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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday December 13, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

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

Visitors: Mr and Mrs Whitby.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the December meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Boase and PC Vaughan sent their apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, (Cllr Mrs Lay and Cllr Mrs Moyle, being absent from the last meeting abstained) all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendments, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, November 8, 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 in this agenda,

4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Clayton reported that

- Cornwall Council has introduced a new *Planning Enforcement Members' Protocol* which will enable Cornwall Councillors, in the event of disagreement with Case Officers, to take individual cases to the Planning Committee. Although the protocol is designed for new cases, he suggested that there are a number of outstanding enforcement issues in the Parish that might be advanced using this process
- the Local Needs Affordable Housing team (which has recently hosted a meeting at Isaac House for those Town and Parish Councils in the Helston and the Lizard Community Network Area who have expressed an interest in or who have progressed small-scale Local Needs Affordable Housing development proposals) is willing to attend a meeting of the Parish Council and to give a presentation with a view to encouraging Members to initiate a Housing Needs Survey in Wendron
- as one of the three Cornwall Council representatives on the Police Authority, he had not voted for the recently agreed use of Section 19 (which requires Police Officers with thirty years' service to take retirement). Indeed, he had expressed his concern about the consequent loss of experience from the Force which, coupled with the current freeze on recruitment, leaves communities heavily reliant on PCSOs, who presently lack many of the powers of Police Officers
- Cornwall Council has adopted an Emergency Budget, albeit without knowing exactly what Central Government's final finance settlement for the coming year will be. The formal budget for 2011/2012 will be agreed in January/February next year
- the group of Independent Councillors have carried Cornwall Council since May 2010. However, the present leader has resigned (CCllr Clayton is the interim leader) and a new leader will be elected in

February, at which time CCllr Clayton anticipates the group will re-establish itself as a politically independent body.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that, in November 2010, seven crimes (two thefts, a burglary, an assault, an incidence of criminal damage and two of drink driving) were reported to the Police which compares with three crimes reported in November 2009.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Whitby drew members' attention to Planning Application PA10/07526. In particular he said that the hand-drawn site location plan is misleading, the proposed dwelling will overlook his property and take light from it and that its construction will add to the parking misery experienced by local residents.

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.

A Local Affordable Needs Survey

The Clerk outlined the advantages for Councils to be better informed about Local Needs Affordable Housing, particularly when making observations concerning planning applications for Affordable Dwellings. It was agreed to invite the Local Needs Affordable Housing team to make a presentation to Members at the meeting of Wendron Parish Council in January.

8 PARISH MATTERS

The War Memorial

Members considered the question of cleaning the War Memorial, which was raised at the last meeting. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded all in favour that the quotation received from F.Wearne and Sons in the sum of £200 to clean the Memorial, repaint the letters and add some new chippings should be accepted.

The Closed Cemeteries at Wendron Church

Members considered continuing partnership working with Cornwall Council in the matter of the maintenance of the closed cemeteries at Wendron Church. It was noted that the two cemeteries looked more cared for now than they had done for many years and indeed had attracted admiring comments. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded all in favour that Wendron Parish Council should continue to maintain the closed cemeteries at Wendron Church.

Calvadnack Common

Members considered undertaking clearance of bracken and scrub from Calvadnack Common. Following discussion during which concerns were expressed about the on-going costs of future maintenance, Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded all in favour that an initial sum of £500 should be spent on flailing bracken and scrub on Calvadnack Common and that Rex Andrew should be asked to undertake this task. Cllr Clayton proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay seconded all in favour that the Clerk should have delegated powers to direct this work.

Winter Service Provision

Following lengthy discussion during which concerns about double taxation, legal responsibilities and on-going costs were raised it was agreed to revisit the matter in September 2011.

9 FINANCE

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Blind Association for help with funding the volunteer transport service for blind and visually impaired people in the Helston and The Lizard Community Network Area. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Clayton, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mitchell, and agreed that the sum of £50 be forwarded to the Cornwall Blind Association under the terms of Section 142(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Clayton all in favour that the Precept for the year 2011/2012 be set at £24,500. It was noted that this represents a weekly charge to residents of 53p on a Band D house and is unchanged from the demand made in 2010/2011.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 560.91		
Eric and Jeff Bray (Lawn Cemetery)	£ 60.00	£ 51.06	£ 8.94
Newsquest Media Group	£ 14.76	£ 12.56	£ 2.20

Colin Chapman	
Salary (November)	£ 563.86
telephone	£ 20.05
office expenses	£ 36.61
travelling	£ 29.57
use of home	£ 25.00
	total £ 675.09

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

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Gareth Mitchell			
Installing bench	£ 340.00		
Clearing river (Penmarth)	£ 192.00		
	total	£ 532.00	

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

Cllr Mitchell returned to the room

Members noted the following receipts

Cornwall Council (LMP payment)	£ 4,618.74
Cornwall Council (Non-domestic rates refund)	£ 4.59

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.

