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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday October 10, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present: Cllr Mrs M.Warren (Vice-Chairman) Cllr C.Mitchell
Cllr P.Davidson Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell
Cllr G.Gibson Cllr Mrs S.Moyle
Cllr R.Maddern C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: Mr Cooper, Mr Cruikshanks, Mr Palmer, Mr and Mrs Pascoe, Mrs Tripp, Mrs Trowbridge and Mr and Mrs Williams.

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs Warren, assumed the Chair and welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

The Chairman invited those present to stand and observe a minute's silence in memory of Cllr Mike Clayton who died on September 26 following illness.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr van den Berg, Cllr Mrs Lay and PCSO Sadler sent apologies for their absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday September 12, 2011 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

The Clerk reported that

- as an interim measure, Cornwall Highways has undertaken to install a cast iron bollard on the corner at Rame Cross. This will prevent vehicles running over the dropped edge kerb as they round the corner
- where there is a pavement, Cornwall Highways will not erect signs warning drivers of pedestrians
- when the B3297 is next being resurfaced or repaired, some of the resultant scalplings will be left in the car-park at Burras.

4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

In the absence of a Cornwall Councillor there was no report.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Talking of the proposed wind turbine at Farms Common, members of the public voiced the following issues

- the noise from the turbine will disrupt day-to-day life
- someone who does not live either in Farms Common or in the immediate area will benefit financially from blighting the lives of other people
- there is a case currently going through the High Court involving appellants who are seeking financial compensation from landowners for the misery two such turbines have inflicted on their lives
- the address is not as shown on the planning document
- the occupants of Higher Lezerea Farm and Lezerea Farm House have not received notification from the

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Planning Authority of the proposed development

- unlike residents of the area, the applicant clearly has no concern for the environment
- birds (particularly buzzards, of which there are seven living locally) and mammals will be adversely affected
- the application contains no indication of the frequency of use of the access road
- access from the lane onto the B3297 is restricted
- television reception, already poor in the area, may be adversely affected
- a bridleway runs very close to the proposed turbine
- to a man, the population of Farms Common objects to the proposal
- the installation of wind turbines in the open countryside is a national problem.

Through the Clerk, Mr Faryluk asked Wendron Parish Council to consider calling an extraordinary meeting to formulate observations concerning planning application PA11/07442 Mr S.Toft – Replacement of the approved Proven P35 wind turbine with a smaller quieter 15m P11 wind turbine in a revised location – Little White Alice, Calvadnack. Members noted that the Planning Authority has agreed that observations on this application may be sent and will be considered following the next ordinary meeting on November 14, 2011.

Cllr Mrs Warren proposed and it was agreed to discuss agenda item 10 at this point.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA11/07055 Mr Philip Care – Formation of two lakes extending to approximately 0.78ha – Treskyber, Carthew Lane, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded, Cllr Gibson abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council does not believe this application contains sufficient information for the Council to make a properly informed comment.

“However...

There are doubts about ownership of the land (despite the signed declaration in paragraph 24 of the planning application).

“Wendron Parish Council believes that an Environmental Impact Assessment should have been requested. The proposed development lies within the Calvadnack County Wildlife Site as identified by the Cornwall Wildlife Trust and designated as a Cornwall Nature Conservation site in planning terms. The application lacks any indication of

- the purpose behind the proposal.
- the proposed manner of disposal of spoil from the site.
- the way in which the surrounding area is to be protected while the lakes are being excavated.

“The Cornwall and Scilly Historic Environment Record contains 21 entries related to Calvadnack. The application lacks any indication of the proposed recording of any archaeological findings which may be unearthed during construction of these ponds.

“The site is on Open Access Land, designated as such under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. Development on such land goes against the spirit of the Act while this particular development will interfere with drainage from the hill (which is covered by the detail of the Act).

“Finally, it is believed that a cable laid by Western Power in 2008 runs under the proposed site of Lake 1.

“In the absence of information relating to these points, Wendron Parish Council would request that the Planning Authority refuses permission for development.”

PA11/07192 Mr Jim Ravey – Installation of a 50kW wind turbine, access road and ancillary associated development – Higher Lezerea Farm, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded, Cllr Gibson abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council acknowledges receipt of a letter from the applicant, who represents a company from Glasgow, which contained a location plan, a site plan and elevations details all as submitted in his application.

“Wendron Parish Council notes from the Planning and Design Statement submitted with the application that

- there is no visual appraisal of the impact of the proposed turbine on the B3297 which is described in the planning and design statement as a “minor rural road”
- the applicant has referred to the *North Cornwall Local Plan* as being the Development Plan for this site, which of course is not so

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- St Breock Wind Farm is described as being located 6km to the north-west. It is in fact located some 50km to the north-west
- the word “turbines” has been used more than once
- the applicant claims that the development will help to reduce carbon emission by 64 tonnes. In the light of the ruling made in 2007 by the Advertising Standards Authority with reference to a similar statement made in support of the Fullabrook Down windfarm, this claim may be suspect.

