

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday March 12, 2012 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Mrs C.Lay	Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell
	Cllr P.Davidson	Cllr Mrs M.Warren
	Cllr G.Gibson	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle
	Cllr R.Maddern	Cllr A.Tremayne
	Cllr C.Mitchell	C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** CCllr Dr Jenkin, PCSO Sadler, Mr Bishop and Mrs Ward.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the March meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr van den Berg sent his apologies for absence.

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, Cllr Mrs Mitchell being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday February 13, 2012 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

No matters were raised under this heading.

## 4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that since the last meeting she has

- attended a number of meetings of relevance to local issues including one with residents of the Lowertown Community Association concerning potential development on the existing 'green belt' – and she will attend the Helston Framework Plan meeting next week
- encouraged CCllr Hicks (Cornwall's Portfolio Holder for Transportation, Highways and Environment Operations) to consider improving the footway from the Carnkie (East) bus shelter towards Carnkie
- spoken with officers about a number of enforcement issues
- highlighted issues concerning the potential for over-development in the parish if the Government's proposed relaxed planning framework is enacted.

CCllr Dr Jenkin also reported that

- Cornwall Council has agreed to freeze Council Tax, though she did not support this
- by contrast, she supported the Housing Revenue plan which seeks to increase provision of social housing
- the new recycling collection system, which will come into place in April, will make use of re-usable bags for paper, cans and plastics and cardboard with glass and separately bagged textiles going into the box.

## 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Bishop and Mrs Ward asked the Parish Council if it would consider selling them the small piece of land it owns at Rame. Their house (built on the site of the old garage) does not have a garden, the piece of land in question (which backs onto their property) is rarely used by members of the public, presently its maintenance is a charge on

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the public purse – and they are prepared to pay a fair price for it. On behalf of Wendron Parish Council, the Chairman said that the matter would be considered at an in-private session of the full council following which the Clerk would contact them.

**6 POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Sadler reported that seven crimes (three assaults, a case of criminal damage, a theft, a case of fraud and a case of driving with excess alcohol in the blood) had been reported to the Police in February 2012: this compares with the ten crimes which were reported in the same period last year.

**7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

**The co-option of Parish Councillors**

The Clerk reported that he had received no further expressions of interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor.

**8 PROJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH**

**The Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II**

Cllr Tremayne again offered the use of his land at Penmarth for a beacon and this offer was gratefully accepted. The Clerk was asked to ensure that Wendron’s beacon is registered as one of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Chain of 2012 Beacons.

**Presentation of Commemorative mugs**

Members considered the purchase of commemorative mugs to mark the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II for presentation to children at both Wendron and Halwin schools. Following discussion, Cllr Lay proposed, Cllr Maddern seconded all in favour to purchase 250 commemorative mugs from Chown China for this purpose.

**Tree planting to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee**

The Clerk reported that arrangements have been made for the Chairman to plant a silver birch tree at Wendron School this coming Thursday and for the Vice-Chairman to plant a second at Halwin School on March 24.

**Provision of a bus shelter at Trevenen Bal**

The Clerk reported that he has received notice from Cornwall Council that grant funding in the sum of £3,000 for the construction of a shelter at Trevenen Bal will be made available to Wendron Parish Council in the coming financial year. In the meanwhile he is checking on the existence or otherwise of services running under the roadside verge at this point.

**Mining World Heritage Site**

The Clerk reported that the inserts for the gateway stones have been manufactured and are in the post.

**9 FINANCE**

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council’s financial position as at March 12, 2012. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

*As a member of the Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee, Cllr Mrs Moyle declared an interest in the following application for financial help. She remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.*

Members considered a request from the Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee for help with funding the cost of maintenance of the churchyard. It was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Gibson, all others in favour that, under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £250 be forwarded to Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee for help towards the cost of the upkeep of the cemetery.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

		<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd				
Transporting benches	£ 50.00			
Fixings	£ 12.91			
Installing 2 slabs	£ 180.00			
Materials	£ 71.55			
Churchyard (grass, hedges trees)	£ 180.00			
	Total	£ 593.35	£ 494.46	£ 98.89

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HMRC			£ 470.68
Milburn Fencing	£	£	£ 1,586.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (February)		£	564.66
telephone		£	32.93
office expenses		£	22.58
travelling		£	43.55
use of home		£	25.00
		total	£ 688.72

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

The following receipt was noted:

Walks Booklets	£ 17.50
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**10 PLANNING**

**Applications**

PA12/00057 Mr S.Collins – Demolition of garage and construction of office and car valeting building – Edgcumbe Van Sales, Rame. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA12/01162 Mr & Mrs Sharnington – Construction of porch and detached garage – Barn at Trevilges Farm, Trewennack. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA12/01350 Mr Geoff Sawyer – Installation of a Portakabin Double Classroom block on site due to an increase in number of students – Nine Maidens Centre. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application although it has concerns about access to the site from the B3297 and the increase in vehicular traffic this development will create.”

