

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:

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

Visitors: CCCLlr P Phillips, PC D Vaughan and Mr Holmes.

The Chairman welcomed Members and visitors to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr M.Boase, Cllr W.Hamilton and Cllr Mrs J Lackner sent their apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded (Cllr Mrs Swift, who was absent from the last meeting abstained) all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday March 9, 2009 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising which were not covered in this agenda.

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

CCCLlr Phillips said that

- Cornwall Council is now a reality and it is his hope that this new Unitary Authority will deliver services appropriately
- there is a golden opportunity for Town and Parish Councils to take on delivery of the core services
- this would be the last meeting he attended as a County Councillor and that he therefore wished to thank Wendron Parish Council for the hospitality extended to him on his visits
- he had been delighted to be able to help in the publication of the *Five Walks in Wendron* booklet.

Speaking for Wendron Parish Council, the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Warren, said that CCCLlr Phillips' help over the time he had been a County Councillor and in particular the manner in which he had fought for the Trewennack relief road had been greatly appreciated. She wished him good luck in the future.

5 POLICE REPORT

The Chairman welcomed PC Dave Vaughan to the meeting.

Introducing himself as the newly-appointed Neighbourhood Beat Manager, PC Vaughan said that he was looking forward to working with the Parish Council. He proposed making a slight change to the way in which crime figures have been reported in that, in future, he will report figures for the previous calendar month. In March 2009 four crimes were reported to the police: two burglaries, a sexual assault and an internet fraud, which compares favourably with the nine crimes reported during the same period in 2008.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Mrs Warren proposed and it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders in order to allow members of the public to speak.

Mr Holmes spoke of his earlier request for help with funding the cost of a new War Memorial slab to be placed in the Lychgate at St Andrew's, Pencoys. He noted that

- for the most part, the boundary of the ecclesiastical parish lies within the civil parish of Wendron
- the proposed slab will be one of four plaques and will record the names of the War Dead from Carnmenellis and Penmarth
- not all the names of the War Dead are recorded on existing War Memorials: this will be rectified on the new plaque
- there are approximately 100,000 War Memorials in the country and
- these are being lost at the rate of about 5,000 per annum
- the Lych Gate at St Andrew's is a Listed Building and as such cannot be destroyed or altered
- there are members of the families of those listed on the proposed memorial who are still living.

7 PROJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH

Wendron Walks booklets Members recognised the excellent job Bill Scolding has made of the recently published *Five Walks in Wendron*. It was agreed to give one to each pupil presently attending Halwin and Wendron Schools and, following concerns expressed about selling the remainder, to consider the distribution of those copies remaining at the Annual Meeting in May.

Future projects

It was noted that Wendron Parish Council has already undertaken to clear the scrub from around the hut circles on Calvadrack Hill. Following discussion and because of the requirements of wildlife in the area it was agreed to re-visit this matter later in the year. It was, however, noted that to keep the area clear would require an on-going financial commitment from the Parish.

The Clerk reported that, as requested, he had contacted both the Primary Care Trust and Provider Care about an outreach medical clinic for use by local residents. He had been told that, for a number of reasons including cleanliness and the possibility of a lack of privacy and consequent loss of patient dignity, both organisations try not to use non-purpose built premises for the provision of care. Moreover, experience has shown that where a single limited service is offered all too frequently the patient has to go elsewhere to receive treatment.

With this in mind, Cllr Mrs Swift proposed that the Parish Council should investigate the possibility of providing transport for residents of the parish which would enable them to attend health and other appointments more easily. Discussion followed concerning the Community Bus and Dial-a-Ride projects which have proved so successful in other areas of Cornwall and the Clerk was asked to investigate possibilities and to report back to the next meeting.

Cllr Clayton drew members' attention to the on-going problems relating to the inappropriate use of speed by motorists at Farms Common. He stated that the Clerk is seeking an indication of what can and cannot be done to slow traffic, but stated (again) that doing nothing is not an option.

