

Wendron Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Wendron Parish held on Monday May 10, 2010 at 7.00pm in the Community Hall, Burras. Chairman of the Council, Cllr Hamilton, presiding, Mr C Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

Present: Cllr Buxton, Cllr Boase, Cllr Clayton, Cllr Gibson, Cllr Mrs Lay, Cllr Mrs Mitchell Cllr Mrs Moyle, Cllr Mrs Warren, Mr Hoskins, Mr Lay, Mr Mitchell and Mr Pickett.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N. van den Berg and Cllr P. Davidson.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday, May 11, 2009 were a true record at the meeting on June 8, 2009 when the Chairman signed them as such. Cllr Hamilton proposed, Cllr Clayton seconded and it was agreed formally to adopt these minutes.

3 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, Cllr Hamilton, said

“It seems to me that we started this year with a sense of uncertainty and with an impending change in the world of local politics that was difficult to get a handle on. We knew that the role of Wendron Parish Council was changing but it was not clear how it might change or what it might become with the move to a unitary council in Cornwall.

“Now we are finishing the year and there is a whole new sense of political uncertainty at a national level together with a still unclear sense of how the Parish council will operate under a unitary council.

“My sense is that this uncertainty has coloured everything that we have done over the last twelve months. Community Networks have been a big theme but perhaps not a big feature of the year and I hope this may be a more settled issue in the coming twelve months.

“But, although this uncertainty may be true in a very general sense, the business of the parish has also continued to follow its own pattern. We have had recurring themes from previous years: roads; planning; the clearance and maintenance of foot paths; and recruiting additional councillors.

“We even had the question of buying telephone kiosks from BT again this year - I wonder how many more are left in the Parish?

“My public duties, which I got much satisfaction from, were:

To deliver a box of walk booklets to Wendron School and then to Halwin School and discuss with the children the possibilities of walking in their local area;

Opening the Porkellis Village Show which was also a very enjoyable occasion as I also got to hand out the trophies to the winning exhibitors at the end;

The rededication of the War Memorial plaques at St Andrews Pencoys;

The Remembrance Day parade.

“The major events that have stuck in my mind have been

The flooding in Burras of the row of terrace houses just across from here.

Contributing a large sum to Halwin School for staging - I then attended a very enjoyable show at the school which made good use of the new facilities

Then there was the work in Carnkie for sewerage connections and the disruption of the common land that we maintain.

“It may seem that much of the Parish work is very slow in coming to fruition, but I feel that this is more a reflection on the history behind the Parish and the idea of being in it for the long term. Once we have a full answer on the work required we will, I expect, be able to take on the management of the clearance for the Calvadnack Hut Circles and perhaps more importantly continue to maintain it for the future. This sort of work and the work with Common Land will always take effort and consideration before we can commit. I feel this is appropriate and the right way for the Parish Council to operate.

“As a final point I would like to thank all the councillors for their support and attendance at our meetings and to the public and members of other statutory bodies who have attended to inform us or update us on events in the wider community.”

Cllr Clayton said that he was sad to see Cllr Hamilton leaving the Council. He added that he had made a positive contribution to Wendron Parish Council, both as a member and as Chairman. He wished him well in the future. These sentiments were endorsed by all those present.

4 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO MARCH 31, 2010

The Clerk presented the Financial Report for the year 2009 – 2010 which had been accepted at the Ordinary Parish Meeting on Monday April 12, 2010. In brief, this showed that Wendon Parish Council had started the year with a reserve of £18,420.26 and ended it with a reserve of £23,235.61 The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor (Peter Richards, formerly KDC Chief Auditor) had signed off the accounts and that they are now in the hands of the External Auditor.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by asking parishioners present if they had any questions or views about the actions of the Parish Council.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 14, 2010

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 9, 2011

Chairman