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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday, February 16, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:

Cllr Mrs M.Warren (Chairman)	Cllr G.Gibson
Cllr W.Hamilton (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Mrs J.Lackner
Cllr M.Clayton	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle
Cllr J.Buxton	Cllr Mrs S.Swift
Cllr P.Davidson	C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCCllr P.Phillips, Mrs Buxton, Mr Curtis and Mrs Hendra.

The Chairman welcomed Members and visitors to the meeting.

Speaking of Agenda item 14 (to consider quotations received for the maintenance of footpaths, bridleways and open spaces in the Parish) and the impossibility of the requirement to distribute information pertaining to the matter before this meeting, the Chairman proposed, Cllr Clayton seconded and it was agreed to defer this matter to the March meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr van den Berg, Cllr Boase, Cllr Mrs Lay and Cllr Mrs Mitchell sent their apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Hamilton seconded (Cllr Mrs Lackner who was absent from the last meeting abstained) all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendments, the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday January 19, 2009 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

Speaking of the warning he had made at the last meeting concerning Cornwall's proposal to cap Town and Parish Council precepts, Cllr Clayton reported that the matter has been dropped.

It was noted that the published date of the April meeting clashes with Easter Bank Holiday Monday and it was therefore agreed to change the date to April 20, 2009.

It was noted that the published date of the July meeting clashes with Stithians Show and it was therefore agreed to change the date to July 20, 2009.

4 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

KDCllr Mrs Swift reported that

- she has been kept very busy at County Hall, where she has met Kevin Lavery, the newly-appointed Chief Executive, who, she added, has already made an impact
- as the Chairman of Kerrier's Audit Committee she has sat in on meetings of the Unitary Finance Committee. It has been proposed that, in the interim period, all the District Audit Committee Chairmen should sit in on meetings
- the CALC conference was again well attended. Matthew Taylor MP, speaking of housing issues, had been very interesting. Nicola Stinson and Phil Mason had spoken of planning arrangements for the interim period, revealing that 96% of applications will be decided using delegated powers and that

there is an expectation that Town and Parish Councils will be more involved at the pre-application stage. There had also been an opportunity to meet the new Community Network Managers – although Helston's, having been appointed, has resigned. It is anticipated that when the new appointment is made Helston's manager will be shared equally with the St Ives and Hayle network.

KDCllr Clayton reported that

- it is anticipated that the Minister will announce a June election, that wards will be based on the Boundary Committee's draft recommendations and, as a result, the transition period may therefore be shorter than anticipated
- there will be three planning committees in the interim period each composed of twelve members who will be politically balanced. This means that on the Kerrier/Penwith committee there will be just two members with local knowledge
- the Joint Implementation Executive's recommendation for the 2009/2010 precept means that, for residents of Kerrier, there will be an annual increase of £4 in the Council Tax. However the precepts required from Town and Parish Councils and the Police may add to this
- he has been shocked to see the extent of mis-management at Cornwall. The Council has been on the point of central government intrusion: a finance report details a gross expenditure of £600 million and a borrowing requirement of £585 million (which effectively means that the Council is bankrupt). Additionally, the management of the Fire Service is recognised as being the worst in Britain.

CCClr Phillips thanked the Council for the letter of thanks for the financial contribution he was able to make using funds from the Members' Community Grants Scheme. He added that he understood that the announcement concerning electoral arrangements will be made by the Minister tomorrow.

5 POLICE REPORT

WPC Butcher reported that, in the period from November 18, 2008 to February 16, 2009, there have been nine crimes: thefts of a trailer and a wallet, a burglary and an assault. The other five crimes occurred at Nine Maidens School, where the youngsters responsible have met with the victim who had explained how their actions had affected him – an approach which, she reported, has a great impact on young offenders.

A new Community Police Support Officer has been appointed, Mrs Carey Sadler from Porthleven. Her training should be completed by the end of May, when she will commence working with WPC Butcher.

Cllr Mrs Swift reported the arrival of a new Police Sergeant at Helston, Sergeant David Ainsley.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Hendra read aloud a copy of a letter which she had sent the Clerk earlier in the day in support of Penmarth Methodist Church's request for help with funding a disabled access. She also drew attention to the fact that users of the church are not confined to just a handful of Sunday worshippers, but include large congregations at local weddings and funerals. It was agreed that this request should be made an agenda item at the next meeting.

