

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday February 13, 2012 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Mrs C.Lay	Cllr C.Mitchell
	Cllr P.Davidson	Cllr Mrs M.Warren
	Cllr G.Gibson	Cllr Mrs Moyle
	Cllr R.Maddern	C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** CCllr Dr Jenkin, Ms L.Bailey (National Trust), Ms M.Foster (Coastline Housing), Mr N.Gordon (National Trust), Mr M.Griffin (Business Development Director of Mansell Construction) Mr and Mrs Pascoe, Mr and Mrs Reed and Mr Tremayne.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting and invited Mr Griffin and Ms Foster to address the Council.

Introducing himself Mr Griffin said that he had been employed in the housing sector for most of his working life. He is the Development Director for Mansell Construction and the Chairman of the House Building Federation. He reminded Members of the acute lack of housing throughout the country and in particular in Cornwall. He stated that he was aware of the problems arising from the ambitious project at Rame last year and wondered if anything might be rescued from its ashes. Stated that change is on-going and inevitable, he asked Members if they had a vision for the future of the Parish, if they had identified parishioners' needs and if there was anything his company could do. He was informed that Wendron Parish Council has identified housing needs within the Parish and is currently in the process of looking into ways of satisfying those needs. It was explained that Wendron Parish Council will not support a new eco-village of 1,000 homes.

Ms Foster again apologised for her clumsiness with which she had presented Coastline's project for an eco-village at Rame last year and, on behalf of the Council, her apology was accepted by the Chairman. Ms Foster said that 95% of Coastline tenants are happy with their homes and their landlord and added that, for young people especially, there is a real need for starter homes for purchase.

The Chairman thanked both Mr Griffin and Ms Foster and they left the room. The Chairman then invited Ms Bailey and Mr Gordon to address the Council.

Ms Bailey said that she and Mr Gordon had joined the National Trust as Community Rangers last September, that they are based at Penrose and that amongst other duties they have responsibility for Porkellis Moor. They are anxious to encourage more people to use the outdoors and with that in mind have set up a Local Volunteer Group at Penrose and are keen to do the same at Porkellis where the aim would be to care for and enhance the Moor and in particular attract more dragonflies and butterflies to this wetland area. Currently they are developing a management plan with a view to seeking Higher Level Stewardship funding from Defra.

Thanking them for coming to the meeting, the Chairman said that the Parish Council would be glad to publish announcements advertising a Local Volunteer Group on the notice-boards.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr van den Berg, Cllr Mrs Mitchell and PCSO Sadler sent their apologies for absence.

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## **2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, 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 (Parts A and B) held on Monday January 9, 2012 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## **3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA**

No matters were raised under this heading.

## **4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS**

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that she has

- ensured appropriate waste collection facilities are available throughout the parish of Wendron
- requested that the VAS at Rame is adjusted to flash earlier
- ensured that the World Mining Heritage Site team has provided the required information for the boundary stones (speaking of the boundary stones she asked if Wendron Parish Council had considered the use of the Cornish language on the stones)
- chased up an issue related to hedge-cutting along the highways
- been asked to become a governor at Halwin School and has attended her first meeting
- agreed to contribute money from her community chest to enable all five schools within the Wendron division to take part in Youth Enterprise activities if they so wish
- attended a full Council meeting which enabled the reallocation of committee seats. She has been appointed to the Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee and to the Standards Committee
- been encouraged by a briefing on proposals to develop the West Cornwall Hospital to enable it to have more clinics and more effective doctor cover
- has added her name to a list of potential Trustees of a group bidding to run Helston Museum
- has been involved with the committee developing the second Hellysardh festival. This will be a festival in Helston on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September in association with the Carnival, Wrestling and Harvest Fair committees.

## **5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments from members of the public.

## **6 POLICE REPORT**

Through the Clerk, PCSO Sadler reported that eleven crimes (three thefts, two incidents of criminal damage, four assaults and two cases of driving with excess alcohol in the blood) had been reported to the Police in January 2012: this compares with the six crimes which were reported in the same period last year.

## **7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

### **The co-option of Parish Councillors**

The Clerk reported that he had received an expression of interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor from Mr Andrew Tremayne.

*The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that, because of the sensitive nature of this item, members of the public should be required to withdraw from the meeting.*

The Clerk read aloud a letter of introduction from Mr Tremayne. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded all others in agreement that Mr Tremayne should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

*Members of the public were invited to return to the meeting.*

The Chairman announced the result of the vote.

Cllr Tremayne read aloud and then signed his declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Wendron Parish Council, the Proper Officer. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Tremayne as a member of Wendron Parish Council.

### **Planning Future Cornwall (pre-consultation draft)**

In the light of a paper written by the Clerk, Members considered *Planning Future Cornwall – Our preferred Approach for a Core Strategy (pre-consultation draft)*. Following extensive and wide-ranging discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write expressing the Council's dismay at being asked to comment on such a bland and lightweight document, at the lack of alternative proposals, at the increase in the proposed number of new dwellings following earlier consultation, at the proposal to allow Renewable Energy sites "carte blanche" planning permission and at the absence of a clearly defined vision.

