

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday November 8, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:	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	
	Cllr G.Gibson	C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: Mrs Cullis, Mr Maddern and Mrs Richards.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Clayton assumed the chair welcomed members and visitors to the November meeting

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC Vaughan, Cllr Boase, Cllr Mrs Lay and Cllr Mrs Moyle sent their apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, October 11, 2010 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Gibson asked about Cornwall's intentions concerning the future provision of road salt. CCllr Clayton assured him that this coming winter the service provided by Cornwall Highways will be similar to that provided last year and that proposals concerning future provision are still under discussion.

4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Clayton made no comment at this stage.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that in October 2010 four crimes, all of theft, were reported to the Police which compares with three crimes reported in October 2009. He was delighted to be able to report that there had been no reports of anti-social behaviour on Hallowe'en.

PC Vaughan further reported that the Central Government spending review means that over the next four years, the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority will shed 700 police officers and 300 support staff (the support staff teams includes PCSOs).

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members noted concerns expressed by members of the public about planning application PA10/05423 and in particular about the poor access onto the B3297 at this point and, materially, the existence of a well over which the plans show the extension will be built and from which, via a series of drains, the excess water drains down the hill, under the road and into the shute. Members were reminded that two cottages in Burras were badly flooded last winter and that it is thought that it may be this drain which was the cause of this problem.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The co-option of Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that he had received no expression of interest in co-option on to the Council.

Dates and places of meeting in 2011/2012

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, dates for the meetings in 2011/2012 will be as follows. A suggestion that the Council might meet in two other locations was postponed until March 2011.

Monday January 10, 2011	Community Hall, Burras
Monday February 14, 2011	Community Hall, Burras
Monday March 14, 2011	Community Hall, Burras
Monday April 11, 2011	Community Hall, Burras
Monday May 9, 2011	Community Hall, Burras
Monday June 13, 2011	Community Hall, Burras
Monday July 11, 2011	Community Hall, Burras
Monday August 8, 2011	Community Hall, Burras
Monday September 12, 2011	Community Hall, Burras
Monday October 10, 2011	Community Hall, Burras
Monday November 14, 2011	Community Hall, Burras
Monday December 12, 2011	Community Hall, Burras
Monday January 9, 2012	Community Hall, Burras
Monday February 13, 2012	Community Hall, Burras

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are due to begin at 7.30pm

Revisions to Wendron Parish Council's Risk Assessment document

Members considered revisions to the Parish Council's Risk Assessment document. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Clayton seconded all in favour that the revised document tabled at this meeting should supercede all previous versions.

Parish and Localism questionnaire for Parish and Town Councils

Members considered a Parish and Localism questionnaire for Parish and Town Councils prepared by Plymouth University. Following discussion, it was agreed that Councillors should, if they so wished, complete this document and send it to the Clerk for collation as a collective response.

A Local Affordable Needs Survey

The Clerk outlined the need for the Council to be better informed about Local Needs Affordable Housing, particularly when making observations concerning planning applications for Affordable Dwellings. He drew members' attention to a Local Affordable Needs Survey prepared by Cornwall Council and used in a number of recently undertaken parish surveys, which costs a parish in the region of £750.

Cllr Clayton reported that at present there are eleven people registered in the Parish of Wendron with a need for housing. He went on to report that it has been agreed that parishes within the Community Network Area of Helston and The Lizard will be offered the opportunity to participate in a pilot scheme to quantify the need for Affordable Housing. An initial letter will be sent to householders with a request for answers to three questions

- Do they own a home?
- Can they afford to buy a home?
- Do they have strong connections (family/work) to the Parish

If the answers (in order) are 'No', 'No' and 'Yes', recipients will be asked to complete a more detailed form.

This initial letter will also seek to identify parcels of land adjacent to villages which may be suitable for use as Exception Sites.

8 PARISH MATTERS

The War Memorial

The Clerk reported that a parishioner had suggested that perhaps the War Memorial needs cleaning and a new layer of granite chippings added. Following discussion, it was agreed that those present at the Remembrance Day service will take a look at the War Memorial with a view to cleaning it and report back to the meeting in December.

