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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday, July 19, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:

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

Visitors: PCSO Sadler.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the July meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Boase and Cllr Mrs Moyle sent their apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, (Cllr Buxton who was absent from the last meeting abstained), all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, June 21, 2010 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 on this agenda.

4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Clayton reported that

- he has committed expenditure from his budget to creating two bases designed to take a 'Speed Visor' at Praze. He suggested that Wendron Parish Council might like to consider siting similar bases at the top of Carnkie Hill or in Rame – and that Members might like to contribute the cost of one of them from Parish funds
- Cornwall Council has serious monetary shortfalls and is undertaking a full review of non-mandatory services
- Cornwall Council is giving serious consideration towards the removal of subsidies for bus services
- Parish Councils have the right to set their own individual precepts. He reiterated his view that, in future, Members should act very cautiously when making donations to local organisations: it is unlikely that funding for Parish Council projects will be forthcoming from Cornwall.

5 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Sadler reported that in June 2010 seven crimes (including two burglaries and three assaults) were reported to the Police. In answer to a question concerning the amount of time the Police spend at Nine Maidens School, PCSO Sadler agreed that the school takes a great deal of local policing resource. She assured Members that the situation is being monitored.

PCSO Sadler reported that, although the Policing Pledge is to be scrapped, the intention remains to provide residents with the best possible service.

Finally, PCSO Sadler informed Members that the summer drink-drive campaign is now underway. The advice from the Police is that if you drink, don't drive.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Members reported that they are no further forward with finding members of the public who are interested in co-opting on to the Council.

8 COMMUNITY NETWORK

Reporting on the meeting of the Community Network Panel in Mawgan on Wednesday July 14, 2010 the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Lay, said that the meeting had focussed on public transport. It had been well attended and, with the notable exception of First Group, people were clearly satisfied with the standard of service provided. Referring to First Group buses, CCllr Clayton had made the point that the use of large double-decker buses on rural roads is unacceptable, but had received the reply that they only use the buses they have. It was clear that the representative from First Group held no real power. The Dial-a-Ride scheme is well used and well supported in rural areas. Members were asked to note that patients can ask for hospital appointments to be at the nearest convenient hospital, rather than having to travel to Truro. The next meeting will be in Carleen Village Hall in October, when Highways will form the major topic of discussion.

Cllr Clayton reported that the over-riding message from the service providers had been that routes are determined (and funding awarded) according to the size of population served. He added that it is the prerogative of the Chairman of the meeting to set the agenda, but that he expects CCllr Keeling (who will be the Chairman of the next meeting) to include some mention of Affordable Housing.

The Clerk was asked to contact First Group buses to ask for company policy on buses stopping by request and to ask for flags to be sited on the A394 at Laity.

9 PARISH MATTERS

Stithians Lake carpark

The Clerk reported that he had received an e-mail from Mr Costa Hadji-Argyris stating that a local architect's quotation for drawing the necessary plans had amounted to a sum in excess of £1,200 not least because a site survey was necessary so that vision lines and the turning space can be included in the application. It was his intention to seek advice about this before proceeding any further. Criticising the length of time this was taking, Cllr Clayton said that it was his opinion that the South West Lakes Trust should hold an on-site meeting with planning officers and County Highways.

Calvadnack Common

The Clerk reported that, without seeing the extent of the problem (which cannot be done until November at the earliest, when the growth of summer has died away) contractors are unable to offer firm quotations. However, both Rex Andrew and Paul Liddicoat have given an indication of their charges per hour. It was agreed to defer a final decision until the November meeting.

Public Seat in the Lawn Cemetery

The Clerk presented three quotations from local companies for the supply of a new hardwood bench for Wendron Lawn Cemetery. Cllr Clayton criticised the Clerk for not requiring retailers to go through the formal tendering process and suggested that this practice should be reinstated. He further stated that a concrete ended bench sited in Penmarth was little used and might be re-sited in the cemetery. Following considerable discussion, Cllr Clayton proposed and it was agreed that Members should themselves seek quotations for public benches and that the matter should be deferred to the next meeting.