“However ...

The proposal by virtue of the size, siting and prominence of the turbine would appear as a dominant and visually intrusive feature in the surrounding rural landscape and would be imposing and overbearing on views into and out of the adjacent Area of Great Landscape Value.

“The plans indicate that the turbine will be visible from the far side of Truro, from Mullion, from Penzance, from St Ives and from St Agnes – an area in excess of 1,256 square kilometres or more than a third of the entire area of Cornwall. It is an area which attracts tourists from all over the world who come principally to enjoy the rural charm of the landscape and the erection of a turbine on this site may have an adverse effect on the local economy.

“The scale of the turbine will be grossly out of proportion with surrounding landscape and will have an adverse affect on the residents of the many small communities surrounding the site. The applicant has used the recommendations outlined in ETSU-R-97 (Noise Assessment and Rating advice note for Wind Turbine Developments) to suggest that the noise generated by the proposed turbine would be unnoticed by residents of neighbouring properties. This document was written fourteen years ago and both wind farm technology and experience in environmental effects have advanced since its publication and the recommendations contained within the document are open to question. Wendron Parish Council cannot accept the assurances of the manufacturer that the proposed turbine will be “very quiet”.

“Wendron Parish Council would draw the Planning Authority’s attention to Bridleway 44 which runs within 140 metres of the proposed turbine. The enjoyment of horse riders and walkers in the vicinity will be spoilt by the constant noise emanating from the proposed turbine. The submitted planning and design statement ignores the existence of this Public Right of Way.

“Considering the rural nature of this site, Wendron Parish Council is disappointed that Cornwall Council has apparently not insisted on an Environmental Impact Assessment.

“For all the above reasons, Wendron Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development. The visual impact and intrusion into the countryside of the proposed turbine is contrary to policies 1 and 2 of the Cornwall Structure Plan 2004 and ENV1, ENV4 and ENV17 of the Draft Kerrier District Local Plan 2004. Wendron Parish Council also believes the cumulative impact of turbines of differing sizes within the area (PPS22 paragraph 21) militates against permission for a further turbine being granted.”

PA11/07242 Mr Mike Rochon – Erect a 4kW solar panel system – Menherion House, Redruth. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, Cllr Gibson and Cllr Maddern abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA11/07379 Mr & Mrs Hawken – Conversion and extension of redundant agricultural buildings to form dwelling including installation of a septic tank – Lower Retanna Farm. Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, Cllr Gibson abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA11/07699 Mr & Mrs E.Hosking – Erection of a conservatory and first floor balcony – Lower Carnebone Farm, Laity. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, Cllr Gibson abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

Decisions made under delegated powers

PA10/05423 APPROVED (Conversion of barn into dwelling) – Lower Burras Farm, Burras – *noted*

PA11/03612 APPROVED (Two storey extension and porch extensions to dwelling and change of use of land to domestic curtilage) – Retanna House, Butteriss Gate – *noted*

PA11/05344 APPROVED (Conversion of outbuilding to form self-contained annexe) – Mill House Lowertown – *noted*

PA11/06522 PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED (Erection of a general purpose agricultural building) – Higher Tremehere, Rowes Lane, Trevenen Bal – *noted*

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Correspondence

Residents of Farms Common copy of a petition against development of a 50Kw wind turbine – *noted*
CC Notification that PA11/06042 (continued use of a garage as commercial garage for vehicle repairs and occasional car sales at Primrose Lodge, Carnkie) will be decided by the Planning Committee on October 12, 2011 – *it was agreed to ask CCllr Wallis to represent the views of Wendron Parish Council at this meeting: failing that Cllr Mrs Warren will attend.*

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Sadler reported that six crimes (an assault, two thefts and three burglaries) had been reported to the Police in September 2011: seven crimes were reported in the same period last year.

The new non-emergency number to contact the police (which replaces the old 0845 number) is 101. Members of the public are asked not to hesitate to contact the police if they see anybody acting suspiciously in the parish.

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. The Chairman asked members to make every effort to encourage people, particularly younger people, to seek co-option.

Remembrance Sunday November 13, 2011

Members agreed that the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Lay, should read the lesson in Church and that the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs Warren, should read the names of the fallen. The Clerk was asked to make the usual arrangements.

8 PROJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH

The Carnkie Play Area

Following a recent decision by Mr Cruikshanks to foreclose on the lease of the Carnkie Play Area, Members considered his suggestion that Wendron Parish Council might like to take on the remaining term (which amounts to some ten years). Following discussion, Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded and it was agreed that, subject to legal advice, Wendron Parish Council will take on the existing term of the lease of the Carnkie Play Area under the same conditions as presently exist. Following further discussion, Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded that the Clerk should immediately take the steps necessary to secure the fencing.

