

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday April 11, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle (Chairman)	Cllr C.Mitchell,
	Cllr P.Davidson	Cllr Mrs S.Neary
	Cllr A.Denton	Cllr A.Tremayne
	Cllr R.Ferris	Cllr P.Mather
	Cllr G.Gibson	Cllr Mrs M.Warren
	Cllr Mrs K.Hampson	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Ms Downing, Mr George and twenty members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the April meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr van den Berg, Cllr Maddern and Cllr Mrs Radbone sent their apologies for 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 MEETING

Cllr Mitchell proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, Cllr Ferris and Cllr Mrs Hampton who were absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday March 14, 2016 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 from the minutes of the meeting in March.

## 5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- she had attended the meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee at which, despite all the issues raised, the application to increase the number of houses on HX1 by 110 to a total of 450 had been approved
- the Helston Town Framework document is on the point of being finalised: once that is done it will go through to Cornwall Council and, if approved, will become a planning document
- she had met with officers from both the Enforcement and Highways Departments about various matters and in particular about the speed of traffic as it passes through Rame/Edgumbe. Cornwall Council has no money to do anything about this, but it is thought that if Wendron Parish Council was to create 'gateways' these might help
- the new village sign at Porkellis is now properly fixed on new posts
- she is pleased to note that the defibrillator project, under the direction of the Star Inn, is making good progress.

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## 6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

With reference to PA16/02296 (the proposed development for affordable rural housing to comprise sixteen new homes on OS Field 6808 adjacent to Rame Croft) Members noted the following concerns expressed by members of the public

- the proposed development is on a green-field site when, possibly, brown-field sites are available
- the wildlife survey was undertaken during the winter months and is therefore incomplete. Both barn owls and bats make extensive use of the field. The development will have an adverse impact on wildlife
- the existing barn which used to shelter bats appears to have been damaged recently
- the traffic survey (which was conducted for an hour during a half-term holiday) is far from being a true representation of the vehicular use of the road
- the road junction at Rame Cross is already dangerous both for pedestrians and for motorists: this development will increase the potential for accidents
- Back Hill is already very busy and has no pedestrian walkway
- the sewage treatment plant situated at the bottom of the hill is struggling to manage foul water from existing properties in Rame
- the water pressure to existing properties in Rame is already lower than it should be
- there is only a very limited public transport service. Residents of these proposed new properties will have to travel long distances to work, to school and for reasons of health
- the village of Rame Cross is being over-developed
- no provision for a recreational area for children has been made in the existing plans (Rame currently has no youth club and no play area)
- construction of these houses will lower property values in the immediate vicinity
- the proposal will adversely affect the residential amenity of neighbouring properties
- there are presently only two applications for affordable housing within the Parish of Wendron on the list: so why is a development of sixteen dwellings proposed, particularly when the Helston HX1 site will provide so many affordable homes
- if this development is for affordable homes, why is there provision for two cars for each dwelling
- the local community does not want to see this field developed and believes that the process has been conducted in an underhand fashion.

## 7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### St Wendrona Closed Churchyard

Members considered an offer to extend the contract with Cornwall Council for cutting the grass in the closed churchyard of St Wendrona for a further year at an annual rate of £551.42 the same as last year. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Neary seconded all others in favour to continue with the maintenance of the closed churchyard at St Wendrona.

### Open Space Area at Rame Cross

Members considered a proposal to shoulder responsibility for the maintenance of the proposed open space on the proposed new development at Rame Cross. Following discussion, Cllr Denton proposed, Cllr Mather seconded all others in favour, that with the following three matters in place

- planning permission has been approved for the development of local needs affordable homes on this site
- a long-term lease at a peppercorn rent of the proposed open space has been arranged in favour of Wendron Parish Council
- the proposed open space has been levelled, hedged and grassed to Wendron Parish Council's satisfaction

then Wendron Parish Council will take on the responsibility of day-to-day maintenance of this open space.

### Cornwall Association of Local Councils

Members considered an invitation to subscribe to membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils for the year to March 31, 2017 in the sum of £626.54 + VAT. Following discussion, it was agreed that, as matters stand, membership is unnecessary.

### Neighbourhood Plans

Cllr Mrs Warren reported that a recent meeting of the Steering Group Committee (which three volunteer members of the public had attended with a view to helping with the process) had identified gaps in the original questionnaire not least the omission of businesses and educational establishments. As a result (despite the inevitability of extra expense), members of the Group thought it proper to compose a more detailed questionnaire (this will be done by Cllr Denton and Cllr Mather working together) and to make every effort to deliver it to everyone resident in the parish. The next meeting will be at Wendron Cricket Club on May 16th and an invitation to attend is again extended to all parishioners.

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## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### Gateways at Rame/Edgcumbe

Members again considered a proposal to create gateways at either end of the Rame/Edgcumbe stretch of the A394. The Clerk drew members' attention to an advertisement for a recycled plastic planter which he thought might be suitable for catching the eye of motorists and reminding them that the road is passing through a residential area. Cllr Mather was of the opinion that a *Please drive carefully through our village* sign would be likely to have more effect. CCllr Dr Jenkin confirmed that Cornwall Highways has no money to spend on a project such as this. It was agreed that the matter should again be discussed at the meeting in May.

