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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday, August 9, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

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

Visitors: Mr I.Perry and Miss M.Weston.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the August meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC Vaughan sent his apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, (Cllr Mrs Moyle, who was absent from the last meeting, abstained), all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, July 19, 2010 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Gibson criticised the Clerk for not having minuted in exact detail the decision made at the full Council Meeting on December 14, 2009 appointing Bob Sanders as Wendron Parish Council's preferred contractor to undertake the maintenance work in the closed Churchyard at St Wendrona's Church. Cllr Gibson further criticised the Clerk for not having minuted Wendron Parish Council's agreement to the increase, since April 2010, of Eric and Jeff Bray's charges for maintaining Wendron Lawn Cemetery. It was agreed that the Clerk should forward copies of the quotations tabled in December 2010 for maintenance work in the closed Churchyard at St Wendrona's to Cllr Gibson.

4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Clayton reported that

- in September, Town and Parish Councils will be consulted on a single document which, by bringing together the six District Local Planning Documents, will pave the way for an integrated approach to planning throughout Cornwall
- a meeting, which Senior Officers with responsibility for the delivery of every aspect of housing and the planning process will attend, has been arranged for the near future. This will lead to a further meeting focussing on the Helston and the Lizard Community Network Area, from which will come a cross-parish boundary Local Needs Housing Survey which will be paid for by Cornwall Council
- the absence of progress with the car park at the south-eastern end of Stithians Lake is such that he feels it appropriate to withdraw his offer of help with funding the project. That being the case, he wondered if Wendron Parish Council might like to consider installing bases for speed visors at either end of the stretch of the A394 as it passes through Rame and at the top of Carnkie Hill. He noted that this will require financial help from the Parish
- the attendance of Mark Broomhead (Cornwall's Planning DM Group Leader West 2) at the next meeting affords members an opportunity for searching questions to be asked.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that in July 2010 seven crimes (the production of a Class B drug, two thefts, a burglary, two incidents of criminal damage and an assault) were reported to the Police, which compares with six crimes reported in July 2009. PC Vaughan assured members that he is aware of complaints about motorists speeding through Rame and that because of these concerns he has made a request for Speed Visors to be installed in Rame to monitor the situation. Police have also monitored traffic passing through Trewennack and have issued a number of fixed penalty tickets.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologising for his long absence, Mr Perry said that he had noted the improvement to the road surfaces in and around the parish. His enquiry as to whether or not there was any news of the proposed improvements to the A394 at Trewennack was answered by the Chairman who said that it formed part of agenda item 8.

Miss Weston invited members to join the Falmouth Footpath Preservation Society for a walk through the countryside starting at Halwin School on Sunday August 22. Noting that the maintenance of footpaths in the parish was now being very well done she suggested that further trimming of three paths (numbers 32, 52 and 129) would aid her walk!

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The Clerk reported that Cornwall Council had sent notification that the appropriate number of requests for the casual vacancy on Wendron Parish Council to be filled by an election have not been received. Members reported that they are no further forward with finding members of the public who are interested in co-option on to the Council. It was noted that an opportunity will arise to send leaflets advertising the vacancies on the Council to every household in the parish when the Local Needs Housing Survey is done. It was further noted that asking potential candidates for co-option to write a letter of introduction can act as a considerable hurdle and the Clerk was therefore asked to produce some indication of what might be expected.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Wendron Lawn Cemetery

Members considered the charges at Wendron Lawn Cemetery. Following discussion, Cllr Davidson proposed and Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded to increase charges at the cemetery in line with those contained in a document circulated to members by Cllr Davidson. An amendment to defer decision on the matter of Section 2 for one month and, in the interim, to gather information on charges levied by nearby Burial Authorities was proposed by Cllr Clayton, seconded by Cllr Buxton and agreed without dissent.

Stithians Lake carpark

The Clerk reported that, as far as he was aware, the South West Lakes Trust is in the process of drawing up plans for submission to the Planning Department. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Lay, seconded by Cllr van den Berg and agreed to re-visit this matter when and if there is any news from the South West Lakes Trust.

Public Seat in the Lawn Cemetery

Following on from last month's discussion on the matter, members considered a further quotation from James Robertson Ltd of Sudbury, Suffolk for the supply of a 6' bench in Teak engraved *Wendron Parish Council* on the back runner in the sum of £445.00 + VAT to be placed in the Lawn Cemetery. Following discussion, Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council should purchase a 6' bench in Teak engraved *Wendron Parish Council* on the back runner in the sum of £445.00 + VAT from James Robertson Ltd of Sudbury, Suffolk.

Carnkie Play Area

Speaking of the proposal to purchase a Rotaweb for use in the Carnkie Play Area, the Chairman reported that she had explored the possibility of fund-raising in Carnkie. Members of the Play Area Committee being unwilling to involve themselves in further fund-raising activities in the village, Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded and it was agreed to take this matter no further.

Housing Needs Survey

In the light of Cllr Clayton's earlier report, it was decided to take this matter no further.

The A394 at Rame

The Clerk reported that he had arranged a public meeting to air views on road safety at Rame for August 27, 2010 starting at 7:00 pm in Edgcumbe Methodist Sunday School. Mr George Eustice MP and PC Mark Leath (the Road Casualty Reduction Officer) have indicated that they will attend. CCllr Graeme Hicks (Cornwall Council's Portfolio Holder for Transport and Highways) was invited but is unable to attend.