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in that one of the quotations for this work was submitted by Gareth Mitchell, his son, Cllr Mitchell left the room.

Public Seat in the Lawn Cemetery

The Clerk reported that he had received two quotations for the construction of a concrete base to which the newly-purchased bench may be firmly affixed. Following discussion Cllr Gibson proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded all in favour that the quotation from Mr Gareth Mitchell in the sum of £340.00 be accepted.

Cllr Mitchell returned to the room

Bases for Speed Visors in Rame and Carnkie

Correspondence

CC Andy James Vehicle Activated Signage at Edgcumbe and Rame

The Clerk read aloud a letter from Mr Andy James (CC Highways Regional Engineer) which stated that CCllr Clayton has agreed to fund the installation of Vehicle Activated Signage on the A394 in the Rame/Edgcumbe area. It is proposed that a single sign unit should be shared between two sites and that it will be moved between them by Cornwall Highways on a regular basis. The second socket installation will cost in the region of £3,000 and Members were asked to consider whether this might be funded by Wendron Parish Council. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Buxton seconded Cllr Clayton abstaining, all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council should fund the cost of a second socket installation to a maximum sum of £3,000.

9 FINANCE

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 Davidson proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren 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.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

		GROSS	NET	VAT
John Robertson Ltd (oak bench)		£ 522.88	£ 445.00	£ 77.88
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd				
Wendron Church (October)	£ 205.62			
Footpaths 39, 41, 45, 56				
57, 88, 119, 154	£ 336.09			
	total	£ 541.71	£ 461.04	£ 80.67
Eric & Jeff Bray		£ 60.00	£ 51.06	£ 8.94
Colin Chapman				
Salary (October)	£ 538.51			
telephone	£ 20.67			
office expenses	£ 67.76			
travelling	£ 19.53			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 671.47		

It was proposed by Cllr Mitchell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mitchell, all others in favour that the above four accounts be paid.

The following account was also presented for payment.

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in that the following two accounts were submitted by Gareth Mitchell, his son, Cllr Mitchell left the room.

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Gareth Mitchell				
Open areas	£ 90.00			
Cut and spray knotweed	£ 24.00			
Trim lane at Carnkie	£ 12.00			
Strim bus shelters				
and spray Cross at Rame	£ 24.00			
	total	£ 150.00		
Gareth Mitchell				
Clearing river at Burras		£ 164.00		

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Warren, seconded by Cllr van den Berg all others in favour that the above two accounts be paid.

Cllr Mitchell returned to the room

Members noted the following receipt

Pendle Funeral Services	£ 145.00
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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.

PA10/04941 Mr P.Ellsely – Conversion of existing garage to form holiday let and erection of domestic garage – Higher Manhay Farm, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Buxton seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council both notes the absence from the application pack of a Design and Access Statement and found the location map to be lacking in detail. It further questions the linking of the two proposals in a single application. In the absence of a business plan, the Council questions the sustainability of this commercial application and therefore cannot support it.”

PA10/05425 Mr P.J.Hocking – Erection of affordable dwelling – land adjacent to Gables Filling Station, Trevenen. It was agreed that this application should be returned marked as follows “Wendron Parish Council understands that this application has been withdrawn and therefore offers no observations.”

PA10/05803 Mr M.Finbow – Change of use, conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling and retention of mobile home during construction – barn at Netley Farm, Boswin. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council has concerns about the overall size of the proposed development in relation to the existing size of the barns. Nevertheless, subject to a condition requiring removal of the caravan within eighteen months of the commencement of building work, the Council supports the application.”

PA10/05423 Mr N.Hoskin – Conversion of barn into dwelling – Lower Burras Farm, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council would suggest that the extension is oversized in relation to the original barn. Further, it would draw planning officers' attention to the dialogue between Highways and the applicant and, should planning permission be granted, would expect to see conditions imposed relating to access to the highway. More importantly, the Council understands that a well is sited on land underneath the proposed extension and that the excess water from this well is piped down the hill, under the B3297 and into the shute on the other side of the road. In view of all these concerns Wendron Parish Council has serious reservations about supporting the application.”

