

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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| <b>Present:</b> | Cllr Mrs M.Warren (Vice-Chairman) | Cllr Mrs C.Lay        |
|                 | Cllr N.van den Berg               | Cllr Mrs Moyle        |
|                 | Cllr M.Boase                      | Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell   |
|                 | Cllr J.Buxton                     | Cllr G.Gibson         |
|                 | Cllr M.Clayton                    |                       |
|                 | Cllr P.Davidson                   | C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk) |

**Visitors:** PCSO Ceri Sadler, Mr I.Perry.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs Warren, assumed the Chair and welcomed Members and visitors to the meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Hamilton sent his apologies for absence.

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded (Cllr Mrs Moyle, who was absent from the last meeting, abstained) all others in favour that ,with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, June 8, 2009 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

The Clerk reported that 62 copies of the walks booklet have been sold. They are currently on sale in the Helston Museum, Poldark Mine, Retanna Caravan Park and the Golden Lion at Stithians Lake.

## 4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Clayton reported that

- the period since the election has been a steep learning curve for newly elected Cornwall Councillors
- he is very concerned about the planning process currently being employed by Cornwall Council. There are three sub-divisions in Cornwall: Wendron is in the West sub-area (an amalgam of the old Kerrier and Penwith districts) and the West sub-area is itself divided into two areas: West 1 (formerly Penwith) and West 2 (formerly Kerrier). The planning policies of Penwith District Council remain valid in West 1 and the planning policies of Kerrier District Council remain valid in West 2. Effectively this means that a planning application may be permitted in West 1 and refused in West 2, despite the fact that the planning application has been submitted to Cornwall Council
- he is further concerned about the growing number of residents who demonstrate a blatant disregard for planning rules. For this reason he will be accompanying a senior officer from Cornwall's planning department on a tour of the ward later in the month. He invited members to contact him with issues relating to this problem
- one of the key submissions by Cornwall County Council in the bid to gain Unitary status was the proposed delegation of responsibility to communities. Community Networks were set up to aid this process. However, there is no money available to the Community Networks to take on responsibility and because of this he fears they will simply become 'talking-shops'

- Cornwall's financial situation appears bleak. The level of debt and consequent borrowing by the previous authority mean there are tough times ahead and difficult decisions to make.

## 5 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Sadler reported that in June 2009 seven crimes were reported to the police (two assaults, a burglary and four thefts), which compares with six crimes reported during the same period in 2008. She further reported that the traffic unit had recently stopped in excess of sixty vehicles at Rame and had issued a number of fixed penalty tickets and cautions for speeding. Further to the fatal accident on the B3297, she reported that PC Vaughan has spoken to Cornwall Highways with a view to placing warning posters along this stretch of road.

Thanking PCSO Sadler for attending, the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Warren, said that it was good to see her out and about in the parish

## 6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Wishing members well, Mr Perry stated simply that he was present to listen to the proceedings.

## 7 PARISH MATTERS

Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Boase seconded all in favour to adopt a formal code of practice for dealing with complaints against the actions of the Council's staff or its administration. A copy of the adopted code is attached to these minutes.

## 8 PROJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH

**Clearance of scrub from around the hut circles on Calvadnack Hill** – the Clerk reported that he has heard nothing further from Cornwall about this project.

**Provision of a Community Bus/Dial-a-Ride scheme** – the Clerk reported that, as yet, no written scheme for consideration by members has been received. Cllr Mrs Moyle offered to seek details of a scheme in use at Pendeen.

### Parish Notice-Boards

Cllr van den Berg stated that the Parish notice-boards are too small to display all the information emanating from the Council and suggested that their replacement with larger boards might be considered as a future project. Considerable discussion followed during the course of which and amongst other points made it was suggested that the cost of replacement boards would be prohibitive and that greater prominence might be given to the website.

### Major Roads

Cllr van den Berg suggested that the Parish Council should make a project of insisting that both the A394 through Trewennack and the B3297 from Helston through to Redruth are made safer for users. Members were reminded that in 2004 every parish council whose residents regularly use the A394 from Helston through to Longdowns supported a request for a by-pass at Trewennack. This request was apparently dismissed by Cornwall County Council. Safety along the B3297 is the subject of on-going, behind-the-scenes consultation with Cornwall Highways. Speaking of the B3297 the Clerk reported that three new chevrons have been erected at Farms Common to indicate the severity of the bend: the day after they had been erected two cars crashed through the hedge.