Carnkie Play Area

The Clerk reported that, as requested, he had investigated the possibility of obtaining funding for the purchase of a Rotaweb for the Carnkie play area and that the SITA Cornwall Trust had indicated that this is the sort of community project it likes to endorse. However, there needs to be some indication of financial support, no matter how small, from the local community. The Chairman undertook to explore the possibility of fund-raising in Carnkie.

Housing Needs Survey

Cllr Clayton restated his view that a Housing Needs Survey should be undertaken across the District and that this would be a suitable project for the Community Network to lead.

The A394 at Rame

Cllr Mitchell said that he had grave concerns about road safety at Rame, through which cars travel on a regular basis at speeds well in excess of the 40mph limit, occasionally even on the wrong side of the traffic separation islands. Following considerable discussion, it was agreed to hold a Public Meeting, possibly at Edgcombe Chapel, to discuss this problem to which the local MP, Mr George Eustice, should be invited along with Cllr Graham Hicks (the portfolio holder for Transport and Highways) and representatives from the Police and Cornwall Highways.

Cllr van den Berg raised the issue of the A394 at Trewennack stating that the road through the village is totally inadequate for the volume and scale of traffic, citing the recent removal of the bus-shelter in order to allow the unimpeded passage of long vehicles. Members agreed that a Public Meeting (to which the same officials should invited together with the MP for Trewennack, Mr Andrew George) should be called in order to draw the attention of Cornwall Highways and the powers that be to the need for the relief road to form part of the 2011 Local Transport Plan.

10 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Audit Commission		£ 334.88	£ 285.00	£ 49.88
Eric Bray (Lawn Cemetery)		£ 60.00	£ 51.06	£ 8.94
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RTS (Garden Services) Ltd				
Wendron Church (June)	£ 270.25			
Wash and glue (Carnkie)	£ 205.62			
Footpaths 130, 131, 166, 168, 169, 171, 176,185	£ 401.39			
Footpaths 132, 133, 135, 136, 137, 141, 142, 143	£ 355.09			
Footpaths 2, 3, 5, 7, 44, 90, 92, 120, 128,	£ 602.41			
Footpaths 47, 85, 86, 87, 89, 91, 116, 121, 125, 126, 127, 157,	£ 569.35			
	total	£ 2,404.11	£ 2,046.07	£ 358.04
Colin Chapman				
Salary (June and backdated)	£ 650.72			
telephone	£ 26.88			
office expenses	£ 38.23			
travelling	£ 49.66			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 790.49		

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

The following account was also presented for payment.

Cllr Mitchell declared a personal and prejudicial interest in that this account was submitted by Gareth Mitchell, his son.

Cllr Mitchell left the room.

Gareth Mitchell (open spaces)	
Cutting grass 23/06	£ 90.00
Cutting grass 08/07	£ 90.00
Rame Common Path	£ 72.00
Rame Cross triangle	£ 18.00
	total £ 270.00

Proposed by Cllr Clayton, seconded by Cllr van den Berg all others in favour that the above account be paid.

Cllr Mitchell returned to the room

The following receipts were noted

Cash (Walks booklets)	£ 18.50
Pendle Funeral Services (Mr Thomas)	£ 205.00
Colin Matthews (Mr James)	£ 410.00
Mrs Jarritt (Walks Booklet)	£ 5.00
Interest	£ 18.94
Cash (Walks booklets)	£ 15.00

11 PLANNING

Applications

As a member of Cornwall Council's Planning Committee, Cllr Clayton declared an interest in each of the following applications. He remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

PA10/1379/LBC Mrs S.Stewart – Listed Building Consent for the rebuilding of upper front elevation to gatehouse wall and associated repair works to roof and interior of building – Trenethick Manor, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application and endorses work carried out to restore Listed Buildings to their previous state using the correct materials and methods.”

PA10/03047 Mr D.Sim – Change of use of barns to mixed use for events and education facility for young people – Barns at Crasken Farm, Helston. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Buxton seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “In principle and subject to the completion and approval of a traffic plan, Wendron Parish Council supports this application. Additionally, in view of recent complaints about the level of noise emanating from Crasken Farm late at night, Wendron Parish Council would ask that a condition be imposed setting a finishing time limit for future events.”

