an imposition of restrictions on noise and on the parking of cars, trailers, boats and caravans on the curtilage had all been voiced. Following discussion, Members agreed that a meeting with Mr Will Morris from Cornwall Council’s Affordable Housing Department should be arranged before the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II

Members considered the purchase of plaques and trees to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II for both Halwin and Wendron schools. It was suggested that the schools should be asked to draw up a short list of three trees one of which the Parish Council would purchase. The Clerk was asked to seek quotations for a granite stone into which a commemorative plaque might be sunk.

Members then moved on to consider the planting of flowering trees on the verge of the Retanna lay-by and on the B3297 to the north of Wendron. The Clerk was asked to contact Cornwall Highways to ascertain their views.

Mining World Heritage Site

The Chairman reported that her husband had attended a Mining World Heritage Site meeting and had enquired about funding for the purchase and erection of signage to mark the boundary of the Mining World Heritage Site. None is available. The Clerk was asked to seek quotations for two stones to mark the boundaries of the Heritage Site as it crosses the B3297: one on the verge near the turn for Coverack Bridges and the other at the top of the hill north of Trenear. The Clerk was also asked to contact Cornwall Highways to ascertain their views.

A notice-board at Rame

The Clerk reported that Cllr Clayton has offered a grant of £350 from Cornwall’s Community Chest to help finance the cost of a notice-board for erection at Rame. Members agreed that quotations for a wood-framed board should be sought and that a decision would be made at the next meeting.

9 FINANCE

Cllr Davidson, Cllr Gibson and Cllr Mrs Moyle each declared a personal interest in the following request because of their links with Carnmenellis Women’s Institute. They remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

Members considered a request from Carnmenellis Women’s Institute for financial help with the cost of repairing the roof of the hall in Penmarth. Following discussion, Cllr Lay proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded and it was agreed that using the power of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 Wendron Parish Council should forward the sum of £400 to Carnmenellis Women’s Institute.

Members considered a request from Crimestoppers for financial help with the cost of providing the service. Following discussion, Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay seconded and it was agreed that using the power of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 Wendron Parish Council should forward the sum of £100 to Devon

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and Cornwall Crimestoppers.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Edgcombe Methodist Chapel	£ 20.00		
Tony Mogford Associates Ltd	£ 180.00	£ 150.00	£ 30.00
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd			
Church and cemetery (July 11)	£ 180.00		
Church (July 28)	£ 57.75		
Footpath 59	£ 38.92		
	total £ 332.00	£ 276.67	£ 55.33
 Colin Chapman			
Salary (July)	£ 563.66		
telephone	£ 18.46		
office expenses	£ 25.75		
travelling	£ 30.55		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total £ 663.42		

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Lay, seconded by Cllr Mitchell, all others in favour that the above four 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			
Cutting grass (July 14)	£ 100.00		
Cutting grass (July 28)	£ 100.00		
Strim bus shelters	£ 12.00		
River banks Penmarth	£ 156.00		
Carnkie Play Area			
Wire and ties	£ 44.98		
Labour	£ 48.00		
Spray Cross at Rame and			
Polhigey Moor footpath	£ 18.00		
	total £ 478.98		

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

Cllr Mitchell returned to the room.

The following receipts were noted:

CC LMP 2010/11 final payment	£ 858.20
Cllr Mrs Warren (mugs)	£ 5.00
Cllr Mrs Mitchell (mugs)	£ 10.00

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

CC coming into force of Public Path Order (part of footpath 147) land at Glebe Farm, Wendron – *noted*

11 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

Speaking of the Wendron Walks booklet, the Chairman suggested that members might like to consider undertaking one of the walks described in it as a social event and possibly inviting parishioners to accompany them.

12 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion in future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday September 12, 2011 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

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