### Footpaths

It was reported that the footpaths around Poldark have been well trimmed, but that footpaths elsewhere are very overgrown. The Clerk stated that the contractor hopes to have completed trimming all the paths in the parish before the end of August, but that the weather has been against him. It was noted that the new fingerpost on footpath 19 has been knocked down, but that it has been reported to Cornwall.

### Historic Fingerposts

Cllr Gibson reported that the cast-iron fingerposts at Penmarth and at Trenear both need repainting. It was agreed to ask Gareth Mitchell to do this work.

## 9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at July 20, 2009. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Clayton asked that the £5,000 which Wendron Parish Council is holding on behalf of Kerrier District Council be separately itemised on that statement.

Members noted the transfer of £5,000 from the deposit account to the current account.

Members noted the re-payment (following the loss of two cheques) of Mr Mitchell's accounts paid in June in the combined sum of £251.00

Members noted the receipt of a copy invoice for staging addressed to Halwin School and, using the power granted to Parish Councils under s145 of the Local Government Act 1972, authorised the payment of £1,000 towards the cost (see minutes dated June 8, 2009 page 1,332 paragraph 8).

Members noted the receipt from the Audit Commission of notification that the audit for the year ending March 31, 2009 has been concluded. A single observation was made *The Council should review its level of fidelity guarantee insurance cover. The level during the year of audit of £2,000 was below the Audit Commission's guideline level of £30,400 (Cash balances plus half the precept)*. Members noted that this concern has already been addressed with the change of insurance provider.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

|  | GROSS    | NET      | VAT     |
|--|----------|----------|---------|
| RTS (Garden Services) Ltd<br>(footpaths 151, 152, 153, 154, 166, 167,<br>176, 177, 182, 181, 192, 193, 194, 195) | £ 596.24 | £ 518.47 | £ 77.77 |
| RTS (Garden Services) Ltd<br>(footpaths 168, 169, 171, 185)  | £ 286.26 | £ 248.93 | £ 37.33 |
| RTS (Garden Services) Ltd<br>(footpaths 149, 155, 156, 158,<br>163, 173, 174, 175)                               | £ 402.92 | £ 350.37 | £ 52.55 |
| RTS (Garden Services) Ltd<br>(footpaths 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101,<br>105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110)               | £ 321.09 | £ 279.21 | £ 41.88 |
| RTS (Garden Services) Ltd<br>(footpaths 90, 119, 120, 121, 123, 127)   | £ 392.43 | £ 341.25 | £ 51.18 |
| D.E. & P.J.Trerise (war memorial plaque)   | £ 300.00 | £ 260.87 | £ 39.13 |
| Eric & Jeff Bray (cemetery)  | £ 115.00 | £ 100.00 | £ 15.00 |
| Queensbury Shelters  | £ 137.89 | £ 119.90 | £ 17.99 |
| Audit Commission   | £ 350.75 | £ 305.00 | £ 45.75 |
| Gareth Mitchell  |          |          |         |
| Open Areas (June 19)   | £ 90.00  |          |         |
| Open Areas (July 3)  | £ 90.00  |          |         |
| Rame Hill triangle   | £ 36.00  |          |         |
| Bus shelters (strim)   | £ 24.00  |          |         |
| Wendron cemetery   | £ 192.00 |          |         |
| Rame Common footpath   | £ 72.00  |          |         |
| Polighy Moor footpath  | £ 60.00  |          |         |
| total  | £ 564.00 |          |         |
| Gareth Mitchell (Open Areas July 18)   | £ 90.00  |          |         |
| Colin Chapman  |          |          |         |
| Salary (June)  | £ 478.30 |          |         |
| telephone  | £ 28.11  |          |         |
| office expenses  | £ 72.76  |          |         |
| travelling   | £ 66.96  |          |         |
| use of home  | £ 25.00  |          |         |
| total  | £ 671.13 |          |         |

It was proposed by Cllr Clayton, seconded by Cllr van den Berg, all others in favour that the above twelve accounts be paid.

