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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday February 11, 2013 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:

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

Visitor: CCllr Dr Jenkin.

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Warren, welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Moyle, PC Wearne and PCSO Berry sent apologies for their absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Gibson declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 PA13/00397.

of gifts (received as a result of being a member of the Council) of a value greater than £25

There were no declarations of gifts of a value greater than £25.

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

Cllr Mitchell proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday January 14, 2013 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising which were not covered elsewhere in this agenda.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that, since the last meeting, she has

- dealt with a number of highways and planning issues within the parish
- been actively involved in increasing signage and minimising the issues at Penmarth which have arisen as a result of the South West Water traffic diversion
- attended Halwin Governors' meetings at which future staffing of the school has been on the agenda
- attended the Helston and Lizard Community network meeting at which the future working of the network was discussed, transport issues highlighted and a useful presentation on Community Resilience Emergency plans (including flooding) was given
- helped with a number of Standards training sessions across Cornwall
- attended a meeting of the Full Council at which housing building targets, council tax support and the Local Plan were discussed and deferred to future meetings.
- organised a training session for Helston Museum volunteers.

In answer to a question, CCllr Dr Jenkin stated that CCllr Biscoe did have the matter of a meeting with residents of Trewennack to discuss improvements to the A394 in hand.

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Drawing members' attention to the declining standards of reporting and indeed of English grammar in the local press, Cllr Gibson asked if there was anything Cornwall Council could do to encourage editors to make improvements. In reply (and agreeing with Cllr Gibson's original premise), CCllr Dr Jenkin said that Cornwall is discontinuing much of its advertising and that consequently she doubted whether anything it said to local newspaper editors would improve matters.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Berry reported that seven crimes (two thefts, a burglary, and incidents of common assault and battery, interference with a motor vehicle and an offence under the Communications Act) were reported to the police in January, which compares with the eleven reported in the same period last year. She urged everyone in the parish to contact the police if they see anything suspicious.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Bus shelter at Edgumbe

The Clerk reported that a vehicle accident during snow had resulted in the demolition of the bus shelter at Edgumbe. The matter was reported on the same day to the Council's insurance company (Norwich Union), which, because there was a risk of injury to members of the public, gave permission for the rubble to be removed. This was done very efficiently and at very short notice by Mr Osgood. The Clerk stated that he is in the process of seeking two quotations for presentation to Norwich Union. He understands that all costs associated with reinstatement of the shelter will be claimed through the driver's insurance company.

Overtly criticising the competency of the Clerk in his rôle as the Parish Council's Financial Officer, Cllr Gibson stated that it was his belief that Mr Osgood's bill is excessive and that, as the matter is in the hands of the Council's Insurance Company, it is its responsibility to pay the bill rather than the Council's. The Clerk explained that he had contacted the Insurance Company and had been given authority to pay the bill. Cllr Gibson asked if the Clerk had that authority in writing. The Clerk replied that he hadn't, but that he was confident that the sum would be honoured and that if it wasn't he would pay it himself.

Project Considerations

No further projects for implementation within the parish were tabled.

9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at February 11, 2013. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Helston and the Lizard Community Halls' Network for financial help with on-going costs. Following discussion, it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council cannot accede to this request.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Newsquest (advert)	£ 65.52	£ 54.60	£ 10.92
West Briton (advert)	£ 105.60		
Gareth Mitchell (riverbed and shute at Burras)	£ 120.00		
R.Sanders (churchyard and footpaths)	£ 297.50		
R.R.Osgood (removal of Edgumbe bus shelter)	£ 1,127.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 563.66		
telephone	£ 26.43		
office expenses	£ 33.40		
travelling	£ 104.65		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 753.14	

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Warren, seconded by Cllr van den Berg, all others in favour that the above six accounts should be paid.