7 PROJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH

Wendron Walks booklets The Clerk reported that initial drafts of the booklet will be sent out tomorrow. He urged members to read them carefully and to notify him of any errors.

Redundant telephone boxes Members considered the future use of redundant telephone boxes at Carnkie, Medlyn Moor, Porkellis and Trehear. The Clerk stated that he estimated the annual maintenance cost per box to be approximately £300 per box. Following extensive discussion and with much regret, Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council should not pursue the purchase of these four redundant boxes.

8 WENDRON SILVER BAND

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Warren, proposed and it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow Mr Curtis to speak during discussion of this agenda item.

Mr Curtis explained that a proposal to merge Wendron Silver Band with Redruth Town Band had been defeated at Wendron Silver Band's AGM when it had been decided to retain the Band's identity. However, with increasing members and a resolve to attract more youngsters, there is a need both to replace older instruments and to purchase new. Speaking to Wendron Parish Council in its rôle as a Trustee of the Band, he asked for authorisation to trade in some of the older instruments in part-exchange for good quality second-hand or new instruments. Recognising the part that the Band plays in local life, Cllr Mrs Swift proposed,

Cllr Mrs Warren seconded all in favour that Wendron Silver Band should be authorised to act in the way described above.

9 FINANCE

Members considered a request from the Cornwall County Playing Fields Association for financial help towards the Association's work. It was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lackner, all others in favour that, under the terms of Section 19(3)(a) of the Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the sum of £50 be forwarded to Cornwall County Playing Fields Association.

Members considered a request from Edgcombe Methodist Chapel for financial help towards the upkeep of the cemetery. It was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lackner, all others in favour that, under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £350 be forwarded to Edgcombe Methodist Chapel for financial help towards the upkeep of the cemetery.

Members considered a request from the Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee for financial help. It was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Hamilton, all others in favour that, under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £350 be forwarded to the Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee for financial help towards the upkeep of the cemetery.

As a Board Member of the Citizens' Advice Bureaux Cornwall, Councillor Mrs Swift declared a personal interest in the following application. She remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.

Members considered a request from the Kerrier District Citizens' Advice Bureau for financial help. It was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lackner, all others in favour that, under the terms of Section 142(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £150 be forwarded to the Kerrier District Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Members considered a request from Wendron United Football Club for financial help towards the provision of an all-weather training facility. It was agreed that a letter in broad support of the project should be sent to Wendron United Football Club, but that, because the business has grown to such a size, other than making a purely nominal donation, this is the only way that Wendron Parish Council can assist the Club.

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

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
RTS Garden Services) Ltd	£ 120.75	£ 105.00	£ 15.75
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 474.55		
telephone	£ 21.16		
office expenses	£ 46.85		
travelling	£ 36.27		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 603.83		

It was proposed by Cllr Clayton, seconded by Cllr Hamilton, all others in favour that the above two accounts be paid.

10 PLANNING

Cllr Clayton and Cllr Mrs Swift declared an interest as members of KDC Planning Committee. They remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

Applications

09/00019/WAS/SJD South West Water – first time sewerage scheme – Carnkie. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council returns this application marked: 'Wendron Parish Councillors make the following observations. Wendron Parish Council is not the owner of this site as certified in paragraph 26 (Certificate B) of the Application Form. The land on which it is proposed to build the pumping station is registered Common Land. The Register Unit Number is CL740 and the register describes the land as being "known as Viscar Common". The Register states that "The land comprised in this register unit is to remain subject to protection under Section 9 of the Commons Registration Act 1965." (This has been superseded by Section 45 of the Commons Act 2006). Wendron

Parish Councillors believe that the proposed lay-by is unnecessary and (bearing in mind the protection this land enjoys) that its construction would be illegal. Wendron Parish Councillors believe that the proposed concrete path is unnecessary and (bearing in mind the protection this land enjoys) that its construction would be illegal. Wendron Parish Councillors believe that the erection both of the proposed control kiosk and of the proposed wash-water kiosk (bearing in mind the protection this land enjoys) would be illegal. Wendron Parish Councillors believe that the proposed grassed bank is unnecessary and (bearing in mind the protection this land enjoys) that its construction would be illegal. For the reasons outlined above Wendron Parish Councillors have no option but to urge the planning committee to refuse permission for this development.

