

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Visitor: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Mr Binnie, Mr Bowlzer, Mrs Duffy, Mr Hart, Mrs Hearn, Mrs Kemp, Mr and Mrs Millington, Mrs Taylor, Mr Toms, Mr and Mrs Sankey.

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC Wearne and PCSO Berry sent apologies for their absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

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 Tremayne seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday February 11, 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, enforcement and planning issues within the parish
- ... and particularly with issues concerning the diversion at Penmarth
- attended the Helston and Lizard Community Network meeting at which the future working of the network was discussed, transport issues were highlighted and a presentation on Community Resilience Emergency plans was delivered
- attended a meeting of the Lowertown Community Group and was pleased to note that the telephone-box book exchange and the village map projects are on the point of fruition
- arranged a meeting at Trewennack on Tuesday April 2 at 2.00pm with CCllr Biscoe and relevant officers to discuss ways of moving the Trewennack road improvement scheme forward.

Meetings at County Hall have decided

- that the Local Plan will contain provision for 43,250 new houses to be built throughout the county in the period to 2030

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- to adopt the Cornish Mining World Heritage site management plan
- to defer a decision on the sell-off of the Carn Brea leisure centre site
- that the new discretionary rate relief guidance will commence in 2014
- that a recommendation should be made to full Council to promote the use of the Sustainable Communities Act
- to invite submission of final tenders for a strategic partner to supply back-room support services
- against the advice of senior legal and financial staff and the Interim Chief Executive to adopt a 0% increase in Council Tax for the coming year despite the consequent cuts in services and jobs.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Wearne reported that nine crimes (these included three incidents of assault, a burglary, criminal damage and an offence under the Communications Act 2003) were reported to the police in February, which compares with the seven reported in the same period last year. He urged everyone in the parish to contact the police if they see anything suspicious.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Bowlzer reported that a plan to create a cycle path all the way round Stithians Lake is being developed. Although it is still very much in the early stages, he wondered if consideration might be given to supporting the project and even with financial help towards its realisation. The Chairman stated that the Council would have to be better informed about the project before it could consider the proposal.

A number of residents from Edgcumbe attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the following issues which affect their community and about which they were not consulted and consequently unaware:

The Solar Farm: despite the statement which accompanied the application, planning for the solar farm was approved without local people being made aware of the development and the impact it would have on their lives. There is a widespread belief that proposed further development of the solar farm is in the pipeline and that permission for it will be sought in an equally duplicitous fashion.

Wind Turbines: once again, residents stated that they were completely unaware of the recent proposals to construct three wind turbines in their neighbourhood, If these are granted planning permission, they will impose themselves both on residents' living conditions and on the rural nature of the community. The cumulative impact of renewable energy installations in the immediate area of Edgcumbe is a real cause of concern.

Coastline Housing: residents understood that Wendron Parish Council had not discouraged Coastline Housing from pressing forward with their plans to build a 1,000 home eco-village in their neighbourhood – a statement which was emphatically denied by the Chairman.

Speeding vehicles: despite the public meeting held Edgcumbe in 2010, nothing whatsoever has been done to lower the speed of vehicles along the A394. Children crossing the road to catch the 'bus to school place themselves in real danger on a daily basis. There have been two fatalities as a result of road traffic accidents along the Edgcumbe-Rame stretch of the A394 since the public meeting

Residents' belief is that theirs is a small, sprawling community and that it is being "dumped upon". They asked for better communication between the Parish Council and them and to this end suggested that a Parish notice-board should be erected in the community. They urged all elected members to support them and their community. Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Phil Mason, Head of Planning and Regeneration at Cornwall Council, outlining what had been said, particularly about the solar farm and wind turbines and seeking his strategic view of the pattern of future renewable energy development within the parish.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Bus shelter at Edgcumbe

The Clerk reported that he had sent the claim for accidental damage to the bus shelter at Edgcumbe to the Parish Council's insurers and that consequently he had received notification that a cheque for £5,127 payable to Wendron Parish Council will be forwarded within the course of the next few days. That cheque has since been received and banked. The insurance company has further undertaken to seek recovery of the £250 policy excess. He stated that, as requested by the insurance company, he had instructed Mr Roy Osgood to rebuild the bus shelter.