Maintenance of the garden on the traffic island in Penmarth

Cllr Davidson reported that members of the Women's Institute are now no longer able to maintain the garden on the traffic island in Penmarth. It is his opinion that all that is needed is a twice yearly weeding and general tidy. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Maddern seconded all in favour that Wendron Parish Council will henceforth maintain the garden on the traffic island in Penmarth.

Provision of a bus shelter at Trevenan Bal

Following on from last month's request concerning the provision of a bus shelter on the southern side of the A394 at Trevenan Bal, the Clerk reported that he had contacted Cornwall and that there is funding of up to £3,000 available for the construction of a bus shelter. Following discussion, during which it was noted that the bus shelter at Edgcombe had cost £3,600 in November 2008, the Clerk was asked to gather information on the number of passengers currently using the bus-stop and, if the numbers warrant it, to apply for a grant from Cornwall for the maximum sum available. Cllr Gibson proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded all in favour that, should funding be available, the preferred option would be for a block built shelter rather than a metal and glass prefabricated shelter.

Local Needs Housing Survey

Members noted the contents of the confidential written report on the informal meeting held with Mr Will Morris from Cornwall Council's Affordable Housing Department and Mr Alan Fox from the Cornwall Rural Housing Association on September 1. Members agreed that the informal committee should continue to pursue the matter and, more particularly, that a meeting with Cornwall HomeChoice should be sought.

The Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II

The Clerk reported that both Halwin and Wendron Schools had asked for Silver Birch trees to be planted in their grounds on the occasion of HM Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council should purchase three Silver Birch trees for planting in the grounds of Wendron and Halwin Schools and at the Retanna lay-by. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded and it was agreed to purchase two granite tablets from Trannack Quarries to be sited next to the trees in the schools and inscribed as follows *This Silver Birch tree was planted by the Chairman of Wendron Parish Council to mark the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II June 2, 2012* The Clerk advised members that each stone will cost about £200.

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Mining World Heritage Site

The Clerk reported that, as requested, he had written to George Eustice MP seeking funding to mark the boundaries of the World Mining Heritage Site, but had received no reply. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, Cllr Davidson and Cllr Gibson abstained all others in favour to purchase two stones marking the boundary of the World Mining Heritage Site from Frederick Wearne & Sons in the sum of £325 per stone installed on the highway verge south of Wendron and north of Trehear.

Bases for Speed Visors in Rame and Carnkie

Cllr Mitchell reported that Cornwall Highways has now constructed the bases for the Vehicle Activated Sign in Rame/Edgecumbe. Members await the installation of the Vehicle Activated Sign.

A notice-board at Rame

The Clerk reported that the application for a grant of £350 from Cornwall's Community Chest to help finance the cost of a notice-board for erection at Rame has been approved and that he has ordered a notice board from *The Acorn Workshop*. He anticipates delivery of the board to his home within the next week or so. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Maddern seconded all in favour that the Clerk should arrange for its erection on the wall of the shop in Rame. Following further discussion, Cllr Mrs Warren proposed and it was agreed to note CCllr Clayton's involvement with this project by fixing a small commemorative plaque to the board.

9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at October 10, 2011. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered an invitation to renew the subscription to the *Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter* in the sum of £11.00 Cllr Gibson proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded and it was agreed to purchase a single subscription to the *Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter* for the coming year at a cost of £11.00.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall County Playing Fields Association for financial help towards its work. Following discussion, it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

Members considered a request from Spectrum (a specialist provider of autism services) for financial help with funding the cost of non-statutory needs. Following discussion, it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Eric and Jeff Bray (September 5 and 22)	£ 132.00	£ 110.00	£ 22.00
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd			
Church and cemetery (09/09)	£ 180.00		
Church (19/09)	£ 57.75		
Replace lock (Trewennack)	£ 25.00		
	total £ 315.30	£ 262.75	£ 52.55
Colin Chapman			
Salary (September)	£ 563.66		
telephone	£ 31.37		
office expenses	£ 35.01		
travelling	£ 73.45		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total £ 728.49		

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Warren, seconded by Cllr Mitchell, all others in favour that the above three 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	£ 100.00		
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Bus shelters	£ 18.00		

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Carnkie Play Area	£ 108.00
Spraying (Rame & Penmarth)	£ 18.00
total	£ 344.00

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.

The following receipt was noted:

Precept (second instalment) £ 12,250.00

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Carn Brea Parish Council invitation to attend their Remembrance Service on Sunday 6th November – *noted*

Carmenellis WI acknowledgement of and thanks for donation towards the repair of the roof

CPRE How to respond to Planning Applications (booklet) – *noted*

CC Highways notification of road closure Wendron to Crahan October 24-28, 2011 – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that she had received a telephone call expressing concern about the stable in the Wheal Oak meadow. It looks as if the field is being turned into a garden and the stable looks very like a house. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Planning Authority about this matter.

The Clerk was also asked to speak to the Planning Authority about a large reinforced concrete slab which has been constructed at Tsalta in Porkellis

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion on the agendas for future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday November 14, 2011 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

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