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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday October 12, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle (Chairman)	Cllr P.Mather
	Cllr N.van den Berg	Cllr C.Mitchell
	Cllr P.Davidson	Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell
	Cllr R.Ferris	Cllr A.Tremayne
	Cllr G.Gibson	Cllr Mrs M.Warren
	Cllr R.Maddern	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, PCSO Fuller, PCSO Youngman, Mr Thomas and Mr Witheywood.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in any 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.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to receive the report from the Police at this point.

6 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Youngman reported that four crimes (of harassment, criminal damage, assault and the possession of an offensive weapon) were recorded in the Parish of Wendron by the police during the month of September but added that two of these crimes were committed by persons living outside the Parish. He stated that it is anticipated that the Force will implement cost saving measures in the coming year(s), but that he will make every effort to keep the Council informed of these changes in person.

Both PCSO Youngman and PCSO Fuller left the meeting.

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Mather proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, (Cllr van den Berg, and Cllr Maddern who were absent from the last meeting, abstained) all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday September 14, 2015 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Mather thanked the Clerk for the work he has done recently with the Cornwall Community Land Trust concerning the proposed Local Needs Affordable Homes at Rame Cross.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- she has spoken out about the proposal to introduce paperless planning, which will not result in a saving for the taxpayer, as stated by CCllr Mrs Hannaford. She believes there may be cheaper ways to implement change:

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for example, once plans are available on line, the submitted originals might be sent on to the Parishes, alternatively the parishes might consider making a small annual contribution (possibly jointly) towards the cost of sending out paper plans

- there are on-going talks about the future of libraries, leisure centres and the rationalisation of one-stop shops
- a report is being produced on both how the last tranche of EU funding was spent and how the new tranche might be spent. She is disappointed that Cornwall's first call for funding has been requested more than a year behind that of the Welsh
- there have been two member briefings: one on health and well-being and the other on safeguarding
- more recently she has spent some time at Halwyn School, which is readying itself for a visit from OFSTED inspectors. The multi-academy approach (in which it is likely that all schools will be included in the future) had prompted a visit to Stoke which already has such a system in place
- in the present economic climate, she will be interested to see quite how the National Minority Status for the Cornish will feature in County plans
- Central Government is looking at new ways of increasing the supply of affordable homes: disappointingly, rather than encouraging the building of accommodation for rent, it is promoting home ownership by encouraging developers to build homes for sale at figures of up to £250,000 (a figure which is way beyond the means of most people living in Cornwall, where calculations indicate a figure of between £80,000 and £100,000 is appropriate).

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Thomas said that

- he and his wife are very grateful to Wendron Parish Council for its support for their plans to build a home at Menherion. They are particularly grateful to Cllr Mrs Warren for attending the Committee Meeting and speaking so warmly in their favour
- their revised application will be decided by the Planning Committee on Monday October 19
- they are both seeking the Council's renewed support and
- hoping that a Councillor will be able to attend the Planning Committee meeting and again speak in favour of their application. (It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Warren would represent Wendron Parish Council at the Planning Committee meeting.)

Speaking of his application for a replacement dwelling in Lowertown, Mr Witheywood described the alterations made to the original application (which was approved) and sought Wendron Parish Council's support for these changes.

Both Mr Thomas and Mr Witheywood left the meeting.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Following discussion,

- Councillor Mather was appointed to the post of financial scrutineer.
- Councillor Mather was appointed to inspect Carnkie Play Area on a weekly basis.
- Councillor Mrs Warren was appointed to be responsible for the notice-boards at Burras and at Wendron.

9 PARISH MATTERS

Members considered the future use of the telephone boxes in Carnkie, Porkellis and Trenear. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that they should first all be cleaned and painted. Once this is done, Cllr Mrs Warren offered to write a paragraph in the *Carnkie Wendron News Sheet* seeking villagers' views and help with the box at Carnkie; Cllr Tremayne will speak to Mr Denton and Mr Richards of *The Star Inn* at Porkellis (who have previously expressed an interest in housing a defibrillator in the box at Porkellis); and the Clerk will speak to the Environment Agency about the possibility of providing flood warning information in the box at Trenear.

Members considered the future use of the recently acquired land at Carnkie. Following discussion, it was agreed that the area should initially be cleared of scrub, thereby making it available for members of the public to access it for recreational use in much the same way as Viscar Common is presently used. The Clerk was asked to contact the Conservation Volunteers about the matter. It would seem to be very much the sort of work they undertake.

The Clerk reported that investigation of the reported problem of Himalayan Balsam on the newly acquired land at Carnkie had additionally revealed a large stand of Japanese knotweed. Bearing in mind the season and the noxious nature of both these invasive plants, he had instructed Bob Sanders to spray them out.

10 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Members with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at October 12, 2015. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

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The following accounts were presented for consideration

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Eric and Jeff Bray	£ 72.00	£ 60.00	£ 12.00
Gareth Mitchell			
Open Areas	£ 130.00		
Bus shelters	£ 26.00		
Clean shelters, phone boxes etc	£ 104.00		
Bleach	£ 17.64		
Open Areas	£ 130.00		
	total		
	£ 407.64		
Randle Thomas (re Costs Assessment)	£ 240.00	£ 200.00	£ 40.00
R.Sanders			
Churchyards (10/09 & 25/09)	£ 250.00		
Path to Trelill Holy Well	£ 60.00		
	Total		
	£ 372.00	£ 310.00	£ 62.00
R.Sanders			
Gold paths (2nd cut)	£ 733.42		
Stiles (2nd cut)	£ 40.00		
Stiles (single cut)	£ 80.00		
Silver paths (single cut)	£ 3,972.84		
	Total		
	£ 5,791.51	£ 4,826.26	£ 965.25
Colin Chapman			
Salary (September)	£ 1,032.70		
telephone	£ 30.60		
office expenses	£ 53.20		
travelling	£ 27.30		
Clerks and Councils Direct	£ 12.00		
Cllr Tremayne (training)	£ 10.00		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total		
	£ 1,190.80		

