

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday December 9, 2013 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

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| <b>Present:</b> | Cllr Mrs M.Warren (Chairman) | Cllr C.Mitchell      |
|                 | Cllr N.van den Berg          | Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell  |
|                 | Cllr P.Davidson              | Cllr Mrs S.Moyle     |
|                 | Cllr G.Gibson                | Cllr Mrs C.Radbone   |
|                 | Cllr Mrs S.Hook              | Mr C.Chapman (Clerk) |

**Visitors to the Parish Council meeting:** PCSO Whitford, Mr Baker, Mr Bragg and Mr Croxford.

Apologising for the slightly late start, the Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the December meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Dr Jenkin, Cllr Maddern, Cllr Mrs Nute and Cllr Tremayne 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 Mitchell proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday November 11, 2013 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 in the agenda

## 5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that, since the last meeting, she

- has attended a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Religious Education
- has attended several meetings at Halwin School (which has recently received a complimentary report on the standards of behaviour and governance)
- has discussed speeding issues both along the A394 and through Penmarth and other villages with Highways officers
- attended a meeting of the full Council at which it was agreed to increase Council Tax by 1.97% with effect from April 2014 (despite this increase and as a result of declining support from Central Government there will still be budget cuts for those services provided by Cornwall Council)
- and with those cuts in mind, attended an Adult Care and Health PAC to discuss changes in charging regimes for transport and residential care
- stated that the Helston Museum is attracting wide interest and dedicated volunteers
- met with the Lowertown Community Group when concerns about the impact on the green belt between Helston and Lowertown should the new planning application be granted permission were expressed.

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## 6 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Whitford reported that three crimes (an incidence of criminal damage, an assault and a Public Order offence) were reported to the police during November.

The speed camera van has been monitoring speeds on the A394 at Edgcumbe. He has asked for it to be similarly sited in December – and for data on both the mean speeds and enforcement action while the van has been in situ.

He reminded Members and residents alike that the annual Christmas Drink Drive Campaign is currently underway. Finally he urged residents not to leave valuables (and particularly Christmas presents) on display in their vehicles.

## 7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Both Mr Baxter and Mr Croxford stated that they were present to voice their opposition to the plans detailed in PA13/10262 (the erection of two detached houses with garages on land at Lowertown). Amongst other matters, Members noted that

- the site is designated as part of the green belt between Helston and Lowertown in the emerging Helston Town Framework document
- an earlier application for homes on the same piece of land was refused, a refusal which was upheld on appeal
- if permission is granted, it will erode the gap between Helston and Lowertown risking consequent loss of identity for Lowertown
- the site is well used by wild-life, particularly badgers, owls and bats
- and represents a natural corridor between the River Cober and north Helston
- flooding in Lowertown and further downstream in St Johns is already a major issue and more hard surfaces in this area will increase the potential
- if permission is granted, many more applications from owners of similar parcels of land in the area may be expected
- the site is unsustainable in planning terms: there are no shops, no village hall no real village centre.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### The purchase of a defibrillator

The Clerk reported that the new contract under the South Western Ambulance Service Community Public Access Defibrillator scheme is for renting a defibrillator, all consequent expense (including insurance) and training at a cost of £400 a year for a minimum of four years. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, Cllr Davidson against, all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council should rent a defibrillator from the South Western Ambulance Service for an initial period of four years

### The purchase of a notice-board for Edgcumbe

The Clerk reported that Bear Joinery now has sufficient orders to be in a position to purchase oak at a competitive price and asked members to consider advancing the sum of £500. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Hook seconded all in favour to pay Bear Joinery an advance sum of £500

### The replacement of the gates into Wendron cemetery

The Clerk reported that Mr Tristan Kessell hopes that he will be able to hang the gates in time for Christmas, but that, in reality, it is much more likely that the final hanging will be early in the New Year.

## 9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Co-option of Councillors

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

## 10 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at December 9, 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.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Warren, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moyle all others in favour that the Precept for the year 2014/2015 should be set at £26,000

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The following accounts were presented for consideration

|                             |          | <b>GROSS</b> | <b>NET</b> | <b>VAT</b> |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------------|------------|------------|
| HM Revenue and Customs      |          | £ 456.25     |            |            |
| Eric and Jeff Bray          |          | £ 300.00     | £ 250.00   | £ 50.00    |
| Robert Sanders (Churchyard) |          | £ 190.00     |            |            |
| Euro Tool Hire              |          |              |            |            |
| Dumper and diesel           | £ 102.72 |              |            |            |
| Roller and diesel           | £ 83.38  |              |            |            |
| Digger, buckets and diesel  | £ 224.88 |              |            |            |
|                             |          | £ 410.98     | £ 347.12   | £ 63.86    |
| Gareth Mitchell             |          |              |            |            |
| Open areas (November)       | £ 130.00 |              |            |            |
| Bus shelters                | £ 26.00  |              |            |            |
| Rame Common footpath        | £ 65.00  |              |            |            |
| Riverbed at Burras          | £ 312.00 |              |            |            |
| Path repair at Burras       | £ 91.00  |              |            |            |
| Drain and road at Carnkie   | £ 91.00  |              |            |            |
|                             | total    | £ 715.00     |            |            |
| Colin Chapman               |          |              |            |            |
| Salary (November)           | £ 569.28 |              |            |            |
| telephone                   | £ 20.16  |              |            |            |
| office expenses             | £ 48.84  |              |            |            |
| travelling                  | £ 61.50  |              |            |            |
| use of home                 | £ 25.00  |              |            |            |
|                             | total    | £ 724.78     |            |            |

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Warren, seconded by Cllr van den Berg, all others in favour that the above six accounts should be paid.

