

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday April 8, 2013 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:

Cllr Mrs M. Warren	Cllr C.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, PC Wearne and eight members of the public.

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

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Mrs Moyle declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 9, the request from the Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee for financial help towards the upkeep of the cemetery.

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 Tremayne proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday March 11, 2013 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Maddern asked about the proposal to site protective traffic bollards on the corner at Rame Cross. The Clerk agreed to follow the matter through.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

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

- a meeting with Heritage Lottery Fund officials who are considering the award of funding for the Cornwall Archive project at Redruth
- the SACRE RE curriculum advisory committee
- the Members' Use of Web Mail working group which had looked at computer equipment and IT support for members of the new council
- meetings at Halwin School concerning the appointment both of a new head teacher and the budget for the coming financial year
- a meeting at which the Governors of Halwin School had observed science lessons
- a consultation meeting concerned with the Helston Framework proposals document
- an extra-ordinary meeting of the Cabinet on how to deal with cuts to services and staff as a result of the decision of Council not to increase council tax in the coming year

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- a meeting of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee at which a review of County Farms, members' use of webmail and legacy documents were all discussed
- the launch of the excellent Lowertown Book Box initiative
- a Highways site visit in Trewennack at which ways of reviving the proposals for a road improvement scheme through the village might be revisited by Cornwall Council
- informal meetings dealing with issues relating to flooding within the Parish
- and, tomorrow, will be attending a site visit with local groups concerned about the wake-boarding proposal at Stithians Lake.

CCllr Dr Jenkin stated that she is standing for election for the new Crowan and Wendron Division and, if successful, looks forward to a continuing active input into the future work of the parish.

6 POLICE REPORT

PC Wearne reported that nine crimes (four incidents of theft, a burglary, an act of criminal damage, an offence under the Communications Act 2003 and two domestic incidents) were reported to the police in March, which compares with the six reported in the same period last year. A request has been placed for the road policing team to conduct speed and vehicle checks on the A394 at various locations. He urged everyone in the parish to contact the police if they see anything suspicious.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Speaking on behalf of residents of Edgcumbe, Mr Binnie

- stated that those residents of Edgcumbe who had attended the meeting in March had, improperly, been made to feel that they were unwelcome
- asked if any of the Councillors had been to Edgcumbe to see how the solar farm development is already affecting residents
- argued that rumoured further development of renewable energy projects along the A394 corridor should be sternly resisted by the Parish Council
- suggested that the Parish Council should be considering its stance on renewable energy development in general within the parish and the manner in which it represents the electorate
- asked which bits of the Parish will benefit from the one-off grant made available to the Council by the developer
- again asked the Parish Council to join together with other Parish Councils to fight against the industrialisation of the rural landscape.

In reply, the Chairman and the Clerk said that the Council

- was sorry residents had felt unwelcome at last month's meeting
- that there had been no valid planning reasons for refusing the application for the solar farm at Edgcumbe
- that further renewable energy applications might be resisted on the grounds of their cumulative impact
- that each application has to be considered on its merits
- that a single council, or indeed a group of councils, might be considered to have jeopardised its position if a decision to resist any form of development is made in advance
- that only once the grant has been received by the Council can decisions about how and where it will be spent be made, but that any project in Edgcumbe will receive a particularly sympathetic hearing.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Bus shelter at Edgcumbe

The Clerk reported that the work to replace the bus shelter at Edgcumbe is progressing, albeit slowly.

Cornwall Association of Local Councils

Members considered an invitation to subscribe to membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils for the year to March 31, 2014 in the sum of £523.68 + VAT. Following discussion, it was agreed that, as matters stand, membership is unnecessary.

9 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at April 8, 2013. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded, all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council accepts the accounts for the year April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013.

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Parish Councillors considered the Statement of Assurance required for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2012. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded, all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council should answer “Not Applicable” to question 7 and 9 and “Yes” to each of the other questions posed by the Statement of Assurance which forms part of the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2012.

As a member of the Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee, Cllr Mrs Moyle declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to allow Mrs Moyle to remain in the room and to speak about the matter, should she so wish.

Members considered a request from the Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee for financial help towards the upkeep of the cemetery. It was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Mrs Moyle abstaining, 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 the Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee for help towards the cost of the upkeep of the cemetery.

Members considered a request from Victim Support for help with funding the cost of the work done to support victims and witnesses of crime in Cornwall. It was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Gibson, 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 Victim Support to help fund their work in Cornwall

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	GROSS	NET	VAT
R.Sanders (churchyard)	£ 180.00		
Pestakill (moles)	£ 150.00		
The Information Commissioner	£ 35.00		
Burras Community Hall	£ 236.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (March)	£ 563.86		
telephone	£ 15.72		
office expenses	£ 42.32		
travelling	£ 100.75		
Land Registry	£ 6.00		
keys for Trevenen Bal board	£ 7.90		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 761.55	

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

Members noted the following receipts

R.Pascoe and Sons (Mrs James)	£ 75.00
CC Precept (1 st instalment)	£ 13,000.00

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA13/01172 Mr Chris Liles – Single- and two-storey extension to west elevation – North Calvadnack Cottage, Polgear. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Tremayne seconded, Cllr Maddern abstaining, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/01522 Mr Jason Whitehead – Installation of a straight-line cable wakeboarding system including two 9 metre towers with 160 metres of running cable between them along with the construction of a storage/reception building – Stithians Watersports Centre, Menherion. Cllr Gibson proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, Cllr Maddern against, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council would have expected to see an accompanying document detailing the anticipated effect of this proposal on the wildlife which uses this area of the lake. Without that information the Council is unable to make an informed judgment and therefore reserves its position. Once this information is available, Wendron Parish Council would welcome the opportunity to comment.*

Correspondence

CC Planning Enforcement concerning alleged blocking of access to Open Access moorland of Calvadnack Common and PROWs 55 and 64 – *noted*

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CC acknowledgement of receipt of letter addressed to Mr Phil Mason concerning the solar farm at Little Trevease and residents' concerns – *noted*

CC Phil Mason concerning the solar farm at Little Trevease – *noted*

Mr and Mrs Rochon concerning the proposed wake-boarding installation at Stithians Lake – *noted*

Mr and Mrs Kemp copy of letter to Cornwall Council concerning the solar farm at Edgcumbe – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that work on the repair and refurbishment of Trelill Holy Well is nearly complete and reminded members of the Council's earlier expressed intention to help with the cost of this project.

Correspondence

CC proposed temporary road closure at Crelly (April 29 – May 13) – *noted*

Devon and Cornwall Housing Group Open Door (Newsletter) – *noted*

Western Power Distribution invitation to Stakeholder Workshops (future investment plans) in Nottingham, Birmingham, Bristol, Cheltenham, Exeter and Cardiff – *noted*

Cornwall Blind Association report on the use made of the grant from Wendron Parish Council – *noted*

CC temporary road closure Burras to Porkellis (April 18 – May 2) – *noted*

Santander Business Banking the request to remove Mrs Lay from the account has been actioned – *noted*

Mr Bunyon concerns about parking on Viscar Common – *it was agreed to purchase two signs stating No parking on the grass, please*

Tony Mogford Associates Ltd Quarterly Play Area inspection report – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to write to CCllr Biscoe with a request that Cornwall Council revisits the Trewennack Road Improvement Scheme which was dropped from the Local Transport Plan.

13 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Projects to include

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday May 13, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Community Hall, Burras

Annual Meeting – Monday May 13, 2013 following the Annual Parish Meeting in the Community Hall Burras

Signed Chairman

Date

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