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**To receive an invitation from Cornwall Council for a representative of Wendron Parish Council to sit on the Helston Town Framework steering group**

Members considered an invitation from Cornwall Council for a representative of Wendron Parish Council to sit on the Helston Town Framework steering group. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Davidson would represent Wendron Parish Council at the next meeting (and possibly at future meetings) of the Helston Town Framework steering group.

**8 PROJECTS WITHIN THE PARISH**

**The Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II**

Members considered ways of celebrating the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II and in particular the organisation of a Big Lunch for residents of the Parish and participation in the chain of beacons. During the course of discussion, Cllr Tremayne offered the use of his land at Penmarth for a beacon. However, it was agreed that the matter should be discussed more fully at the next meeting.

**Provision of a bus shelter at Trevenan Bal**

The Clerk reported that he is awaiting a response from Cornwall Council concerning the application for grant funding for the construction of a shelter at Trevenen Bal.

**Mining World Heritage Site**

The Clerk reported that he has now instructed Frederick Wearne & Sons to proceed with the construction of the World Heritage Site boundary markers. He added that the World Heritage Site Office has indicated that, should funding for boundary markers be forthcoming from Cornwall Council, Wendron Parish Council will be reimbursed for the full costs involved.

**9 FINANCE**

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at February 13, 2012. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Citizens' Advice Bureau (Cornwall) for financial help. It was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Warren, all others in favour that, under the terms of Section 142(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £150 be forwarded to the Citizens' Advice Bureau (Cornwall) for use in the Redruth bureau.

Members considered a request from Edgcombe Methodist Chapel for financial help towards the upkeep of the cemetery. It was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Gibson, all others in favour that, under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £250 be forwarded to Edgcombe Methodist Chapel for help towards the cost of the upkeep of the cemetery.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd			
Church and cemetery (31/01)	£ 216.00	£ 180.00	£ 36.00
John Robertson Ltd (two inscribed benches)	£ 1,044.60	£ 870.50	£ 174.10
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 563.66		
telephone	£ 34.88		
office expenses	£ 35.93		
travelling	£ 69.55		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 729.02	

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Lay, seconded by Cllr Mrs Warren, all others in favour that the above three 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.*

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Gareth Mitchell			
Open areas	£ 100.00		
Bus shelters	£ 12.00		

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Carnkie Common

£ 48.00

Total £ 160.00

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

*Cllr Mitchell returned to the room.*

The following receipts were noted:

Little White Alice (3 books) £ 14.50

## 10 PLANNING

### Applications

PA11/09779 Mr P Stubbs – Demolition of dwelling and construction of 2 detached dwellings (chalet bungalows) and associated works – Wakefield, Carnkie. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, Cllr Maddern and Cllr Tremayne abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application though it notes that apparently no provision has been made for the eradication of the Japanese knotweed growing on the site.”

PA11/10838 Mr P. Finbow – Change of use of redundant stone barns to form one dwelling and one holiday let, construction of extensions and construction of double domestic carport – Netley Farm, Boswin. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded, Cllr Tremayne abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA12/00037 Mr & Mrs Reskelly – Proposed extension and alterations to an existing detached garage/self contained annexe – Viscar Bungalow, Underlane. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, Cllr Tremayne abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

PA12/00050 Mr Jamie Reed – Change of use and conversion of agricultural barn to dwelling – Retanna House, Butteriss Gate. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded, Cllr Tremayne abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation “Wendron Parish Council supports this application.”

### Decisions

PA10/04155 APPROVED (Conversion of farm shop into an affordable dwelling) – Vicarage Farm Shop, Under Lane – *noted*

PA11/06053 APPROVED (Erection of 11Kw wind turbine) – Land Adjacent 7 Roseline Estate, Carnkie – *noted*

PA11/09157 APPROVED (Listed Building Consent for the removal of organ from closed chapel) – Carnkie Methodist Church, Carnkie – *noted*

PA11/09161 WITHDRAWN Installation of 3 No x 50kW wind turbines (24.6m to hub, 34.2m to tip), access track and associated ancillary development – Lower Nancrossa Farm Halfway House – *noted*

PA11/10589 APPROVED Conversion of barns to form 2 dwellings – Land adjacent To Kenap Farm Burras – *noted*

PA12/00361 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps Submission of details to discharge Condition 6 in respect of decision notice PA11/06336 – Trevilges Farm Trewennack – *noted*

### Correspondence

CPRE A guide to Neighbourhood Planning – *noted*

## 11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

Victim Support acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Graham Watson MEP contact information – *noted*

Cornwall Blind Association acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Cornwall Air Ambulance acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Cornwall AONB invitation to Annual meeting in Penzance on March 17 – *noted*

Mr Bray copy of a letter to CCllr Dr Jenkin proposing the absence of a footpath from the bus shelter at the top of Carnkie Hill to the existing footpath – *noted*

CC Historic Environment Trelill Holy Well update – *Members are broadly supportive of this development and will discuss making a financial contribution towards it at the next meeting*

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**12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman spoke of the forthcoming Clean Cornwall Awareness Day and suggested that Members might like to consider making themselves responsible for the area near their homes.

**13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

Refurbishment of Trellil Holy Well

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday March 12, 2012 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed ..... Chairman

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