The following receipt was noted

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| Came and Company (refund of excess) | £ 250.00 |
| Robert Lawrence (Mrs Rowe)          | £ 30.00  |

## 11 PLANNING

### Applications

PA13/03002 Mr N.Hicks – Formation of agricultural/utility building and diversion of footpath (amended plans) – Little Viscar, Carnkie. 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.*

PA13/05230 Mr Alan Brunger – Conversion of redundant agricultural barns to form two dwellings and associated works – Land NNW of Jubilee Farm, Carnkie. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Hook seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/07966 Mr Simon Livingstone – Removal of condition 3 in respect of decision notice PA12/03577: Change of use and conversion of former Methodist Chapel to single dwelling – Monkey Puzzle Chapel, Chapel Hill, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Warren 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.*

PA13/09094 Mr & Mrs Noam Siegel – Retrospective application to demolish barn, retention of base and two storey extension to dwelling – Ruby Town Farm, Porkellis. 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.*

PA13/09476 Mr and Mrs Paul Attwood – Change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden. Application to then build a double garage – Meadowside, Burras. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Hook seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

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PA13/09627 Miss R.Carter – Demolition of garage and erection of detached 3 bedroom annexe tied to existing curtilage – Little Lancarrow Cottage, Four Lanes. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *It is Wendron Parish Council's belief that this application is for such a large annexe that it may legitimately be considered to be for a new house in the countryside remote from all services. In these circumstances Wendron Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA13/09928 Mrs A.Willis – Proposed first floor extension with dormer window on the west elevation to provide master bedroom with en suite – Croft Rose Barn, Burras. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council has concerns about the potential for a neighbour's loss of privacy and if this is addressed would support the application.*

PA13/10262 Mrs Julia Roberts – Erection of two detached houses with garages – land at Lowertown, Lowertown, Helston. 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 believes this application essentially to be for two new homes in the countryside remote from services and therefore unsustainable. Wendron Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA13/10266 Mr Tony Robbins – Ground and first floor extensions to form annexe accommodation ancillary to the use of the existing dwelling. Formation of terraced area at first floor level – Gaydon House, Rame Common. 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.*

PA13/10378 Mr N.Ward – Conversion of showroom along with extension to form residential ancillary use – Wendron Woodstoves, Mallow Court, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Hook seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/10676 Mr and Mrs C.Miller – Proposed window installation – Grove Cottage, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/11064 Mr Duncan Sims – Lawful Development Certificate in respect of existing use of land for the stationing of mobile dwellings i.e. caravans and converted vehicles – Crasken Round, Helston. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council can neither confirm nor refute the claim for a Lawful Development Certificate.*

### **Decisions**

PA13/08274 APPROVED – Installation of 2 no.30kW solar PV arrays, erection of tractor shed and construction of seated grandstand – Wendron Cricket Club, Underlane – *noted*

PA13/08638 APPROVED – Conversion of existing roof space, erection of side extension and installation of a balcony – 2 Halfway House Bungalows, Rame Cross – *noted*

PA13/08683 APPROVED – Erection of a tractor/hay store building – Little Treweath, Penmarth – *noted*

PA13/08745 APPROVED – Retention of domestic double garage with utility/porch link to Dwelling – The Old School House, Wendron – *noted*

PA13/08746 APPROVED – Listed Building Consent for the retention of domestic double garage with utility/porch link to Dwelling – The Old School House, Wendron – *noted*

PA13/08773 APPROVED – Change of use of store room above garage to provide ancillary accommodation to the main house and also occasional holiday use and alteration to windows – Lakefield, Polmarth – *noted*

PA13/08816 APPROVED – Removal of Condition 5 attached to planning permission PA07/01800/F in order to allow full residential use – White Alice Farm, Carnmenellis – *noted*

PA13/09247 APPROVED – Erection of a stable block comprising three stables and small tack room (amended location)– Egmont Farm, Underlane – *noted*

PA13/09362 APPROVED – Proposed removal of existing conservatory and construction of new kitchen extension – 4 Halfway House Bungalows, Rame – *noted*

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**Correspondence**

**Mr and Mrs Manning** copy letter of objection to the Planning Authority concerning PA13/09928 – *noted*

**Mr and Mrs Wilde** re Planning Application PA13/10262 – *noted*

**12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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**Tony Mogford Associates** Carnkie Playground inspection (no new issues) – *noted*

CC copy of letter concerning PROW 135 – *noted*

CC **Ann Preston-Jones** re Trelill Holy Well – *following discussion, it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council would take on the responsibility for keeping the footpath trimmed*

CC **Renewable Energy Landscapes** consultancy document *the Clerk to reply*

**13 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS**

It was noted that the Penmarth Village sign has been re-attached.

The Chairman wished all those present a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday January 13, 2014 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed ..... Chairman

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