

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday July 11, 2011 at 7:30pm in Edgcombe Methodist Church Schoolroom.

Present:

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

Visitors: Mr W.Morris (CC Affordable Housing Officer), PCSO Sadler.

The Chairman welcomed visitors and members to the July meeting. She introduced Mr Will Morris (CC Affordable Housing Officer) and invited him to address the Council.

Speaking of the recently completed Housing Needs Survey, Mr Morris said that the large number of completed forms returned had been very encouraging. The findings demonstrate a clear need for affordable homes and broad support for a scheme or schemes with a marked preference for small developments scattered around the Parish. It is now the Parish Council's decision whether or not to proceed. If it does decide to take matters further, possibly the best way forward is for an informal sub-committee to examine possibilities and report back to the full Council. Mr Morris stressed that all the decisions relating to development (decisions relating to design, materials, planning gains, even about the sites themselves) were for the Parish Council and not Cornwall Council to make. He reminded Members that Cornwall Council has already advertised for potential sites and that a number of landowners within the parish of Wendron have indicated an interest. In answer to questions he

- stated that the time span for development was for the Parish Council to agree, although he added that he believes it important to keep momentum going
- stated that a development can be on green or brown field and can be used to remove a blight, though he expressed concern about differences in land values
- stated that he did not know whether or not the homes shown in the weekly HomeChoice Newsletter are being taken up
- acknowledged that mortgage providers currently have a problem with S106 agreements
- said that any scheme should be tailored to those in need. Affordable homes may be rented, purchased, shared equity or self-built.

Speaking on behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked Mr Morris for attending the meeting and for speaking so informatively and he left the room.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Clayton sent his apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday June 13, 2011 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

It was noted that the chalet in the field adjoining Gardenia has been removed.

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It was further noted that the Art Tent Exhibition at Wendron School had proved very successful and that all four schools had had a fine array of different arts and craft on display.

4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

In the absence of CCllr Clayton there was no Cornwall Councillor's report.

5 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Sadler reported that two crimes (one of criminal damage and the other of possession of drugs) had been reported to the Police in June 2011, which compares favourably to the seven crimes that were reported in the same period last year.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The co-option of Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that no applications for co-option onto the Parish Council have been received.

8 PROJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH

Bases for Speed Visors in Rame and Carnkie

The Clerk reported that he had no further information concerning the installation of bases for the Vehicle Activated Sign in Rame/Edgecumbe. He agreed to pursue the matter with Cornwall Highways.

Local Needs Housing Survey

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the informal committee consisting of Cllr Mrs Mitchell, Cllr Mrs Warren, the Chairman and the Clerk should meet within the next fortnight to draw up a list of questions and proposals to present to the meeting in August.

Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II

Members considered the purchase of trees to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. It was suggested that trees might be planted in the lay-by at the southern end of Underlane, in the grounds of each of the schools, on the green at Carnmenellis and possibly along the road between Wendron and Trenear. This work should be done in the late autumn and commemorative plaques might be purchased for the schools.

Mining World Heritage Site

Members considered the purchase of signage which would mark the boundary of the Mining World Heritage Site. The Clerk reported that David Pascoe at Trannack Quarries had given a rough estimate for each milestone sized stone in the sum of £450. It was agreed to seek funding for this project before proceeding any further and, in the meanwhile, to speak to Cornwall Highways about positioning such signage on the verge of the B3297.

A notice-board at Rame

Members considered the purchase of a notice-board to be sited at Rame. Cllr Mitchell reported that the owner of the Post Office had agreed that a board might be attached to the wall of the shop behind where the telephone box stands (the box is to be removed shortly). The Clerk was asked to investigate funding.

9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at June 13, 2011. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The Clerk asked members to consider, exceptionally, paying an invoice from Frederic Wearne and Sons for the cleaning and repainting of the War Memorial. He pointed out that this expense had been authorised in December 2010. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, Cllr Gibson abstained, all others in favour, exceptionally to pay this invoice.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Eric and Jeff Bray (June 6 and 22)	£ 132.00	£ 110.00	£ 22.00
Frederick Wearne and Sons	£ 240.00	£ 200.00	£ 40.00
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd			
Church and cemetery (June 7)	£ 180.00		
Church (June 28)	£ 57.75		
total	£ 285.30	£ 237.75	£ 47.55

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Colin Chapman		
Salary (June)	£ 563.66	
telephone	£ 13.14	
office expenses	£ 28.56	
travelling	£ 26.00	
use of home	£ 25.00	
	total	£ 656.36

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

The following account was also presented for payment:

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Gareth Mitchell			
re river banks at Penmarth			
Labour	£ 252.00		
Tractor and trimmer	£ 93.60		
Mini Digger (hire & fuel)	£ 170.00		
Cutting grass (June 17)	£ 100.00		
Cutting grass (June 30)	£ 100.00		
	total	£ 715.60	

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Lay, 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:

Cllr Mrs Lay (three mugs)	£ 15.00
Cllr Davidson (three mugs)	£ 15.00
Poldark Mine (Walks booklets)	£ 36.00
Cllr Mrs Moyle (mug)	£ 5.00
Rame Post Office (Walks booklets)	£ 24.50

10 PLANNING

Members noted that the Parish Council is a Statutory Consultee in planning matters and that, particularly in recent months, the observations the Council has made about applications appears to have been heeded by the Planning Authority.

Applications

PA11/03512 Ms J.Wilkinson – Certificate of lawfulness for the existing restoration and refurbishment of dwelling (amended plans) – Rebecca’s Cottage, Lower Retanna. 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 makes no comment.”

PA11/05106 Mr & Mrs Osborne – Erection of extension to sun lounge – Ty Gwyn, Trevenen Bal. 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.”

PA11/05423 Mr N.Hoskin – Conversion of barn into dwelling – Lower Burras Farm, Burras. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council would remind the Planning Authority of the comments it made previously in November 2010 and in May 2011 – and particularly those pertaining to drainage from the proposed dwelling, which do not appear to have been addressed.”

Decisions

PA11/00468 Approved (Barn conversion to dwelling) – Treweath Farm, Penmarth– *noted*

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct quarterly newsletter – *noted*

CC Cornwall Renewable Energy Show July 29 former Gaia Centre, Delabole – *noted*

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11 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that she had attended the recent Community Network meeting at which Localism had been the main topic of discussion. Cornwall intends Localism to come through the Network Teams to the Towns and Parishes, any feedback will then be collated by the Network Teams and fed back to County Hall where it will be considered. She reported that changes in planning policies are in the pipeline and noted that the Youth Café in Helston will open at the end of July.

She further reported that she had represented Wendron Parish Council at the Civic Service in Helston.

It was noted that Cllr Mrs Mitchell had handed out Parish leaflets at the Helston Motor Show and that she will take both leaflets and Walks Booklets at the Trewennack Show.

12 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion in future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday August 8, 2011 at 7.30pm in Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

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