### Telephone boxes

Cllr Denton reported that, thanks to the generosity of customers of the Star Inn and CCllr Dr Jenkin (who has awarded the project a grant from her share of the Community Chest), he is now in a position to order both a defibrillator and a cabinet in which to house it. He asked members for permission to site the whole unit in the disused telephone box in Porkellis (which is owned by the Parish Council), to connect it to the electricity supply and then (having gifted it to Wendron Parish Council) for the Parish Council to take ownership of it (and insure it). Following a short discussion, Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Neary seconded, all others in favour to agree to the use of the telephone kiosk and the electricity supply and to assume responsibility for the future condition of the defibrillator. Speaking on behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Mrs Warren applauded the efforts of Cllr Denton and of all those who have contributed towards this initiative and offered them the Council's thanks.

The Clerk reported that he had sought advice about the damaged bottom rail of the door of the telephone kiosk at Porkellis. The advice had been that the whole of the frame needs replacement and that the cost of a new kit is £350 plus VAT and carriage. Following discussion, Cllr Denton proposed, Cllr Mather seconded, all others in favour that a new kit should be purchased by Wendron Parish Council and that Bob Sanders should be asked to undertake the necessary work. Cllr Denton asked if the three notices around the top of the box which state *Telephone* might be replaced using the word *Defibrillator*: this was agreed.

### The land at Carnkie

The Clerk reported that Bob Sanders has now cleared the land at Carnkie, making it accessible to those members of the public who are prepared to exercise a degree of care. In line with the original commitment to the local community, members agreed to call a meeting at which residents of Carnkie will be offered the opportunity to air their views on the future of this piece of land. Cllr Mrs Warren agreed to advertise such a meeting in the *Carnkie, Wendron News Sheet* having first liaised with both the Hall and the Clerk about dates.

The Clerk reported that the large area of Japanese knot-weed on this piece of land has responded well to the initial treatment with herbicide. Kernow Tree Surgery, the company undertaking the eradication of the knot-weed in this area, suggests that it should be fenced off both to prevent any accidental spreading of the weed and to guard the public against the possible ill-effects of the herbicide. Following discussion, Cllr Mather proposed, Cllr Mrs Neary seconded all others in favour to erect a fence to prevent access to the knot-weed and to commission a sign explaining why the fence is there.

## 9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Members with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at April 11, 2016. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration

		<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Eric & Jeff Bray (Churchyard)		£ 72.00	£ 60.00	£ .12.00
Information Commissioner (data protection)		£ 35.00		
R,Sanders				
Path in Wendron Churchyard	£ 120.00			
Grass in Churchyard	£ 60.00			
Trellis Well	£ 30.00			
Carnkie land clearance	£1,000.00			
	total	£ 1,452.00	£ 1,210.00	£ 242.00
Gareth Mitchell				
Open Areas	£ 130.00			
Bus shelters	£ 26.00			
Penmarth Chapel	£ 26.00			
	total	£ 182.00		

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Colin Chapman		
Salary (March)	£ 1,032.70	
telephone	£ 28.36	
office expenses	£ 42.64	
travelling	£ 35.75	
use of home	£ 25.00	
	total	£ 1,164.45

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

To note the following receipts	
Precept (1st instalment)	£ 17,500.00
CTS grant	£ 1,096.43

**10 PLANNING**

**Applications**

PA16/02296 Miss H.Downing – Proposed development for affordable rural housing to comprise sixteen new homes – OS Field 6808 adjacent to Rame Croft, Rame Cross. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mather seconded, with four abstentions all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA16/02461 Mr and Mrs P.Preece – Alterations and extensions to dwelling – Netley Farm, Porkellis. Cllr Tremayne proposed, Cllr Mather seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

**Decisions**

PA16/00566 APPROVED – Retention and completion of dwelling (previously approved under PA14/11761) – Barns adjacent to Trelill House, Falmouth Road – *noted*

PA16/00904 APPROVED – Conversion of agricultural buildings to 2 units of holiday accommodation and the installation of a septic tank – Burnthouse Farm, Dacum Lane, Porkellis – *noted*

PA16/01038 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Removal of section 106 agreement attached to decision notice W2/89/01505/F dated 29 October 1990 – Merther Uny Chapel, Wendron – *noted*

PA16/01232 REFUSED – Replacement of five sliding sash windows on west elevation of dwelling – The Wheelwrights, Chapel Hill, Porkellis – *noted*

**11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**Halwin School** acknowledgement of and thanks for the donation towards the poly-tunnel – *noted*

**NHS Peninsula News** (Goodbye Edition) – *noted*

**Rob Turner** Quarterly Safety Inspection Report (Carnkie play equipment) – *noted*

**Came and Company** newsletter – *noted*

**12 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS**

Cllr Mather reported that the *No Dogs* sign at Carnkie Play Ground has been replaced.

**13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

No matters for inclusion on the agenda of future meetings were tabled.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday May 9, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Community Hall, Burras

Annual Meeting – Monday May 9, 2016 following the Annual Parish Meeting in the Community Hall Burras

Signed ..... Chairman Date .....

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