PA10/06546 Mr T.Robins – Demolition of outbuilding and construction of two storey side extension – Gaydon House, Rame. Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Subject to Cornwall Highways’ agreement to the proposed new entrance (which appears to enjoy very limited visibility), Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA10/06972 Mr N.Hosking – Stationing of an agricultural worker’s caravan and widening of access – barn at Lower Burras Farm, Burras. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Subject to Cornwall Highways’ approval of the proposed access and the submission by the applicant of an acceptable business plan (endorsed by the County Land Agent as to the viability of the development), Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

As a friend of the applicant, Cllr van den Berg declared a personal interest in the following application. He remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

PA10/07526 Mr R.Bassett – Construction of dwelling and associated works – Weeth Cottage, Trewennack. 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 believes this application constitutes an over-development of the site and one which, because it will take light from and overlook a neighbouring property, will have an adverse effect on the pleasant enjoyment of that property. Wendron Parish Council further believes that the proposed development of this site will exacerbate the already vexed problem of parking in the area. For these reasons, Wendron Parish Council seeks refusal of planning permission for development.”

PA10/07595 Mr & Mrs E.Dunn – Construction of two storey extension – 16 Forth Gwedhen, Helston. Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council believes the proposed extension constitutes an over-development of the site and therefore seeks refusal of planning permission for development.”

PA10/07790 Mrs P.Moyle – Extension of time for the erect ion of double domestic garage and conservatory extensions to dwelling (Decision Notice PA07/01524/F dated 11 December 2007) – Highfield, Crelly. Cllr Davidson 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.”

Decisions

PA10/04310 Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission (Certificate of lawfulness for the erection of a dwelling granted outline planning permission in March 1989 (Ref: 2/25/87/00978/O) and reserved matters approval in July 1989 (Ref: 2/25/87/00978/S01)) – Trevenen House Trevenen – *noted*

PA10/04941 Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission (conversion of existing garage to form holiday let and erection of domestic garage) – Higher Manhay Farm, Wendron – *noted*

PA10/05529 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (change of use and conversion of barn to form dwelling, installation of septic tank and associated works) – Blackdowns Cottage, South Calvadnack – *noted*

PA10/05803 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (Change of use, conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling and retention of mobile home during construction) – Barn at Netley Farm Boswin – *noted*

PA10/06430 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission (conversion of barn into residential dwelling and installation of a septic tank) – Tregarrick Farm, Tresprison – *noted*

PA10/06984 Prior Approval not required (Erection of an agricultural building) – Lodge Farm, Calvadnack – *noted*

Correspondence

Mr & Mrs George concerns about development at Treloar Farm, Laity – *the Clerk to report the matter*

CC John Drew re enforcement at Moorfield, Calvadnack – *noted*

Mr Carl Whitby PA10/07526 copy of a letter of objection addressed to Cornwall Council – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**Correspondence**

Cllr John Buxton letter of resignation from Wendron Parish Council –*on behalf of Wendron Parish Council, the Clerk has written a letter of thanks to John Buxton*

AA Arborists (SW) Ltd Lanhydrock advertisement – *noted*

CC Have your say ... the future of recycling and waste collections in Cornwall – *noted*

Agan Tavas Society for the promotion of the Cornish Language (proper names in Cornish) – *noted*

Goonhilly Wind Farm newsletter – *noted*

Saint Petroc's Society homelessness at Christmas – *noted*

CC Community Events on the Highway in 2011 – Traffic Management Training – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman suggested that Members might like to consider undertaking some Planning Training. This could either be a broad overview lasting some fifteen minutes or a more detailed session lasting three hours (which might be delivered in two sittings). Following discussion and as a first step it was agreed to invite Planning Officers to the next meeting to deliver their fifteen minute presentation.

The Chairman further reported that individual members had expressed a wish to be more fully involved with the day-to-day work of the Council. She propounded the idea of establishing working groups with initial responsibility for footpaths, open spaces, planning and the like and asked members to consider the possibilities before the next meeting.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed to invite the Local Needs Affordable Housing team to the meeting in January and further agreed that this meeting should start at 7:00pm.

Part 2**14 Terms and conditions relating to the Clerk's appointment**

Cllr Mrs Lay reported a recommendation from the informal group appointed to look into matters relating to the Clerk's appointment to keep Clerk's hours at 15 hours a week. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded all in favour that the Clerk to Wendron Parish Council should continue to be employed for 15 hours a week

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday January 10, 2011 at 7:00pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

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