

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday January 14, 2013 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:

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

Visitor: CCllr Dr Jenkin and Mr Bowlzer.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs Warren, assumed the chair and, wishing everyone present a happy new year, welcomed members and visitors to the January meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Lay and PCSO Sadler sent apologies for their absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

of gifts (received as a result of being a member of the Council) of a value greater than £25

There were no declarations of gifts of a value greater than £25.

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded, Cllr Maddern and Cllr Tremayne being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday December 10, 2012 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising which were not covered elsewhere in this agenda.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that, since the last meeting, she has

- helped with Code of Conduct training for Parish Clerks and Councillors
- chased various enforcement, planning and highways issues
- been involved in various community Christmas events
- was present at a full Council meeting on December 11 at which a modified Cabinet system of governance was approved and, later, the Draft Local Plan was referred back to the Planning Policy Panel. (It is to be hoped that a lower number than 49,000 new homes will eventually be agreed). At the same meeting, the Council Tax discount for second homes was reduced to 0% and the Empty Homes Council Tax Exemption was drastically revised
- attended meetings on planning, health and adult care, the environment and communities
- been involved in planning a meeting for Helston Museum volunteers.

CCllr Dr Jenkin further reported that CCllr Biscoe had promised her that he would visit Trewennack to discuss

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parishioners' on-going problems and concerns relating to the A394 as it passes through the village. In answer to a question from Cllr Gibson concerning progress with planning enforcement action, she stated that reports filed prior to 2008 may well now be considered to be out of time. She added that previous inaction does not prevent a new file from being opened. Cllr Gibson undertook to send Cllr Dr Jenkin his own personal list of alleged infringements.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Sadler reported that three crimes (two burglaries and an assault) were reported to the police in December, which compares with the six reported in the same period last year. She urged everyone in the parish to contact the police if they see anything suspicious.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Bowlzer stated that he was present to listen to the proceedings.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The award of contracts for the maintenance of open spaces and of PROWs

The Clerk presented Members with draft contracts for the future maintenance both of open spaces and of Public Rights of Way within the Parish. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded, all others in favour that, with a change of date and with the addition to the open spaces' contract of the grass verge between the 30mph sign and the bus stop in Wendron, those contracts should be adopted. It was also agreed that the opportunity to quote should be advertised in the *West Briton* and the *Helston Packet*.

9 PARISH MATTERS

Flooding within the Parish

Concerns were expressed about the lack of maintenance of highway grips, drains and culverts. Comparisons were drawn between what happens nowadays and what used to happen in the time of the old lengthsman. Councillors agreed that, particularly in these straitened times, individuals might do more to help themselves. It was noted that a Cober Catchment Water Management Features forum is in the process of formation.

The footpath over Polhigey Moor

The Clerk reported that, as requested, he had contacted Mr Rex Andrew for an estimate/quotation for the work necessary to restore the surface of the path. Mr Andrew had inspected the path, had contacted the Clerk and estimates a price of £740 for clearing the path of weeds and for laying and rolling three loads of ¾" scalping. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Moyle, seconded by Cllr Davidson, Cllr Mrs Warren and Cllr Maddern abstaining, all others in favour that Mr Andrew should be contracted to do the work necessary to restore the surface of the path across Polhigey Moor.

10 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at January 14, 2013. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust for financial help with on-going costs. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Gibson, all others in favour that the sum of £250.00 be forwarded to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

		GROSS	NET	VAT
R.A.Osgood (bus shelter)		£ 3,365.00		
R.Sanders (churchyard)		£ 57.50		
Mr Cruikshanks (Carnkie play area)		£ 5.00		
L.A.Phillips and Son				
Penmarth bridge repairs	£ 170.43			
Polhigey path repairs	£ 149.59			
	total	£ 384.03	£ 320.02	£ 64.01
Colin Chapman				
Salary (December)	£ 563.66			
telephone	£ 13.72			
office expenses	£ 29.65			
travelling	£ 69.55			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 701.58		

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

11 PLANNING

Applications

PA12/09881 Mr Simon Toft – Siting of 72 18kW ground mounted PV solar panels – Little White Alice, Calvadnack. Cllr Davidson 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.*

PA12/11158 Mr David Wills – Proposed development of 2 x 30kW horizontal axis wind turbines and associated infrastructure. Hub height 19.3m with tip height 25.1m – Field 172597 032827, North of Higher Carvedras, Little Trevease. Cllr Mitchell proposed, Cllr Maddern seconded, Cllr Davidson abstaining, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council would draw the Planning Authority's attention to the decision made on November 26, 2012 by an Officer of the Planning Inspectorate, Mr Paul Jackson B Arch (Hons) RIBA, relating to an application to erect three turbines on land at Bennington Hertfordshire in which he states*

"I have taken account of all the other matters raised including the fact that permission is sought for a period of 25 years after which the turbine would be removed, but that is a very long time during which significant harm to the landscape and heritage interests would pertain. The appeal must be dismissed."

Earlier in the decision document Mr Jackson states "The need to protect the local landscape, which is one of the environmental assets of the area, along with the protection of the living conditions of those living nearby, demonstrates that planning permission should be withheld."

It is Wendron Parish Council's belief that the cumulative visual impact of the ten wind turbines which have been erected (and indeed the thirteen which currently have permission or are under consideration) within this buffer zone which adjoins and dominates the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty militates against granting permission for further similar development. Wendron Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

PA12/11198 Mr Tim Land – Amendments to previously approved application PA12/04567 for revised rear side extension, garage roofline and rooflights to main house – Bodilly Veau Dingley, Trenear. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA12/11258 Mr M Watson – Extension of time for the conversion of barn to form holiday accommodation (Decision notice number PA07/01184/F dated 18 September 2007 and PA10/04027 dated 19 August 2010) – Northwest Polmarth Farm, Carnmenellis. Cllr Mrs Warren 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.*

PA12/11259 Mr M Watson – Extension of time for the renovation works and erection of an extension to existing dwelling (Decision notice number PA07/01185/F dated 18 September 2007) – Northwest Polmarth Farm, Carnmenellis. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/00021 Western Power Distribution – Erection of third conductor on existing overhead line, moving pole to new location and erection of new single span 3 wire 11kv overhead to new terminal H pole with pole mounted transformer – Carnkie Common. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Tremayne seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council makes no observations.*

Decisions

PA11/11084 Prior approval not req'd (AF/TEL/DEM) – Application for prior notification of an agricultural building to store machinery and cattle feed – New View Laity – *noted*

PA12/08831 APPROVED (Demolish existing domestic garage and erect a replacement domestic garage) – Treloquithack Farm, Wendron – *noted*

PA12/10961 APPROVED (Alterations to existing garage/outbuilding to form an annex ancillary to the use of the existing dwelling) – Spring Cottage, Under Lane – *noted*

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12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Twentyfourseven South West Ambulance Service newsletter – *noted*

Tony Mogford Associates Ltd Carnkie Play Equipment (quarterly report) – *noted*

CC A394 Penzance to Penryn Speed limit consultation acknowledgement of response – *noted*

Mr Bruce Hobbs continuing concerns about the roll-out of fibre optic broadband – *noted*

Superfast Cornwall concerning broadband in the Stithians exchange area – *noted*

Trinity Methodist Church Invitation to the evening meal on January 19 – *noted*

Trewennack Horticultural Show acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

South West Water What’s in the Pipeline (vision for water and sewerage services) – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

13 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage of the meeting.

14 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

It was noted that, in the near future Western Power will trim the trees on the green at Penmarth.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday February 11, 2013 at 7.30pm in Burras Community Hall.

Signed Chairman

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