PA10/03197 Mr N.Still – Erection of wind turbine – Higher Boquio Farm, Farms Common. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council observes that

- it is not clear whether the turbine is for domestic or industrial usage
- the data supplied concerning noise levels dates from 2007 and wonders whether or not those levels are still within current guidelines
- the property and site is not overlooked

Wendron Parish Council suggests there may be a requirement for a bat and bird survey and questions whether or not all the residents within 1km have been notified by County Planners.”

As a friend of the applicant, Cllr Mrs Lay declared an interest in the following application. She remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

PA10/03386 Mr & Mrs C.Wearne – Erection of an agricultural building – Higher Tremenhere, Rows Lane, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application

PA10/03575 Mr & Mrs Barrett – Raising of roof to form additional living accommodation and formation of a verandah – The Whitehouse, Edgcumbe. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Buxton seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA10/03656 Mr D.Grafton – Formation of a vehicle hardstanding and installation of a wheelchair lifting platform – 4 Parc Bowen, Trewennack. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “With the proviso that Cornwall Highways ensures that the pavement is lowered to County standards, Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

Decisions

PA09/01377/F Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling) – Landue, Merther Uny, Wendron – *noted*

PA10/00386/F Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (demolition of existing garage and erection of two-storey extension to dwelling) – 8 Roseline Estate, Carnkie – *noted*

PA10/03156 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (formation of disabled access ramp and internal and external alterations to premises) – Penmarth Church Hall, Penmarth – *noted*

Correspondence

CC PA10/03149 erection of an agricultural building at New England Farm, Porkellis – notification that prior approval is not required – *noted*

CC PA10/03225 notification that the application for the erection of a stable at Rame Common Farm has been withdrawn – *noted*

CC PA10/00159/F notification that the application for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling and detached garage at New View, Carnebone Farm, Laity has been withdrawn – *noted*

Other matters

Cllr Clayton informed members that he was aware of another two planning applications which the Parish Council had not considered. He added that, by the time of the next Parish Council meeting, the Planning Officer concerned is likely to have considered the application and made a decision. The Clerk repeated what he has said in the past, that, with prior warning, the Planning Department is happy to receive observations later than the stated date.

Cllr Clayton noted that building work at Hillsboro, Carnkie is now complete. Under the terms of the Conditional Planning Permission for PA08/00741/F (erection of a two storey extension and porch extension to dwelling and temporary siting of caravan for residents whilst work is carried out) there is a requirement that “The use of the land for the stationing of a caravan hereby permitted shall cease not later than 18 months from the date of this permission or on the re-occupation of the dwelling whichever is the sooner”. Cllr Clayton instructed the Clerk to make representations about this to Planning Enforcement.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Department to ask that

- the Officers concerned are instructed to indicate together with their reasons whether or not they are minded to support an application in order to give Members some guidance
- some guidance is given concerning the siting of wind-turbines
- clearer maps (and possibly map references) are included with the plans.

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**Correspondence**

CCllr Lance Kennedy Active Partnering – new opportunities for Local Councils – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Cornwall Animal Hospital acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

SITA invitation to attend a Household Waste Recycling Centre (Carveth Farm) Liaison Group Meeting at Mabe on July 28 – *noted*

CC notification that presentations at the Renewable and Low Carbon Energy in Cornwall Conference may be viewed on the Cornwall Council website – *noted*

Miss Marie Nute concerns about inconsiderate dog owners in Carnkie – *noted*

CC Dog Control Orders and publicity – *noted*

13 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman stated that she had much enjoyed her first official duty as the representative of Wendron Parish Council when she had attended the celebrations relating to ten years of the South West Lakes Trust and five years of Stithians Watersports at the Centre where the guest of honour had been HRH the Earl of Wessex.

The Chairman stated that Connecting Cornwall questionnaires are available for individuals to complete on-line at www.cornwall.gov.uk/connectingcornwall

Further to her previously affirmed intention to raise the profile of Wendron Parish Council, the Chairman stated that she had spoken to reporters at both the *Helston Packet* and the *West Briton* and that they were happy to publish a paragraph or so on a monthly basis about the Council’s plans and achievements. Members were in agreement that this should be done.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Cemetery charges.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Monday August 9, 2010 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

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