

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

**Present:**

Cllr W.Hamilton (Chairman)	Cllr G.Gibson
Cllr Mrs M.Warren	Cllr Mrs C.Lay
Cllr N.van den Berg	Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell
Cllr J.Buxton	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle
Cllr M.Clayton	
Cllr P.Davidson	C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** PCSO Sadler.

The Chairman, Cllr Hamilton, welcomed members and visitors to the December meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Boase sent his apologies for absence.

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, November 9, 2009 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

It was noted that the promised report from Mr Andy James (CC's Regional Highways' Surveyor) has not materialised. The Clerk was asked to pursue this matter.

## 4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Clayton reported that,

- the Boundary Committee has presented its final recommendations which include a new ward composed of the entirety of both Wendron and Crowan Parishes. This will create a ward with an electorate of 4,100 (some 13% above the norm) and will come into being in 2013
- should Wendron Parish Council decide to pursue the suggestion of reducing the number of sitting members, he will have to declare an interest as the Chairman of Cornwall's Electoral Committee
- as the Vice-Chairman of Cornwall's Planning Committee, he can state that a new Hamlets Policy will allow for one or two affordable dwellings to be built in sustainable communities. The Clerk has a copy of the draft document and interested members should make any comments they have about it to him through the Clerk. Additionally, cross-subsidy on suitable land adjoining villages may offer the opportunity for building affordable housing. (Cross-subsidy allows the unfettered development of one or two dwellings in exchange for a gift of land for affordable homes.)
- grant funding from Cornwall Council in the next three or four years will be very difficult to come by and Town and Parish Councils will have to rely largely on their reserves and their precept to underwrite project work. He does have some funds at his disposal and he urged members to make firm decisions about any projects they wish to undertake
- in respect of planning matters, the application for the unfettered use of a dwelling near Rame Cross has been withdrawn. Members should note that planning applications for wind turbines under the height of 15m are forwarded for consultative purposes only and not for decision

## 5 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Sadler reported that in November 2009 two crimes were reported to the police (both of assault), which compares with seven crimes reported during the same period in 2008. She added that on an annual basis there are now 10,000 fewer victims of crime in Cornwall than there were five years ago.

In answer to a question she agreed to pursue the matter of parking on the triangle of land at the northern end of Rame Hill.

## 6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

## 7 PARISH MATTERS

Members considered the appointment of a representative and a substitute from Wendron Parish Council to sit on the Helston and the Lizard Community Network Panel. It was agreed that Cllr Hamilton should be the named representative and that Cllr Mrs Lay should act as his substitute.

Members noted that no progress has been made with the co-option of Parish Councillors.

Members considered the appointment of Bob Sanders as Wendron Parish Council's preferred footpaths' contractor. Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded, all in favour that Bob Sanders should be appointed as Wendron Parish Council's preferred footpaths' contractor until March 31, 2013.

Members considered whether or not to undertake the maintenance of the churchyard at St Wendrona's church in the coming financial year. It was noted that doing the job properly will result in an anticipated additional annual charge on ratepayers in the Parish of Wendron of £1,500. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Clayton seconded, all in favour that Wendron Parish Council will undertake the maintenance of the closed churchyard at St Wendrona's in the coming financial year and that Bob Sanders should be appointed as Wendron Parish Council's preferred contractor to undertake this work. Despite this resolution, members noted that Wendron Parish Council still has a number of conditions to fulfil before Cornwall Council will agree to partnership working. Nevertheless, Members agreed to review the situation before setting the precept for the year 2011/2012.

## 8 FINANCE

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Clayton, seconded by Cllr Mrs Warren all in favour that, with a commitment to a pro-active policy on projects, the Precept for the year 2010/2011 be set at £24,500. It was noted that this represents a weekly charge to residents of 53p on a Band D house (and a year-on-year increase of 17p).

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Blind Association for help with funding the support of blind and visually impaired people in the Helston & the Lizard Community Network Area. Following discussion, Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded all in favour that under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 Wendron Parish Council should forward £50.00 to the Association.

Members considered a request from the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust for help with funding the work of the Trust. Following discussion, it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council is unable to accede to this request.

Members noted a request from Wendron Church of England VA Primary School for a letter of support from the Parish Council for use by the School as an indication of community support when seeking funding for the proposed solar-voltaic panels. Cllr Hamilton proposed and it was agreed to offer this support.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

		<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
HM Revenue and Customs		495.49		
Gareth Mitchell				
Open Areas	£ 90.00			
Paint Carnkie shelter	£ 24.00			
Materials for bridge	£ 470.76			
Wash bus shelters	£ 36.00			
	total	£ 620.76		
Colin Chapman				
Salary (November)	£ 482.60			
telephone	£ 21.40			
office expenses	£ 36.16			

travelling	£	53.01	
use of home	£	25.00	
Plans from UKLRS	£	42.55	
			total    £ 660.72

It was proposed by Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moyle, all others in favour that the above three accounts be paid.

The following receipts were noted

Wadebridge Bookshop (booklet)	£	5.00
F.Wearne & Sons (Mrs Hosking)	£	20.00
R.Pascoe and Sons (memorial stone)	£	40.00
CC (LMP stage payment)	£	4,487.17

## 9 PLANNING

### Applications

*Cllr Clayton declared an interest as a member of Cornwall Council's Planning Committee. He remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.*

*As a neighbour of the applicant Cllr Mrs Moyle declared a personal interest in the following application. She took no part in either the discussion or the voting.*

PA09/01448/FE Mr & Mrs G Orchard – Extension of time for the conversion of redundant barn into three units for holiday accommodation and installation of a septic tank (Decision Notice Number PA04/01332/F dated 11 November 2004) – Jubilee Farm, Carnkie. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA09/01474/F Mr J Harris – Erection of agricultural building – Landew, Wendron. Cllr van den Berg proposed, Cllr Hamilton seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA09/01525/F Mr & Mrs Lees – Two storey extension and alterations to dwelling – The Haven, Lowertown. Cllr Hamilton 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.”

