

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

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

Visitors: PC Vaughan and Mr Faryluk.

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay seconded, Cllr van den Berg, Cllr Boase, Cllr Buxton, Cllr Mrs Mitchell and Cllr Mrs Moyle who were absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, October 12, 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 elsewhere in this agenda.

4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Clayton reported that,

- together with Mr Andy James (CC's Regional Highways' Surveyor) and the portfolio holder, CCllr Graham Hick, he had toured the parish, visiting areas of concern. He has passed an e-mail with details of locations where action might be taken (subject to financial restrictions) to the Clerk. He asked that options should be considered and a report presented at the December meeting
- an invitation for Wendron Parish Council to appoint a representative and a substitute to serve on the Helston/Lizard Peninsula Community Network Committee will be delivered shortly. The first meeting of that committee will be on January 13, 2010 in the Epworth Hall
- the final recommendation from the Boundary Committee has been delayed to the end of November. He will shortly be attending a meeting to identify lessons learned as a result of last June's elections
- Planning Enforcement fails to deter those who are content to ignore planning criteria. He advised all those who feel strongly about this matter to write directly to Mr P.Mason (CC's Head of Planning) expressing their concerns
- he has been advised that fixed development boundaries have been abandoned: development can be considered in areas which 'adhere to the general pattern of the settlement'
- he has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of Cornwall's Planning Policy Committee whose remit is to create a Core Strategy which will supercede the six Local Planning Policy Guidance Documents

- a new Hamlet Policy will recognise small sustainable settlements and will allow for one or two Local Needs Housing developments tied to a S106 obligation
- a second new policy relates to exception sites where the use of cross-subsidy will substantially reduce the costs of development, making homes affordable to first-time local purchasers
- Cornwall Council is faced with substantial financial problems that, in coming years, will severely restrict funding presently offered to town and parish councils' project work. He advised members to be aware of this when setting the precept for Wendron in December.

Cllr Clayton left the room.

5 POLICE REPORT

PC Vaughan reported that in October 2009 two crimes were reported to the police (an assault and an incidence of arson), which compares with four crimes reported during the same period in 2008.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Faryluk explained that he was present to add to the debate concerning the newly erected wind turbine at Penmarth.

7 PARISH MATTERS

The Clerk reported that he had received no requests for information about co-option onto the Parish Council from qualifying members of the public. He further reported that he has made enquiries about the possibility of reducing the number of elected members on the Parish Council and is awaiting a reply.

Members considered an invitation from BT to purchase the telephone kiosks at Penmarth and at Rame for £1 each (the telephone equipment will be removed). Following discussion, during the course of which it was noted that, quite apart from the cost of day-to-day maintenance, unmetered electricity will cost in excess of £40 per kiosk annually, Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded all in favour not to accept BT's invitation.

Cllr Boase entered the room during discussion of the following agenda item.

The Clerk rehearsed the history of Wendron Parish Council's attempts to claim ownership of Rame Common and suggested that a better way forward may be to invoke Section 2 of the Commons Act 2006 which provides for omissions and errors made in the work done by the Commissioners under the Commons Registration Act 1965 to be rectified. He suggested that the omission of Rame Common from the process in 1965 was an error and that members might like to consider applying to the Commons Registration Authority for its inclusion on the Register. Following discussion, Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Buxton seconded all in favour that an Index Search is made with the Land Registry to establish whether or not there is now an owner registered with that organisation. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay seconded all in favour to make an application to the Commons Registration Authority for Rame Common to be included on the Register of Common Land.

8 FINANCE

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre for help with funding counselling and support services. Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded, all in favour that Wendron Parish Council (using their powers under Section 142(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972) should forward a donation of £25 to the Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre towards the on-going costs of providing the service.

Members noted that a wreath for Remembrance Sunday had been ordered and considered the question of a donation towards the work of the Royal British Legion. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded all others in favour that, under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, Wendron Parish Councillors should forward the sum of £100 to the Royal British Legion.