A proposal to explore the possibilities of creating a footpath along the field side of the Cornish hedge from Trelill into the village of Trewennack was muted and the Clerk was asked to investigate further.

Cllr Mrs Lay proposed that some of the roadside verges might be planted with bulbs and other flowers to make the parish look more welcoming, but acknowledged that this should be looked into at a later date.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

As Chairman of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils, Cllr Mrs Swift declared a personal interest in the following matter. She remained in the room but, apart from advising members about the work CALC undertakes, took no part in the discussion or the voting.

Members considered an invitation from the Cornwall Association of Local Councils to renew membership for the year 2009 – 2010 Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay seconded and it was agreed to renew membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils for the coming year.

Members reviewed the terms of Wendron Parish Council's Insurance Policy with Allianz Insurance Ltd. It was noted that the premium demanded by Allianz for the risks outlined below for the year to May 31, 2010 is £1,315.94

Mandatory cover

Public liability	£ 5,000,000		
Employers Liability	£10,000,000		
Money	£ 250,000		
Fidelity guarantee	£ 2,000	Cost	£233.19
Legal expenses	£ 50,000	Cost	£ 29.05
Optional cover			
Property damage	£ 47,176.96	Cost	£871.58
Officials indemnity	£250,000	Cost	£ 25.60
Libel and slander	£ 20,000	Cost	£ 24.87
Personal accident	£ 20,000	Cost	£ 33.70 (under age 75)

With an excess of £125.00 property damage covers

7 bus shelters	£31,487.40	(£4,498.20 each)
Cross at Rame	£ 4,498.20	
3 bus shelters (Burras, Porkellis and Rame)	£ 6,747.30	(£2,249.10 each)
4 boundary stones	£ 2,923.83	(£ 730.96 each)
Millennium Cross at Wendron	£ 4,498.20	
Bus shelter at Trewennack	£ 5,250.00	
Play equipment at Carnkie		
Climbing frame	£ 9,922.50	
2 swings	£ 1,102.50	
Slide	£ 2,205.00	

It was noted that nothing else listed on the Asset Register is covered by insurance.

The Clerk reported that Norwich Union offers a superior insurance: in addition to the existing cover, it includes

Public liability	£10,000,000
Fidelity guarantee	£ 100,000
Libel and slander	£ 250,000
Personal accident	£ 50,000

Moreover, when on Parish Council business all volunteers are automatically covered.

The total cost for this insurance with Norwich Union is £981.04 with the condition that Wendron Parish Council undertakes to enter a 3-year binding agreement. Additionally, a 20% no-claims bonus is on offer in the fourth year. Without this agreement, the cost will be £1,032.68 The excess is £250.

It was proposed by Cllr Clayton, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moyle all in favour to continue paying premiums for the above items, but to move from Allianz Insurance Ltd to Norwich Union, and to enter the three year binding agreement. The cheque will be presented for payment at the Annual Meeting.

9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009. Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council approves the accounts for the year April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009.

Both the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer signed and dated the Statement of Accounts contained in the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2009 in the appropriate places.

Parish Councillors considered the Statement of Assurance required for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2009. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors should answer 'Yes' to all the questions save number 7 which should read 'Not Applicable' contained in the Statement of Assurance for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2009.

Both the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer signed and dated the Statement of Assurance contained in the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2008 in the appropriate places.

Members noted that Mr J.P.Richards, Wendron Parish Council's Internal Auditor, had signed off the Annual Return for the year to March 31, 2009.

Members considered a request from Mr Paul Holmes for financial help towards the provision of a War Memorial slab in the Lych Gate at St Andrews Pencoys. Members noted that, located within the civil parish of Wendron, there are three War Memorials and that funding for their maintenance and for the addition of names has never been refused. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Swift proposed, Cllr Clayton seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council should pay £300 towards the cost of a new War Memorial slab in the Lych Gate at St Andrew's, Pencoys. This sum to be paid on demand once the plaque is in place.