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10 PLANNING

Applications

PA12/11848 Mr Richard Seymour – Erection of a single 500kW wind turbine with a 52m 3 bladed rotor (from ground: 35m to hub height/61m to tip height) and related infrastructure including track, entry, turbine hard-standing, and substation – Field East of Tregantallan Farm, Constantine. Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mitchell, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council agrees entirely with the observations forwarded by Constantine Parish Council. In an area where only the occasional tree grows to thirty feet, where the dwellings are of a maximum similar height, the proposed commercial turbine will represent a monstrous intrusion into the rural setting. The long, uninterrupted views are a key characteristic of this area. It is not in the public interest to create living conditions that are overwhelmed by the avoidable presence of large structures such as the proposed wind turbine. Moreover, the immediate area already suffers from an existing surfeit of renewable energy schemes (for which permission for change of use from the existing agricultural use has neither been sought nor been granted) and more are in the pipeline. Wendron Parish Council urges the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA12/11902 Mr A.Newton – Construction of farm track – Butteriss Farm, Edgcombe. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council notes that this application is retrospective in nature. It understands that the applicant has a licence to dispose of 1,000 tonnes of inert waste material annually and believes that the now existing track is composed of this sort of material. The track is currently being used as a vehicle park rather than as an alternative route to the A394 to access fields in the ownership of the applicant. Wendron Parish Council deplores the loss of agricultural land for this purpose and urges the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

As a neighbour and a friend of the applicants, Cllr Gibson declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following application. He remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.

PA13/00397 Mr & Mrs S.Lunn – Proposed conversion of existing single garage. Internal alterations and conservatory to front – Polmarth Meadow, Carnmenellis. Cllr Davidson 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.*

PA13/00687 Mr Deryk Green (Openreach) – Installation of a modular cabinet – land opposite Arizona, Carnmenellis. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Maddern seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned marked as follows *Wendron Parish Council has no observations.*

Decisions

PA12/09881 APPROVED (Siting of 72 18kw ground mounted PV solar panels) – Little White Alice, Calvadnack – *noted*

PA12/11198 APPROVED (Amendments to previously approved application PA12/04567 for revised rearside extension, garage roofline and rooflights to main house) – Bodilly Vein Dingley, Trenear – *noted*

PA12/09846 REFUSED (Conversion and extension of existing barn to form dwelling) – Blackdown Barns, South Calvadnack – *noted*

PA12/11194 APPROVED (Amendments to previously approved application PA12/04567 for revised rearside extension, garage roofline and rooflights to main house) – Bodilly Vein Dingley, Trenear – *noted*

PA12/11258 APPROVED (Extension of time for the conversion of barn to form holiday accommodation) – Northwest Polmarth Farm, Carnmenellis – *noted*

PA12/11259 APPROVED (Extension of time for renovation works and erection of an extension to existing dwelling) – Northwest Polmarth Farm, Carnmenellis – *noted*

PA13/00021 NO OBJECTIONS (OHL/HG apps) (Erection of third conductor on existing overhead line, moving pole to new location and erection of new single span 3 wire 11kV overhead to new terminal H pole with pole mounted transformer) – Carnkie Common – *noted*

PA113/00222 APPROVED Change of use and conversion of 2 barns to form dwellings, associated access works and stationing of temporary caravan accommodation (Non-material amendment to decision notice PA11/00782 to include alterations to window openings) – Retanna House, Retanna – *noted*

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11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

CC A394 Penzance to Penryn Speed Limit Review response to letter concerning Rame – *noted*

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

Hyder Consulting (for South West Water) notification of application to the Secretary of State for consent to carry out works on Polhigey Moor – *noted*

Mr Osborne concerning the poor condition of PROW 177 – *noted*

Carnkie Wendron Village Hall concerning the condition of the access lane to the hall – *noted*

24 newsletter from the South Western Ambulance Service – *noted*

Cllr Mrs Lay letter of resignation from the Council – *the Clerk was asked to write thanking Mrs Lay for the invaluable service she had given both to the Parish in general and to Wendron Parish Council in particular*

12 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage of the meeting other than to state that although she was saddened to learn of Mrs Lay’s resignation, she quite understood the reasons.

13 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the award of contracts for the maintenance of open spaces and for the trimming of footpaths for the coming financial year should be made in closed session at the next meeting.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday March 11, 2013 at 7.30pm in Burras Community Hall.

Signed Chairman

Date

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