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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday November 14, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:

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

Visitors: Mr and Mrs Berry, Mr Butterill, Mr Care, Mrs Jenkin, Mr Semmens and Mrs Taylor.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the November meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Davidson, Cllr Maddern and PC Vaughan sent their apologies for absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, Cllr van den Berg and Cllr Mrs Lay being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday October 10 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

The Clerk reported that the notice-board for use at Rame is with our contractor and will be erected on site once the wall has been rendered by the owner of Rame Post Office. He showed members a plaque which will be fixed to this notice-board which draws attention to the fact that it has been part-funded by Cllr Mike Clayton.

It was noted that the Vehicle Advisory Sign is now, at last, up and working in Rame.

The Planning Enforcement team is aware of concerns about the Wheal Oak site on the B3297.

In answer to a question, the Clerk reported that, although he had been instructed at the last meeting to take whatever steps necessary to secure the fencing around the play area at Carnkie, it had become apparent that to do so would be quite expensive. He had therefore decided to obtain three quotations for the necessary work and to put them before the Parish Council before he issued instructions to go ahead. Having heard the quotations, the Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Clerk should go ahead as instructed.

4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

In the absence of a Cornwall Councillor there was no report.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Speaking on behalf of Mr and Mrs Berry (who were present to seek support for their planning application PA11/08611) Mrs Taylor said

- their application was the direct result of a change of policy at RNAS Culdrose. This now requires contractors to remove all their equipment once a job has been completed (in the past this has been left in storage on site in readiness for the next project)
- the applicants had taken advice from the planning officer before submitting their application.

It was noted that residents of Rame have serious concerns about proposed storage building and, in particular, its visual impact on the surrounding landscape.

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Mr Care said he was present to address concerns expressed by Wendron Parish Council about his original planning application PA11/07055. He stated that

- he does own the land
- he has a ten year agreement with Natural England's Stewardship Scheme at the Higher Level: that is to say that in that time he has agreed to enhance the land for the benefit of wildlife
- 60% of the land is currently covered by European gorse and bracken – all of which needs to be removed
- he has fenced the land to allow grazing by Hereford cattle
- the boggy areas represent a life-threatening danger to these animals
- the area where he intends to create the ponds are of no real benefit to wildlife, unlike the area further down the valley
- spoil from the ponds will be spread some four to six inches deep over the surrounding area
- the iron-age village half-way up the hill will eventually be exposed to view
- consultation with the Archaeological Department at Cornwall Council had revealed no concerns
- his intention is not to ruin the site but to enhance it.

Mrs Jenkin said that she was simply present to introduce herself and to state that she would be standing for election to Cornwall Council in the Wendron Ward.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Vaughan reported that seven crimes (three thefts, a burglary, a sexual offence and two of criminal damage) had been reported to the Police in October 2011: a similar number had been reported in the same period last year.

The Police had been impressed with the responsible attitude shown by young people at Hallowe'en: just a single incidence of anti-social behaviour in the whole of the Helston sector had been reported.

PC Vaughan again reminded members and residents alike that the new non-emergency number is 101 adding that he, PCSO Berry and PCSO Bell may also be contacted on 01326 555158.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Mike Clayton

Members considered marking the contribution made to the Parish of Wendron during the course of the last twenty-five years by Councillor Mike Clayton. It was agreed that Mike would probably have preferred something practical and that perhaps two hard-wood benches, one sited in the play area at Carnkie and the other on the green outside would be suitable. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded, all in favour that the Clerk should have delegated powers to purchase two suitable benches up to a combined value of £1,000

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

Provision of a bus shelter at Trevenan Bal

The Clerk reported that he had spoken with Dave Vincent, Cornwall Council's Area Manager, about the possibility of constructing a bus shelter on the southern side of the A394 at Trevenan Bal. He (Dave Vincent) had agreed that the existing raised kerb built to ease access on and off buses is misplaced and recommended a site near the existing flag. The Clerk further reported that he had written to Andy James requesting the necessary permission to use the highway verge at this point for a bus shelter. He has since received this permission. He now awaits two quotations for constructing a shelter at this location both of which are required before an application for grant funding may be submitted. Cllr Mrs Warren agreed to consult Mrs Gronwallt who owns the nearby home about the matter before a decision to proceed is taken.

Local Needs Housing

Members noted the contents of the confidential written report on the informal meeting held with Mr Will Morris from Cornwall Council's Affordable Housing Department and Mr John Warner from Cornwall HomeChoice. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded, Cllr Gibson against, all others in favour that Mr Alan Fox and A.N.Other should be approached with a view to asking them to act as Wendron Parish Council's agent.

The Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II

The Clerk reported that, as requested, he had sought prices for three Ghost Birch *Betula utilis Jacquemontii* 'Grayswood Ghost' trees, one each for both Halwin and Wendron Schools and one for the lay-by at Retanna to

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mark the occasion of HM Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee. These will each cost £50. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded Cllr Gibson abstained all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council should purchase three Ghost Birch trees at a cost of £50 each.

Mining World Heritage Site

The Clerk reported that, he is still awaiting a template for the site strapline for use by Frederick Wearne & Sons, otherwise the matter is in hand.