Members considered a request from Truro Hospital Radio for financial help. Following discussion, it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council cannot accede to this request

Members considered a request from Home-Start Kernow for financial help. Following discussion, it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council cannot accede to this request

Members noted the payment of £1,000 (as requested by Kerrier District Council following receipt of their cheque for £6,000) to Wendron Silver Band.

Members noted that Queensbury Shelters Limited has been instructed to repair the three bus shelters at Rame, Burras and Porkellis in the sum of £119.90 + VAT

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Cornwall Council Rates (cemetery)	£ 8.90		
Eric & Jeff Bray (cemetery)	£ 54.63	£ 47.50	£ 7.13
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (open spaces)	£ 181.70	£ 158.00	£ 23.70
Information Commissioner	£ 35.00		
RuralNet	£ 57.50	£ 50.00	£ 7.50
Gareth Mitchell			
Open Areas	£ 90.00		
Old cemetery	£ 228.00		
	total		
	£ 318.00		
Tony Mogford Associates Ltd	£ 172.50	£ 150.00	£ 22.50
J.P.Richards (Internal Audit)	£ 249.60		
Burras Community Hall (hire)	£ 217.50		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (March)	£ 493.34		
telephone	£ 47.05		
office expenses	£ 74.68		
travelling	£ 58.59		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total		
	£ 698.66		

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

The following receipts were noted

CC (grant from World Heritage Site)	£ 300.00
CC (precept 1 st instalment)	£12,000.00
KDC (grants for organisations)	£ 6,000.00

It was noted that the grant from KDC in the sum of £6,000 was received with a request to send Wendron Silver Band £1,000 immediately. The balance of £5,000 is to be forwarded to Wendron Cricket Club once an indication has been received that full funding for the construction of an all-weather training facility is in place. This indication must be received by or, at the discretion of Wendron Parish Council, shortly after the end of July. If the Cricket Club is unable to access full funding then the £5,000 will revert to the Parish for use in the purchase of road safety measures.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA09/0058/F Mr J Neary – Conversion of redundant agricultural building to form five holiday lets and installation of a septic tank – Burnt House Farm, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors have grave concerns about access to the proposed development which is along a narrow and tortuous Public Right of Way (which is not in the ownership of the applicant) where there are no passing places, where there would undoubtedly be a conflict

of safety between vehicles and pedestrians/horse-riders and which emerges near Halwin School. They do not believe this access is safe for the level of expected use. Further, they do not believe the building itself is either worthy of retention or is capable of conversion without major or complete reconstruction. They therefore consider that the application is for new homes in the countryside and accordingly ask the Planning Committee to refuse permission for development.

PA09/00275/F Mr P Gilbert – Erection of an extension to rear of dwelling – Homeleigh, Trewennack. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors support this application.

PA09/00307/F Mr G Pruen & Ms C Vosper – Conversion of redundant barn and former cottages into two units for holiday accommodation, formation of a new access and roadway and installation of a septic tank – Manhay Farm, Manhay. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors support this application subject to County Highways' approval for the new access.

PA09/00365/F Mr G Gagen – Erection of a replacement conservatory extension to dwelling – Riversleigh Cottage, Porkellis Bridge. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors support this application.

PA09/00395/F Miss H Bennett – Erection of a conservatory extension to dwelling – Wheal View, Trevenen Bal. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors support this application.

PA09/00434/F Miss L Hing – Erection of replacement extension to dwelling – 2 Ash Villa, Carnmenellis. Cllr Gibson proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors support this application.

Cllr Mrs Lay declared a personal interest in the following application in that the applicant farms land neighbouring her property. She remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.

PA09/00462/F Mr M Vian – Erection of a livestock building for the housing and feeding of cattle – Glebe Farm, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors support this application subject to adequate provision being made for rain-water drainage.