The following receipts were noted

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Golden Lion Inn (booklets)  | £ 30.00 |
| Cornwall Council (booklets) | £ 30.00 |
| Cornwall Council (booklets) | £ 60.00 |

## 10 PLANNING

Cllr Clayton declared an interest as a member of CC Planning Committee. He took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

### Applications

PA09/00725/F Mr & Mrs C.Wearne – Erection of a general purpose agricultural building – Higher Tremenheere, Trevenen Bal. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Boase seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors support this application.

*Cllr Buxton declared a personal interest in the following application in that the applicant is a neighbour. He remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.*

PA09/00799/F Mr & Mrs Rapson – Erection of a wind turbine – Carnebone Farm, Laity. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors support this application with the proviso that the turbine is dismantled, the platform on which it stands is removed and the land is returned to agricultural use either within six months of the turbine ceasing to generate electricity or after twenty years whichever is the shorter.

PA09/00864/F Mr R Smith – Erection of a link between dwelling and garage – Seven Meadows Farm, Polmarth. Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors support this application.

PA09/00956/F Mr S Henwood – Erection of an agricultural building – Bodilly Farm, Crelly. Cllr van den Berg proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors support this application.

PA09/00974/F Mr S Toft – Retention of temporary static caravan for owner accommodation during the demolition and rebuilding of the house – Little White Alice, Calvadrack. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Councillors support this application.

### Decisions

PA08/02014/F Conditional Permission for Development (conversion of barn to form an extension to existing dwelling and erection of a wind turbine) – Ruby Farm, Halwin – *noted*

PA09/00462/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a livestock building for the housing and feeding of cattle) – Glebe Farm, Wendron – *noted*

PA09/00469/F Conditional Permission for Development (conversion or redundant agricultural buildings into a dwelling and formation of a parking area) – Halabezack Farm, Polhigey – *noted*

PA09/00488/F Conditional Permission for Development (retention and completion of the conversion of a former stables into office, workshop and store) – Higher Misty Farm, Higher Boswin, Porthkellis – *noted*

PA09/00500/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an extension to dwelling) – Meadowside, Burras – *noted*

PA09/00504/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a domestic garage and store) – Boderloggan Farm, Wendron – *noted*

PA09/00515/F Conditional Permission for Development (alterations and extensions to dwelling) – Croft Rose, Burras – *noted*

PA09/00522/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a replacement domestic garage) – Polgear House, Forest, Four Lanes – *noted*

PA09/00549/F Conditional Permission for Development (retention and completion of extension, conversion of roof space and construction of two dormers in dwelling) – Warmlea, Carnkie – *noted*

PA09/00609/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an agricultural buiding) – land at Burras – *noted*

PA09/00618/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a replacement agricultural building) – Little Garlidna, Porkellis – *noted*

PA09/00626/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a two-storey extension to dwelling) – 2, Wheal Oak, Trenethick Fields, Helston – *noted*

PA09/00635/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a two-storey extension to dwelling) – Halabezack Farm, Polhigey – *noted*

### Correspondence

CC Call for potential housing sites within Helston, Truro – *noted*

CC agenda for the West Sub-Area Planning Committee Meeting on July 28, 2009 – *noted*

## 11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

**CALC** copy of letter to NALC concerning the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 s76 – *noted*

**Awards for All** notification that the grant file in respect of the Walks Booklet has been closed – *noted*

**Cornwall Council** notification of the temporary prohibition of traffic at Merthyr Uny – *noted*

**South West Water** notice of application to the Secretary of State for permission to carry out restricted works on Viscar Common (land registered as Common Land) – *noted*

**Cllr Paul Holmes** notification that the Carnmenellis War Plaque at St Andrew's Pencoys has been installed – *noted*

**Cornwall Birds** copy of a letter sent to Mrs Bell, Tangies Farm – *noted*

**Halwin School** letter and card thanking Wendron Parish Council both for the donation towards the cost of staging and for supporting Kerrier's skate-park – *noted*

**Clerks and Councils Direct** newsletter – *noted*

**CC (Mouchel)** Porkellis Moor bridge strengthening closure notice – *noted*

**Cornwall Council** Town and Parish Council Newsletter (July) – *noted*

**Truro Cathedral** United Nations Climate Change Conference (December 2009) – *noted*

**CC Leisure Services** Out There (things to do, places to go) – *noted*

## 12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage.

## 13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

### DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Monday August 10, 2009 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....