PA09/00010/F Mr M.Daley – Erection of an agricultural barn – Foxes Den, Trevenen. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council supports this application with the proviso that adequate arrangements are made for the drainage of rainwater from the roof of the proposed barn.

PA09/00066/F Mr R.Smith – Erection of a domestic garage – Seven Meadows, North Polmarth, Carnmenellis. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council returns this application marked ‘No observations’.

Cllr Mrs Warren declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following application in that the applicant is her daughter and the land that is the subject of the application belongs to her.

Cllr Mrs Warren relinquished the Chair and left the room.

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Hamilton, assumed the chair.

As friends and fellow Councillors of the applicant’s mother, all Councillors present declared a personal interest in the following application.

PA09/00067/F Ms L.Jacobsen – Use of land for the stationing of a park home, formation of a concrete base and installation of a sewage treatment plant – adjacent to Mount Joy Farm, Carnkie. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked “No observations.”

Cllr Hamilton relinquished the Chair.

Cllr Mrs Warren returned to the room and assumed the chair.

PA09/00073/F Mr C.Gunn & Miss C.Madron – Erection of a porch extension to dwelling and domestic garage/workshop – Polgear Farm, Polgear. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Lackner seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

PA09/00090/F Mr T.Johns – Change of use of land from agricultural to form part of domestic curtilage – Egina, Carnkie. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Hamilton seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

PA09/00023/HG South West Water – Removal of a hedgerow – from Stithians Water Treatment Works to Roskrow Service Reservoir. Menherion. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Lackner seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

PA09/00163/F Mr M.Wearne – Continued use of land for the stationing of a temporary caravan for agricultural workers – New View, Carnebone. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

PA09/00171/F Mr S.Lobb – Erection of a wind turbine – Greenacre, Trevenen Bal. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council supports this application with the proviso that should planning permission be granted a condition be imposed requiring that in the event that the turbine ceases to generate electricity it is dismantled and removed from the site.

As a friend of the owner of the site to which this application refers, Councillor Mrs Lackner declared a personal interest in the following application. She remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.

PA09/00173/F Practical Car and Van Hire Rentals Ltd – Erection of extension to existing shop, erection of a workshop and MOT station and new vehicular access to existing bungalow – The Gables Filling Station, Trevenen. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council supports this application with the proviso that, if planning permission is granted, consideration is given to a requirement that the applicant provides traffic islands either side of the crossroads to protect motorists accessing and exiting the east-bound carriageway of the A394.

Correspondence

KDC Nicola Stinson planning decision making during the transition period – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Community Safety Partnership new partnership from April 1, 2009 – *noted*

CCC acknowledgement of receipt of letter concerning parking outside Wendron School – *noted*

CCC acknowledgement of receipt of letter concerning the Trewennack Relief Road – *noted*

CCC Japanese Knotweed on Rights of Way numbers 22, 92 and 185 – *noted*

Helston Museum Invitation to the Saturday Art Club Exhibition – *noted*

North Cornwall District Council Local Development Framework – How do your Settlements Function?

Profile questionnaire – *individual members will answer this questionnaire*

CCC notification of the availability of the Annual Minerals and Waste Monitoring Report 2007/08

OneCornwall Public consultation – Street Collections – *noted*

CCClr Phillips acknowledge ment of letter of thanks and request to be involved should there be an official launch of the *Five Walks in Wendron* booklet – *noted*

CCC Cornish Mining World Heritage Site Newsletter – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

To consider quotations received for the maintenance of footpaths, bridleways and open spaces in the Parish.

To consider a request from Penmarth Methodist Church for financial help towards the provision of a disabled access from the road to the War Memorial and on to the Church

OTHER MATTERS

Cllr Clayton reported that the sum of £1,500 from his Member's Community Grant Scheme (to be put towards new signage) at Farms Common will shortly be paid into the Parish Council's account.

It was noted that

- flooding on the road between Carnkie and Rame has been dealt with
- Kerrier District Council has an obligation to find a site for travellers and gypsies
- a building is being erected at Polgear Cottage for which planning permission has been neither sought nor given
- buses and caravans are parked and being used for residential purposes on land near Porkellis.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday March 9, 2009, in the Community Hall, Burras commencing at 7:30pm

Signed.....Chairman

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