09/00476/WIND Mite Energy Ltd – Erection of 3 No wind turbines on 15m high galvanised steel masts, 1 No GRP Control Kiosk, 1 No 50kw transformer to be fixed to existing timber support pole – Land at Higher Bolitho Farm, Carnkie. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Councillors note that the site for the proposed development lies in an Area of Great Landscape Value and, despite the applicant's contention that the “designation of the area as an AGLV does not appear to be supported by a detailed landscape assessment” and unlike his conclusion (which appears to lack detailed, specific, supporting information), believe that the objectives relating to the designation of the area will be compromised by this development. Furthermore, Councillors do not believe that the need for these turbines outweighs the social and economic benefits to the immediate community as required by the designation.

“They note that no assessment has been made of the combined effect of the noise emanating from three turbines. They believe that the reasonable enjoyment of nearby residential properties will be adversely affected by the noise from these three industrial turbines. Councillors cannot accept that because one of the properties is in the same ownership as the application site this justifies a reduction in its amenities let alone those of the properties sited a little further away.

“Therefore for reasons of perceived adverse impact (both on the landscape and on neighbouring properties) Wendron Parish Councillors object strongly to the proposed development.

“If (despite the Parish Council's objections) planning officers are minded to grant planning permission for development, Wendron Parish Council requires this application should be decided by Committee. If the Committee decides to grant planning permission, Wendron Parish Council would request that a legally binding condition be imposed requiring the land to be returned to agricultural use within twenty years of planning permission being granted.”

### Decisions

PA09/01282/LBC Listed Building Consent (replacement of front door and windows to the front and rear of dwelling) – Trelubbas Villa, Lowertown – *noted*

PA09/01228/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a replacement extension to dwelling) – Toad Hall, Porkellis – *noted*

PA09/01118/F Conditional Permission for Development (retention and completion of work to erect extensions and to alter dwelling) – Bodilly Mill, Crelly – *noted*

## 10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

**Clerks and Councils Direct** magazine – *noted*

**Cornwall Council** appointment of Parish Council representatives to its Standards Committee – *Cllr Clayton informed members that Cornwall Council's Standards Committee will cease to exist within the year*

**Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre** acknowledgement of and thanks for donation (by e-mail) – *noted*

**CC** November Town and Parish Council Newsletter – *noted*

**CC** proposed street naming and numbering policy – *Cllr Clayton expressed his belief that, in new developments, the cost of providing street names should fall on the developer rather than the ratepayer*

**CC** Helston leats and kennels – *Cllr Clayton explained the apparent impasse existing between the owner of the land where the leats rise and Cornwall Council. He added that alternative (and potentially very expensive) ways of providing water for the kennels are being sought*

**CC** Mary Cooper Head of Localism announcement of retirement from the Council – *Cllr Clayton explained that, despite appearances, this is a cost-saving exercise and that Localism has been absorbed into the Chief Executive's department*

**Wendron Cricket Club** re grant funding held by Wendron Parish Council – *Cllr Clayton stated that unless the Cricket Club can make proper use of this grant before January 31, 2010 it should, as agreed, revert to Wendron Parish Council. He added that, as the District Councillor who had negotiated this grant on behalf of the Cricket Club, he will write to the Cricket Club with his decision*

**Tony Mogford Associates** Carnkie play area inspection (no issues of immediate concern) – *Cllr Clayton asked the Parish Council to write to Cornwall expressing concern that urban play areas, in stark contrast to rural play areas, are funded by the County*

**Mr Faryluk** concerns about the planning process – *Cllr Clayton stated that Cornwall appears to have acted improperly in the matter of consultation over the revised location of the wind turbine at Little White Alice and that those affected might advance a case for maladministration. He asked that the Parish Council should write a letter to the Planning Authority in support of those residents so affected*

**Audit Commission** appointment of external auditor – *noted*

**Cornish Mining** newsletter – *noted*

**Boundary Committee** Electoral review of Cornwall: final recommendations – *noted*

**Interlink Cornwall** newsletter – *noted*

## 11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported an incidence of flooding in the eastern end of Burras Terrace and particularly in No 1, where water has been coming up through the floor. Insurance companies have been sympathetic and the occupants of Nos 1 and 2 have been given the all-clear to move from their properties. Mrs Bushell, who lives at No 1, would like to site a caravan on Burras Green and had asked the Chairman whether or not she could do this. Cllr Clayton stated that if the Clerk was to send Mrs Stinson at Cornwall Planning an e-mail with copies to him and Sue Walters explaining the emergency he would see the matter through.

The Chairman reported that a culvert has collapsed on PROW 85 with resultant flooding. Cllr Clayton stated that a letter to Mr Andy James with a copy to him would solve the matter.

The Chairman stated that, following research, he would like to have an informal discussion with a small group of Councillors about the matter of the Clerk's salary. Cllr Mrs Lay, Cllr Gibson, Cllr van den Berg and Cllr Clayton agreed to be involved in this initiative.

## 12 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS.

A Village Design Statement.

The Clerk's salary.

## DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Monday January 11, 2010 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

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