PA10/06430 Mr & Mrs Eva – Conversion of barn into residential dwelling and installation of a septic tank – Tregarrick Farm, Tresprison, Helston. 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 would have expected an application for Listed Building Consent to accompany this application. However, the Council supports this application with the proviso that, during the course of restoration and construction, due care and attention are paid to ensure the materials used are in keeping with the surrounding listed building.”

Decisions

PA10/04311 Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission (Construction of cafe and manager's flat) – Gables Service Station, Trevenen – *noted*

PA10/04600 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (Erection of wind turbine) – Carthvean Farm, Porkellis – *noted*

PA10/04723 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (Canopy extension to premises) – The Halfway House, Rame Cross – *noted*

PA10/05262 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (extensions to dwelling) – Greystone Cottage, Tresowes – *noted*

Correspondence

CC John Drew Planning Enforcement update on the cases raised with Mrs Walters – *it was agreed that the Clerk should seek further information on some of the cases*

CC PA10/05541 (Permitted Development) notification that planning permission for the erection of an agricultural building at Colvennor Island on land at Colvennor Island, Penmarth is not required – *noted*

- CC alleged unauthorised change of use of land to a wood yard at Little Carnmenellis – *noted*
 CC Land adjacent to Halwin Farm Drive (caravan at Little Corner Porkellis) notification that an Inspector will hear the appeal against the planning enforcement notice on November 24 – *noted*
 CC Planning Protocol for Local Councils – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

- CC Town and Parish Council newsletter – *noted*
 CC Community Safety Service consultation document (ends January 5, 2011) – *noted*
 CC advance warning: Connecting Cornwall 2030 consultation document (ends December 17, 2010) – *noted*
 CC B3297 Speed Limit Review acknowledgement of representation 88s made – *noted*
 CC **Kevin Lavery** reply to the Parish Council's letter concerning the A394 at Trewennack – *noted*
Tony Mogford Associates Quarterly Inspection of Carnkie Play Area (no new issues) – *noted*
 CC Council Tax and associated issues – *noted*
Clerks and Councils Direct November's Newsletter – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Speaking as the Cornwall Councillor, Cllr Clayton reported that

- an emergency budget to cover the rest of the current financial year will be tabled on November 30
- the budget for the Financial Year 2011/2012 will be tabled in February 2011
- it is imperative that savings of £104 million are achieved within the next four years
- a proposal for a 0% rise in Cornwall Council's precept for the next two years will be recommended to members for adoption
- the Leisure Service, the Library Service and the Museum Service will all be affected by these cuts
- it is hoped that, in future, these services will be run by the private sector and that they will enjoy the financial benefits of charitable status in much the same way as Carn Brea Leisure Centre does at present
- Carn Brea Leisure Centre may absorb Helston's Leisure Centre into its field of operation
- he is unsure about the future of the mobile library service
- concessionary bus fares will continue to be available after 9:30am
- the Community Network Service is being scrutinised with a view to its long-term future
- Cornwall Council will encourage Parishes to cluster with their neighbours and so pool resources
- Parish Councils will have to look to their own precepts to fund projects
- Cornwall Council is the biggest employer in the County, but it will look to shed 2,000 employees within the next four years
- a significant number of these will be lost through natural wastage (retirement and moving on)
- all jobs with Cornwall Council will be evaluated and as a consequence it is anticipated that a number of employees may be offered redeployment but at a lower salary than they presently receive
- although the educational service budget is secure, primary schools will nevertheless come under scrutiny and particularly those with poor OFSTED reports and/or small pupil numbers
- generally speaking, non-mandatory services will be offered to the private sector.

Cllr Clayton stated that he had grave concerns about the manner in which the Parish Council, as a whole, deals with Planning Applications. He reminded members that there is a collective responsibility to make observations and suggested that more members should attend the informal meeting when plans are discussed.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Cllr Buxton echo-ed Cllr Clayton's concerns about the planning process.

Further to what she had said last month, Cllr Mrs Warren reported that a half-page in the quarterly Carnkie News Sheet will cost £25. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council should prepare a paragraph for insertion into the Carnkie News Sheet in January 2011 at a cost to the Council of £25.00

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Monday December 13, 2011 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

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