

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday November 12, 2012 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:

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

Visitors: CCllr Dr Jenkin, PCSO Sadler, Mr and Mrs Toft, Mr Angell and Mr Wills (Quiet Revolution Ltd).

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the November meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mitchell sent apologies for his absence.

2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

Cllr Davidson proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded, Cllr Mrs Lay and Cllr Tremayne being absent from the last meeting and Cllr Maddern who had to leave the last meeting before it finished abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday October 8, 2012 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

3 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

Members noted that there are on-going problems with

- the roadside gully on the way up to Carnkie Village Hall which needs clearing
- the southern end of the lane (PROW 90) which needs clearing of brambles, grass and litter
- the block-built bus shelters which all need sweeping out and the surrounding areas tidying
- the four metal and glass bus shelters which need sweeping out and washing down
- the hand-rail (and possibly the bridge) leading to the WI Hall at Penmarth which needs repair
- the public footpath sign, which is in the roadside hedge on the lane leading up to Carn Vale (footpath 18), which needs replacing
- the village sign on the south-eastern approach to Penmarth which is missing.

4 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that since the last meeting

- a vote of no confidence in the Leader of the Council and his subsequent resignation had led to the election of the former deputy leader of the council which has itself resulted in changes in the makeup of the cabinet
- all the above was prompted by a Cabinet decision to force through partnership working with the private sector which went against a resolution of the full Council. The decision had also attracted wide-spread public protest, substantiated by a 5,000 vote petition
- the governance review panel's final deliberations were presented to full council and a recommendation that models of governance (including a hybrid cabinet/leader and committee system) are fully worked up to

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enable the council to make an informed decision on the final model of political management for the council from May 2013

- a decision was made to increase the present basic remuneration for Cornwall Councillors by £2,400. It is hoped that this will help overcome the financial practicalities of becoming a Councillor and attract a more representative cross-section of society to the Council
- locally she has had a number of discussions with officers about matters directly related to concerns within the parish – not least rainwater run-off from fields where entrances onto the road have recently been re-opened
- the draft Helston Town Framework plan is now, to all practicable purposes, complete. Initial public consultation will be carried out in January
- Cornwall Council is offering training on the Code of Conduct and she urged members to attend
- all her Community Chest money for the present year has now been allocated: Halwin and the pre-school have benefitted.

5 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Sadler reported that four crimes were reported to the police in November which compares very favourably with the eight reported in the same period last year. There were two burglaries, one theft and a Breach of Conditions. She again urged everyone to report anything suspicious to the police.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Speaking of the potential for further development at Little White Alice, Mr and Mrs Toft stated that they were present to seek the Parish Council's advice about the project. They raised the following points:

- they currently have six letting cottages which have won awards for sustainable tourism
- these cottages have enjoyed an occupancy rate of 86% since April
- they are seeking to expand the business by adding two Shepherd's Huts
- and, because they live in Falmouth and have to travel every day, to build a modest house for themselves
- this last will enable them to look after their guests, the buildings, the site and their animals more carefully
- and help to encourage the expansion of the local tourist industry.

The Chairman explained that until such time as plans are before the Council it cannot comment appropriately, but she advised Mr and Mrs Toft to submit a business plan with any application

Mr Angell and Mr Wills from Quiet Revolution Ltd stated that they were present to present a pre-application case for the erection of two 30kW wind turbines on land at Little Trevease, Edgcombe. The turbines will be 25 metres tall and will be "on land that is already spoilt with a network of overhead wires". The site has been chosen because it has a "good wind resource". Describing the impacts the turbines will have on the area, Councillors were told that the noise generated will reach a maximum of 33.4 decibels: that there will be no problems associated with flicker, because the nearest properties are 300 metres away: and that the visual impact of the originally proposed twenty turbines has been mitigated by the scaling down of that project to just the two. Councillors noted that, other than employment during the erection of the turbines, no on-going financial benefit to the community will be offered by the company. Despite an assurance that local people had been informed by letter of the proposal, Councillors living at Half Way House confirmed that this was the first they had heard of the project: Mr Angell and Mr Wills undertook to post information to a wider circle of residents.

Mr and Mrs Toft, Mr Angell and Mr Wills left the meeting

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Code of Conduct

Further to the decision made in July formally to adopt the Interim Code of Conduct, Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded all others in favour to adopt the final draft of the Cornwall Code of Conduct for City, Community, Parish and Town Councils with paragraph 2.6 reading as follows

You must record in a register of interests maintained by the Proper Officer any gifts or hospitality that you are offered or receive in connection with your official duties as a member and the source of the gift or hospitality worth £25 or over

Dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011

Members considered the procedure for the award of dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Mitchell proposed, Cllr Mrs Lay seconded all in favour to delegate the power to grant dispensations to the Clerk.

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PA12/08831 Mr & Mrs John Upfold – Demolish existing sub-standard domestic garage and erect a replacement domestic garage – Treloquithack Farm. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA12/08831 Mr B.Cowell – Construction of detached dwelling, domestic garage and associated works – Land at The Old School, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council is minded to support the construction of a residential dwelling on this site, but believes the submitted design is inappropriate to the historic setting and therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA12/09778 Mr R.Bryant and Mrs J.Lean – Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of granny annexe as separate dwelling without compliance with condition 3 attached to decision notice 90/00144/F – Fern Cottage, Chapel Hill, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Lay proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA12/05903 WITHDRAWN (Erection and installation of 11Kw wind turbine) – Wendron Cricket Club – *noted*

PA12/07274 APPROVED (Erection of a cubicle & covered feed building) – Glebe Farm, Wendron – *noted*

PA12/07938 APPROVED (Formation of new access) – Trelill House, Trewennack – *noted*

PA12/08151 APPROVED (Repair, renovation and change of use of disused agricultural building to holiday letting unit) – Higher Carthew Farm – *noted*

PA12/08431 APPROVED (Erection of extension) – 2 Rame Terrace, Rame Cross – *noted*

PA12/08519 WITHDRAWN (Demolition of store and construction of extension) – 2 Crelly Terrace, Trenear – *noted*

PA12/09552 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps (Submission of details to discharge Conditions 3,7.8 and 9 in respect of decision notice PA12/05327) – Little Boquio, Farms Common – *noted*

Correspondence

CC Ellis Crompton-Brown concerning a proposal to ensure renewable energy sites are returned to agricultural land – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Western Power Distribution invitation to stakeholder workshop with luncheon – *noted*

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

SW Water notification of route of proposed pumping main across Polhigey Moor – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that she had no further comments.

13 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion in future meetings were raised.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday December 10, 2012 at 7.30pm in Burras Community Hall.

Signed Chairman

Date

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