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

Members noted the following receipt

Frederick Wearne & Sons (Mr Barnecutt)	£ 75.00
Interest paid on deposit account	£ 144.75
Frederick Wearne & Sons (Mr Barnecutt)	£ 75.00
CC Paperless Planning bribe	£ 700.00

11 PLANNING

Applications

PA15/03912 Mrs Clare Thomas – Construction of a three bedroom bungalow (amended plans) – land South of The Old Barn, Menherion. Cllr Tremayne 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.*

PA15/06974 Mr A.Mudge – Relocation of wooden building 1 for use as ancillary accommodation (Retrospective) – The Bungalow, Road from Farms Common to access to Lower Bolitho Farm. Cllr Tremayne proposed, Cllr Mather seconded, three members abstained from voting, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council is sympathetic to the applicant and his need for ancillary accommodation for a dependent relative. However, the proposed two bed-roomed wooden building is of such a size and such a distance from 'The Bungalow' that the application may reasonably be considered to be for a new home in the countryside. Wendron Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA15/06978 Mr A.Mudge – Relocation of wooden building for use as ancillary accommodation (Retrospective) – The Bungalow, Road from Farms Common to access to Lower Bolitho Farm. Cllr Tremayne proposed, Cllr Mather seconded, three members abstained from voting, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council is sympathetic to the applicant and his need for ancillary*

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accommodation for a dependent relative. However, the proposed three bed-roomed wooden building is of such a size and such a distance from 'The Bungalow' that the application may reasonably be considered to be for a new home in the countryside. Wendron Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

PA15/08051 Mr & Mrs E.Rowe – Erection of two side extensions – Trevilges Farm, Trewennack. Cllr Mather 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.*

PA15/08178 Mr & Mrs A.Witheywood – Erection of a replacement dwelling – Gwithian, Lowertown, Helston. Cllr Mather proposed, Cllr Tremayne seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA15/08192 Mr K.May – Proposed single storey extension to form boiler-room to house Ground Source Pump – The Oak House, Little White Alice. Cllr Tremayne proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA15/08342 Mr & Mrs Hampton – Removal of Condition 9 of Decision Notice W2/PA07/02041/F (Holiday Use) to allow use as a full residential unit – The Barn, Lower Porkellis Farm Cllr Tremayne proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA15/08492 Mr & Mrs G.Lake – Extension to form kitchen/diner and utility room – Balmer Lawns, Trevenen Bal. Cllr Tremayne 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.*

PA15/08630 Mr A.Collier – Amended details for the erection of two detached dwellings and domestic garages and associated works and erection of a replacement domestic garage for existing dwelling – Bonallack, Trewennack. Cllr Tremayne 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.*

Decisions

PA15/06729 REFUSED – Construction of dwelling using existing access – Land adj. Meadow Court, Rame Cross – *noted*

PA15/07422 WITHDRAWN – All weather sand school for exercising horses: 20m x 40m. Stable building to consist of 3 x stables, 1 x hay store, 1 x trailer store, 1 x tack room and a covered turn-out area. The existing stables will be altered to join into the new building. The development is for private use – land West of Halabezack Bungalow, Polhigey – *noted*

PA15/08187 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Submission of details to discharge conditions 3, 4, 5 and 6 attached to decision notice PA15/01676 – Trelill Farm, Trelill – *noted*

PA15/08707 Prior approval not req'd (AF/TEL/DEM) – Prior notification of agricultural development - Steel framed agricultural shed – Little White Alice, Calvadnack – *noted*

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the debris from the river bed at Burras which is now piled on the banks looks unsightly and that comments had been made. He had spoken to Rex Andrew about removing it and reported that Rex will do the necessary work for the sum of £486.00 + VAT. The Chairman stated that she felt that this matter should be dealt with as a matter of urgency and proposed that Mr Andrew's quote should be accepted. It was agreed.

Correspondence

Victim Support acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Cruse Bereavement Care acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

CC Open Doors community event Falmouth Town Council Offices 6.30pm October 20 – *noted*

Carn Brea Parish Council invitation to attend the Remembrance Service at Treloweth Community Hall – *Cllr Tremayne will represent Wendron Parish Council at this Service*

13 CHAIRMAN'S AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Members noted that matters are well in hand for the Remembrance Day Service on November 8. The Chairman will lay the wreath and Cllr Mrs Warren will read both the lesson and the names of the fallen.

Speaking of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, Cllr Mrs Warren reported that she has now received in excess of 100 completed questionnaires and anticipates more. She suggested that a decision as to whether or not the proposal should be taken forward should be made early in the New Year.

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Cllr Tremayne spoke of Cllr Mitchell’s frequently expressed wish for the introduction of average speed cameras on the A394 at Rame, stating that it is his opinion that the Council should keep pressing Highways for road safety measures at this location. Cllr Dr Jenkin stated that she is still awaiting the long-promised ‘gateway’ plans and indeed for the implementation of a 30mph speed limit through Rame. It was noted that the recently sited average speed cameras at Trewennack can provide hard evidence of a lowering of the average speed of vehicles passing through the village and suggested that this evidence might be used to reinforce any request from Wendron Parish Council for average speed cameras.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday November 9, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras

Signed Chairman Date

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