Following discussion, it was agreed to change the venue to Edgumbe Methodist Chapel. The Chairman asked members to provide pertinent questions to put to the various authorities.

The Clerk reported that Mr Andrew George MP had indicated that the earliest he would be able to attend a Public Meeting at Trewennack to discuss the need for the proposed relief road to form part of the 2011 Local Transport Plan would be on September 29 or 30, 2010. The Clerk further reported receipt of an e-mail from CCllr Graeme Hicks (Cornwall Council's Portfolio Holder for Transportation and Highways) which had indicated that the Trewennack road improvement scheme is likely to be scrapped. Following discussion, it was agreed that CCllr Hicks' email had been dismissive in tone and would undoubtedly be very upsetting for those who had to live with the constant disruption of the A394 as it passes through Trewennack. It was agreed to write to Cornwall Council's Chief Executive Officer, Kevin Lavery, expressing Wendron Parish Council's continuing concern and in the hope of receiving a more realistic response.

9 FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

| | GROSS | NET | VAT |
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| Eric Bray (Lawn Cemetery) | £ 120.00 | £ 102.12 | £ 17.88 |
| Colin Chapman | | | |
| Salary (July) | £ 538.51 | | |
| telephone | £ 16.37 | | |
| office expenses | £ 34.67 | | |
| travelling | £ 25.11 | | |
| use of home | £ 25.00 | | |
| | total £ 639.66 | | |

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Warren, seconded by Cllr Clayton, all others in favour that the above two 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.

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| Gareth Mitchell (open spaces) | | | |
| Cutting grass | £ 90.00 | | |
| Polhigy Common Path (spray) | £ 12.00 | | |
| | total £ 102.00 | | |

Proposed by Cllr Clayton, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moyle all others in favour that the above account be paid.

Cllr Mitchell returned to the room

The following receipt was noted

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| Cash (Walks booklets) | £ 15.00 |
| Cash (Walks booklets) | £ 10.00 |

10 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.

PA10/03760 Mr T Hain – Erection of an agricultural building – Gregwartha Manor Farm, Lancarrow, Four Lanes. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Subject to the approval of the County Land Agent, Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

PA10/04023 Mr M.Watson – Extension of time for the conversion of barn to form holiday accommodation (Decision notice number PA07/01184/F dated 18 September 2007) – Northwest Polmarth Farm, Carnmenellis. 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.

PA10/04027 Mr M.Watson – Extension of time for the renovation works and erection of an extension to dwelling (Decision notice number PA07/01185/F dated 18 September 2007) – Northwest Polmarth Farm,

Carmenellis. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

PA10/04071 Freestyle Developers (Cornwall) Ltd – Provision of 4 oil storage containers for domestic heating systems) – Barns 1-4 Trevilges Farm, Trewennack. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

Other matters

The Clerk reported that further to Wendron Parish Council’s letter to the Planning Department requesting that

- 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
- clearer maps (and possibly map references) are included with the plans
- some guidance is given concerning the siting of wind-turbines

he had received the following responses

- officers will, on request, send their initial thoughts about a particular observation in time for the full meeting of the Council
- any confusion about the exact location of an application site can be referred to the appropriate officer for him or her to give more detail in time for the next full Council meeting
- Mark Broomhead (Cornwall Council’s Development Group Manager West 2) had offered to attend the meeting in September with Chris Selby from Environmental Health to discuss the matter of the siting of Wind Turbines in greater depth.

Because a number of Councillors will be absent from the September meeting, it was agreed to ask Mr Broomhead to attend the October meeting rather than the September meeting.

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

CC Jeanette Hurrell notice of receipt of complaint concerning the stationing of a residential caravan at Carnkie opposite Hillsboro – *noted*

CC Jeffrey Jodie concerning the issue of a Parish Needs Survey (affordable housing) – *noted*

CC Charlotte Chadwick copy of a letter to Simon Newport at First Devon and Cornwall expressing disappointment that First was not properly represented at the Community Network Panel meeting – *noted*

CC Planning copy of Local Council Consultation Response Sheet – *noted*

CC James Hatton concerning the Trewennack road improvement scheme – *noted*

CCllr Hicks indication that the Trewennack road improvement scheme is likely to be scrapped – *noted*

Saltash Town Council request for support against a proposal to tie part of East Cornwall in with areas of Plymouth at the next boundary review – *it was agreed to reply supporting the continuing integrity of the County of Cornwall*

CC Building Control Services newsletter – *noted*

CC Pre-consultation Beach Dog Control orders – *noted*

South Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust Annual Report and Accounts for 2009/2010 – *noted*

CC notification that the appropriate number of requests for the casual vacancy on Wendron Parish Council to be filled by an election have not been received – *noted*

Andrew George MP reply to invitation to a Public Meeting – *noted*

Carnkie Chapel note of thanks for cutting the grass and to state that the Chapel will be closing following a final service of worship (which Councillors are invited to attend) on August 22 at 3:00pm – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman noted the existence of discrepancies between Financial Regulations and Standing Orders which she asked to be resolved.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolution of discrepancies between Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Monday September 13, 2010 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

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