Trevenen Bal notice-board

The Clerk reported that, in conversation with Mrs Gegg, it had become apparent that, in recent months, residents of Trevenen Bal had become increasingly concerned about the absence of a notice-board on which to pin notices

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advertising community events. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded all others in favour that Mrs Gegg should hold a key to the Trevenen Bal notice-board in order that community events might be more widely advertised.

9 FINANCE

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

Members considered a request from Edgumbe Methodist Chapel for financial help towards the upkeep of the cemetery. It was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moyle, all others in favour that, under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £300 be forwarded to Edgumbe Methodist Chapel for help towards the cost of the upkeep of the cemetery.

Members considered a request from Shelter for help with funding the cost of the work they do in Cornwall. It was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr van den Berg, all others in favour that, under the terms of Section 142(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £50 be forwarded to Shelter to help fund their work in Cornwall

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

| | GROSS | NET | VAT |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| HM Revenue and Customs | £ 536.36 | | |
| Eric and Jeff Bray | £ 108.00 | £ 90.00 | £ 18.00 |
| Gareth Mitchell | | | |
| Open spaces | £ 100.00 | | |
| Bank (Carnkie play area) | £ 12.00 | | |
| | total | | |
| | £ 112.00 | | |
| Colin Chapman | | | |
| Salary (February) | £ 563.86 | | |
| telephone | £ 20.29 | | |
| office expenses | £ 38.42 | | |
| travelling | £ 40.95 | | |
| use of home | £ 25.00 | | |
| | total | | |
| | £ 688.52 | | |

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

Members noted the following receipt

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|-------------------------|------------|
| CC (bus shelter grant) | £ 3,000.00 |
| Aviva (Insurance claim) | £ 5,127.00 |

10 PLANNING

Decisions

PA12/04138 WITHDRAWN (Erection of a Proven P11 (6kW) wind turbine) – Higher Boquio Farm, Farms Common – *noted*

PA13/00397 APPROVED (Proposed conversion of existing single garage. Internal alterations and conservatory to front) – Polmarth Meadow, Penmarth – *noted*

PA13/01725 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps (Submission of details to discharge condition 4 attached to decision notice PA11/08611) – Mono Construction Ltd, Meadow Lodge, Rame Cross – *noted*

Correspondence

CC Enforcement Department concerning the alleged blocking of access to Open Access moorland at Calvadnack Common – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Cornish Mutual an opportunity to win £1,500 towards a community event or project – *noted*

CC Streetworks resurfacing work along Rowes Lane April 29 to May 13 – *noted*

Came and Company acknowledgment of receipt of claim for accidental damage to the bus shelter at Edgumbe and notification that a cheque for £5,127 payable to Wendron Parish Council will be forwarded within the course of the next few days – *noted*

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CC Town and Parish Council election notices – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

CC consultation documents

- Cornwall Local Plan (pre-submission document) – *noted*
- Draft Gypsy and Travelling Communities Strategy and Delivery Plan – *noted*
- The Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

The Chairman made no comments at this stage of the meeting.

13 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Projects to include siting of a defibrillator and a notice-board at Edgcumbe.

The following item being of a confidential nature members of the public were required to leave the room

14 TO CONSIDER THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR THE COMING YEAR FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF OPEN SPACES AND FOR THE TRIMMING OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY THROUGHOUT THE PARISH

Members considered quotations for the maintenance of open spaces within the Parish. Following discussion Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded all in favour to award the contract for the maintenance of open spaces within the Parish initially for the coming year and, if completed to the satisfaction of the newly-elected Council, for the following four years to Mr Gareth Mitchell.

Members considered quotations for the maintenance of Public Rights of Way within the Parish. Following discussion Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded all in favour to award the contract for the maintenance of Public Rights of Way within the Parish initially for the coming year and, if completed to the satisfaction of the newly-elected Council, for the following four years to Mr Bob Sanders.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday April 8, 2013 at 7.30pm in Burras Community Hall.

Signed Chairman

Date

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