9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at November 14, 2011. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Penhaligon's Friends (which offers support to bereaved children in Cornwall) for financial help with funding on-going project costs. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Lay, seconded by Cllr van den Berg, Cllr Mrs Warren abstained, all others in favour that the sum of £50.00 be forwarded to Penhaligon's Friends under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
The Acorn Workshop	£ 530.00		
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd			
Church and cemetery (18/10)	£ 216.00	£ 180.00	£ 36.00
Pestakill (moles in cemetery and play area)	£ 140.00		
Harlequin Design	£ 12.00	£ 10.00	£ 2.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (October)	£ 563.66		
Keys	£ 7.00		
telephone	£ 31.37		
office expenses	£ 66.52		
travelling	£ 84.50		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 778.05	

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Lay, seconded by Cllr Warren, all others in favour that the above five 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			
Cutting grass	£ 100.00		
Cleaning Rame Cross	£ 12.00		
	total	£ 112.00	

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Warren, 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:

CC refund of business rates	£ 5.19
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10 PLANNING

Applications

PA11/07055 Mr P.Care – Formation of two lakes extending to approximately 0.30 ha – Treskyber, Carthew Lane, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded, Cllr Gibson abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observations “Wendron Parish Council has considered the amended application and heard representations from the applicant himself. As a result of these it is prepared to offer qualified support to the amended application. The qualification is that the environmental concerns expressed in its original observations are fully addressed.”

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

PA11/07442 Mr S.Toft – Replacement of the approved Proven P35 wind turbine with a smaller, quieter 15m P11 wind turbine in a revised location – Little White Alice, Calvadnack. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, Cllr Gibson abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA11/07854 Mr B.Bowlzer – Portable building for the storage of bikes for hire and servicing of bikes – Stithians Water Sport And Visitor Centre, Menherion, Redruth. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, all in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA11/08241 Mr M.Credland – Erection of an extension – Little Boquio, Farms Common. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, Cllr Gibson abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA11/08250 Mr M.J.Palmer and Mrs J.M.Trowbridge – Modification of section 106 agreement attached to W2/PA97/00786 (Change of use of workshop/store to single dwelling) to allow unrestricted use of dwelling – Lower Boswin Farm, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, all in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA11/08611 Mono Construction – Erection of a storage building – Meadow Lodge, Rame Cross. Cllr van den Berg proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Mrs Moyle against, Cllr Gibson abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observations “Wendron Parish Council notes the pre-application advice given to the applicant, more particularly that a building similar to the existing one is erected and that, in the interests of softening its visual impact on the landscape, it is painted a neutral green and the site itself is carefully landscaped. With these conditions in place, Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA11/08769 Mr R.Bryant and Mrs J.Lean – Erection of garage and store – The Wheelwrights, Chapel Hill, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded, Cllr Gibson abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “With the proviso that Cornwall Highways approves access to the Highway from this site, Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA11/09157 Rev A.Hill – Listed Building Consent for the removal of organ from closed chapel – Carnkie Methodist Church, Carnkie. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, all in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

Decisions

PA11/04895 APPROVED (Construction of equestrian building providing stables, tack room, hay barn and trailer store and construction of garage) – Trevilges Farm, Trewennack – *noted*

PA11/06042 APPROVED (Continued use of garage as commercial garage for vehicle repairs and occasional car sales) – Primrose Lodge, Carnkie – *noted*

PA11/07379 APPROVED (Conversion and extension of redundant agricultural building to form a dwelling including installation of a septic tank) – Lower Retanna Farm, Retanna, Penryn – *noted*

PA11/07699 APPROVED (Erection of conservatory and 1st floor balcony to dwellinghouse) – Lower Carnebone Farm, Laity – *noted*

Correspondence

Mr Faryluk copy of letter of objection forwarded to the Planning Authority concerning planning application PA11/07442 – *noted*

Mrs R.M.Bambury copy of letter of objection forwarded to the Planning Authority concerning planning application PA11/07442 – *noted*

Mr R.M.Bambury copy of letter of objection forwarded to the Planning Authority concerning planning application PA11/07442 – *noted*

Mr Toft copy of letter responding to the letters of objection forwarded to the Planning Authority concerning planning application PA11/07442 together with copy of a flyer distributed to neighbours – *noted*

CC Planning Enforcement notification of alleged unauthorised formation of a hard-standing at Tsalta, Porkellis – *noted*

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11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons your guide to taking part – *noted*

Devon and Cornwall Housing Newsletter – *noted*

First Group acknowledgement of receipt of letter – *noted*

Cornwall & West Devon Mining World Heritage Site invitation to apply for membership of the Cornish Mining Consultative Forum – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

First Devon and Cornwall explanation of an apology for the incident in mid-September – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Warren for chairing the meeting last month in her absence when she had been in Mexico. More precisely, she had visited an area to which in the late 1700s early 1800s Cornish miners had emigrated. For the most part, the mines there have closed within the last decade – but the links with Cornwall are still very marked. Nowadays, for example, there are more pasties sold in one town in that area of Mexico than in the whole of Cornwall – moreover, that town boasts a replica of Big Ben. She remarked that the Local Governor (who had been accompanied by bodyguards wherever he went) had been very interested to know what she did as Chairman of the Parish Council!

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Warren for accompanying her to the Remembrance Day service. She added that, during the service, Rev’d David Miller had spoken warmly of Mike Clayton describing him as a valued and respected member of the community.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Cllr Mitchell reported that residents of Carnkie had been impressed with what Cllr van den Berg had had to say at the Planning Committee site meeting at Primrose Lodge and that he had been asked to offer their thanks both to Cllr van den Berg and to the Parish Council.

The Clerk was asked to obtain a progress report on Trelill Holy Well.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday December 12, 2011 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed.....Chairman

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