**Decisions**

PA11/02169 WITHDRAWN (Butteriss Downs Ltd is proposing to develop a 5 Mega Watt Peak (MWp) known as ‘Little Trevease Solar Park’ (The Project). The Project will be on agricultural grazing land at Butteriss Downs) – Land South Of Butteriss Farm, Edgcumbe – *noted*

PA11/09919 APPROVED (Erection of a replacement dwelling) – Trevilges Cottage, Trewennack – *noted*

PA11/10065 APPROVED (Change of use and conversion of redundant chapel to three residential units; comprising a three bedroom maisonette and 2 no. two bedroom flats) – Carnkie Methodist Church, Carnkie – *noted*

PA11/10066 APPROVED (Listed Building Consent for alterations to building to allow change of use and conversion of redundant chapel into three residential units; comprising a three bedroom maisonette and 2 no. two bedroom flats) – Carnkie Methodist Church, Carnkie – *noted*

PA11/10265 WITHDRAWN (Installation of a 11kW wind turbine) – Crowgey Farm, Laity – *noted*

PA12/00037 APPROVED (Proposed extension and alterations to an existing detached garage / self contained annexe) – Viscar Bungalow, Underlane – *noted*

PA12/00360 S52/S106 AND DISCHARGE OF CONDITION APPS (Submission of details to discharge Conditions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 12 in respect of decision notice W2/PA08/00982/F) – Blackdowns Cottage, South Calvadnack – *noted*

**Correspondence**

**TGC Renewables** pre-application/consultation to develop one 50kW Wind Turbine (24.6m to hub, 34.2m to tip) on land at Little Viscar, Carnkie – *it was agreed to write to this company stating that the Parish Council could see no useful purpose in speaking to one of their representatives before the application is submitted and to add that previous experience of wind turbine applications within the parish suggests that there will be considerable local opposition to their proposal.*

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**11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**Correspondence**

**Clerks and Councils Direct** newsletter – *noted*

**CC** acknowledgement of receipt of letter in response to the consultation document ‘Our Preferred Approach for a Core Strategy’ – *noted*

**CAB** acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

**CC** notification that the Engineering Design Group will no longer issue paper copies of consultations. All consultations may be viewed and commented upon using the Cornwall Council website – *noted*

**The Planning Inspectorate** notification that an Inspector will visit Rame Common on August 8, 2012 prior to determining the application to register it as Common Land – *noted*

**CC** Easter Holiday Activity Programme for young people aged 8 – 16 – *noted*

**Mr Baker** concerns about a proposed housing development in Lowertown – *noted*

**Mr and Mrs Bishop** concerning the purchase of land adjacent to Twycross House, Rame Cross – *noted*

**Mrs Clayton** letter of appreciation for the two public seats inscribed to the memory of Cllr Mike Clayton– *noted*

**Pendennis Car Club** request to use Rame Common for their annual trials on May 13 – *the Clerk to reply giving the Parish Council’s consent subject to the usual caveats*

**12 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS**

The Chairman said that she had received a complaint about the parlous state of Rowes Lane, had investigated it and found it was indeed unfit for vehicular traffic for much of its length. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to Cornwall Highways.

She further stated that she had received a letter from Mr George Eustice MP lobbying support for Redruth as the future location for the Cornwall Archive. Members noted receipt of this letter.

**13 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

Cllr Gibson urged fellow members to exercise caution when it comes to making a decision about the provision by the Parish Council of Local Needs Affordable Housing. He stated that social housing is traditionally provided by District and County Councils and not by small Parish Councils with a precept of £25,000 and added that, by their own admission, no-one on the Council feels confident with the responsibility attached to the handling of public money. Cllr Davidson stated that he concurred fully with Cllr Gibson’s views.

The Clerk confirmed that Mr Alan Fox has only been asked to oversee the purchase of options on the four sites.

Cllr Mrs Mitchell asked if the question of a public footpath between Helston and Trewennack might be reviewed. She drew members’ attention to the absence, particularly on a Sunday, of a creditable bus service and the consequent dangers faced by pedestrians.

The Clerk apologised for omitting the question of making a financial contribution towards the refurbishment of Trelill Holy Well from this month’s agenda.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday April 16, 2012 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed ..... Chairman

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