Members noted the revised hourly rate for part-time Clerks on Spinal Column Point 20 (up from £9.496 to £9.591). However, following discussion, Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay seconded all in favour to defer a decision on the Clerk's rate of pay to a later date.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

| | GROSS | NET | VAT |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Fal-Pest (moles at Penmarth and Carnkie) | £ 276.00 | £ 240.00 | £ 36.00 |
| Eric and Jeff Bray | £ 57.50 | £ 50.00 | £ 7.50 |
| Gareth Mitchell (river at Burras) | £ 150.00 | | |

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| Gareth Mitchell | |
| Open Areas | £ 90.00 |
| Bus shelter strimming | £ 36.00 |
| Carnkie play area | £ 24.00 |
| | total £ 150.00 |

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| Colin Chapman | |
| Salary (October) | £ 512.31 |
| telephone | £ 27.82 |
| office expenses | £ 29.65 |
| travelling | £ 66.40 |
| Tithe disc | £ 15.00 |
| use of home | £ 25.00 |
| | total £ 676.18 |

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

The following receipts were noted

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| Mrs Humphries (booklets) | £ 10.00 |
| Mrs Beckett (booklet) | £ 5.00 |

9 PLANNING

Applications

As a Governor of Wendron School Cllr Davidson, declared a personal interest in the following application. He remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.

PA09/01100/F Wendron Pre-School – Erection of pre-school and community building, formation of pedestrian access and additional parking and installation of septic tank – Wendron Church of England Primary School, Wendron. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council is strongly in favour of the provision of a pre-school and community building on this site. However, Councillors believe that the proposed parking is totally inadequate for the amount of use this building will generate. Moreover they have concerns about light pollution and would prefer to see quite where security lighting is to be sited before passing further comment. For these reasons the Parish Council asks that this application for development is refused permission for development.”

PA09/01159/F Mr J.Neary – Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to form two holiday lets and installation of a septic tank – Burnt House Farm, Porkellis. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “For reasons which have been rehearsed in previous observations on applications for development on this site Wendron Parish Council do not support this application. 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 anticipated level of use by visitors to the properties.”

PA09/01377/F Mr E.J.Harris – Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling – Landue, Merther Uny. 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.”

Decisions

PA09/01027/F Conditional Permission for Development (change of use of premises from a workshop into Use Class B1) – Retanna House Farm, Edgumbe – *noted*

PA09/01037/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extensions to watersport centre) – Stithians Water Sports Centre – *noted*

PA09/01064/F Conditional Permission for Development (retention and completion of a dwelling – amended design) – 9, Rame Terrace, Rame Cross – *noted*

PA09/01096/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extensions to dwelling) – Wishingtons, Porkellis – *noted*

PA09/01165/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an extension to dwelling) – Brenn Golow, Carnkie – *noted*

PA09/01174/F Conditional Permission for Development (conversion of barn to form a dwelling) – Little Carnmenellis, Carnmenellis – *noted*

Correspondence

Mrs Bambury concerning PA08/01890/F (erection of a wind turbine at Little White Alice) – *Considerable discussion arouse as a result of the receipt of this letter. It was determined that*

- *Wendron Parish Council is not unsympathetic to the concerns raised by Mrs Bambury*
- *the heart of the problem lies in the fact that planning permission was sought for an industrial (rather than for a domestic) turbine and that this was compounded by directions from Central Government to the effect that every encouragement should be afforded to individuals who wish to produce electrical energy in a sustainable fashion*
- *the noise emanating from this turbine is probably well in excess of the manufacturer's stated levels, that it is intrusive for neighbours and that very probably the purchaser of the turbine has a case in law against the manufacturer in that the turbine is not 'fit for purpose'*
- *there was demonstrably insufficient consultation relating to this application*
- *in granting planning permission for development, Planning Officers did not take proper account of the impact the turbine would have on the immediate area*
- *in formulating its observations, Wendron Parish Council followed planning guidelines (and here it was noted that any objection the Parish Council might have raised would have been over-ruled by the Planning Authority)*
- *in future, Wendron Parish Council will object in the strongest possible terms to the erection of industrial turbines in the Parish despite the fact that any objection will very probably be over-ruled by the Planning Authority.*

The Clerk was asked to reply to Mrs Bambury mentioning the above points.

10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

On the matter of the maintenance of the closed churchyard at Wendron the Clerk reported that he is awaiting quotations from suitably qualified contractors.

Correspondence

Andrew George MP Casework Surgeries – *noted*

Andrew George MP Affordable Housing Seminar (St Keverne Parish Hall November 13 at 7:00pm – *noted*

South Western Ambulance Service Aspirant Foundation Trust Consultation – *noted*

CC Notification of receipt of an application to register waste land of a manor not registered as common land adjoining Viscar Common – *noted*

CC Notification of receipt of an application to register waste land of a manor not registered as common land adjoining Carnkie Common – *noted*

RNAS Culdrose offer to attend a Council Meeting to brief members on flying activities – *noted*

11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comment at this stage.

12 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS.

A Village Design Statement.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Monday December 14, 2009 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

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