PA09/00488/F Mr & Mrs Godfry – Retention and completion of the conversion of a former stables into office, workshop and store – Misty View Farm, Higher Boswin, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay seconded, (Cllr Gibson against) and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors support this application.

PA09/00515/F Mr & Mrs B Manning – Alterations and extensions to dwelling – Croft Rose, Burras. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors support this application.

Decisions

PA08/00982/F Conditional Permission for Development (conversion of redundant cottage and outbuildings to form two holiday units and a utility building) – Blackdowns Cottage, Calvadnack – *noted*

PA09/00010/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an agricultural barn) – Foxes Den, Trevenan – *noted*

PA09/00015/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an extension to dwelling) – Foxes Den, Trevenan – *noted*

PA09/00066/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a domestic garage/workshop) – Seven Meadows, North Polmarth – *noted*

PA09/00073/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a porch extension to dwelling and domestic garage/workshop) – Polgear Farm, Polgear – *noted*

PA09/00090/F Conditional Permission for Development (change of use of land from agricultural to form part of domestic curtilage) – Egina, Carnkie – *noted*

PA09/00163/F Conditional Permission for Development (continued use of land for the stationing of a temporary caravan for agricultural workers) – New View, Carnebone, Laity – *noted*

PA09/00173/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extension to existing shop, formation of a car/van rental and sale areas, erection of a workshop and MOT station building and alterations to vehicular access to serve existing bungalow) – The Gables Filling Station, Trevenan – *noted*

PA09/00215/LU Refusal of Certificate of Lawfulness (existing use of caravan as residential accommodation) – The Caravan, Moorfield, East Calvadnack – *noted*

Correspondence

Cornwall Council notification that the application for the construction of a new pumping station to provide a first-time sewerage connection on land at Carnkie has been withdrawn – *noted*

KDC PA09/00067/F amendment to “Erection of a dwelling and installation of a sewage treatment plant” at Mount Joy Farm – *noted*

South West Water first time sewerage at Carnkie. Statutory Notice in respect of an application to the Secretary of State for consent to construct works on Viscar Common – *noted*

Ms Breen & Ms Sears copy of letter to KDC Planning with observations concerning PA09/00058/F – *noted*

CC PA09/00230/F application to go before the Planning Committee for decision – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk drew members’ attention to an offer from Prokill to treat all moles in public areas in the parish of Wendron for an annual fee of £500. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council should accept this offer.

The Clerk drew members’ attention to a request from residents of Burras for the public seat to be repaired. Similarly, Cllr Mrs Warren stated that the bench at Carnkie needs repair. Cllr Mrs Swift proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council should repair both these public seats.

Correspondence

Cornwall Council consultation on taxi provision – *noted*

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

CALC Comprehensive Area Assessment briefing – *noted*

Clean Cornwall Weeks April 18-27 and September 19-27 – *noted*

Shelter acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Tony Mogford Associates Ltd Carnkie Play Area Safety Inspection and Risk Assessment – various issues – *noted*

Penwith Housing Association Annual Report and News Extra – *noted*

Cornwall Council various information: Becoming a Councillor, Town and Parish Council Newsletter, notice of Council Tax for the year to March 31, 2010 – *noted*

KDC final agenda and reports – *noted*

Information Commissioner Freedom of Information dvd – *noted*

Queensbury Shelters Ltd acknowledgement of order (completion scheduled for late May 2009) – *noted*

Cornwall Hospice Care Make a Will poster – *noted*

CC response to letter to KDC Planning re planning gain and Trewennack road improvement – *noted*

Cornish World Heritage Site Office acknowledgement of and thanks for *Five Walks in Wendron* – *noted*

Boundary Committee notification that the final recommendations will be published by the end of September – *noted*

Equality and Human Rights Commission Public Sector Equality Duties – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Distribution of *Five Walks in Wendron* booklets. Future projects.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday May 11, 2008 in the Community Hall, Burras commencing at 7:00pm This will be followed immediately by the Annual Meeting.

Signed.....Chairman

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