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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday October 14, 2013 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:	Cllr Mrs M.Warren (Chairman)	Cllr Mrs S.Hook
	Cllr N.van den Berg	Cllr C.Mitchell
	Cllr P.Davidson,	Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell
	Cllr G.Gibson	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Dr L.Jenkin, Mrs C.Radbone and in excess of twenty members of the public.

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Warren, welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting. In particular she expressed the Council's pleasure in welcoming back Cllr Davidson who has recently spent time in hospital.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Maddern, Cllr Mrs Moyle, Cllr Miss Nute, Cllr Tremayne and PCSO Whitford all 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 Mrs Hook proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded, Cllr Davidson being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday September 10, 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 on this agenda.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that, since the last meeting,

- a number of Enforcement, Planning and Highways issues have been addressed. Cornwall Council is currently considering the possibility of encouraging Parish Councils to appoint lengthsmen
- there have been a number of briefings and discussions about next year's budget. An on-line consultation is available for completion by members of the public
- a consultation concerning charging for aspects of Adult Social Care will end on November 10
- Cornwall Council has held several Code of Conduct training events for Parish Councillors. A review of the new Code of Conduct and Standards regime is underway
- an application for two wind turbines at Little Trevease was refused at a meeting of the Planning Committee
- she now sits on the Bereavement Services Advisory Group which has responsibility for the Penmount Crematorium and those cemeteries that are the responsibility of Cornwall Council
- she attended a very useful briefing which covered both Emergency Planning and Community Events (about

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which questions were raised concerning the bureaucracy which surrounds them)

- she now represents Cornwall Council on the West Cornwall Local Area Group
- she has authorised a grant from the Community Chest towards the defibrillator and has undertaken to contribute to the new heating at Halwin Pre-School. There is now a pressing need for organisations to apply for funding as soon as possible so that decisions can be made by December
- she has been elected to the Chair of Governors at Halwin School. The Board has been very pleased with the positive response from parents to the new head, John Smith, and favourable promotion in the press.
- the long-awaited Local Plan is nearly complete: a meeting tomorrow will consider whether or not it is appropriate to increase the number of new dwellings.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Whitford reported that a single crime (a burglary involving theft of equestrian equipment at Porkellis) was reported to the police in September. He asked residents to be mindful of road conditions during the course of the autumn and winter and to check the roadworthiness of their vehicles.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In respect of the planning application (PA13/08296) for the construction of a single wind turbine with a tip height of 77 metres with associated infrastructure on land at Lower Lancarrow Farm, from amongst a great many valid objections members noted in particular that

- the site is within an Area of Great Landscape Value
- within 400m of (and therefore detrimental to) the World Heritage Site
- within 60 metres of a County Wildlife Site classified as a Habitat of UK Significance
- the turbine will have a significant detrimental effect on the wildlife of the area not least the nature reserve at Stithians Lake
- the site of the turbine is contrary to Natural England's Technical Information Note TIN 051 (the hedge is well within the recommended 50m of the sweep of the rotor)
- the turbine will be within 60m of a neighbouring property
- the turbine will have a significant negative visual impact on the character of the rural landscape
- the noise it generates in operation will have an adverse effect on the quiet enjoyment of the neighbourhood
- there is potential for adverse impact on tourism and the micro businesses in the area
- recent advice from Central Government suggests that the need for renewable energy does not automatically override local environmental and heritage protections nor the concerns of local communities and that wind farms are not appropriate in all settings
- the Developer has listened to and reacted to objections from local people
- third party studies relating to noise, shadow-flicker, landscape and heritage issues and the potential impact on birds and bats have all found the effects to be negligible
- the turbine, which will make use of the natural resource offered by its location, will produce clean energy sufficient to power 400 homes
- the developer will offer the Parish Council a Community Benefit payment of an initial £20,000 followed by an annual payment of £2,500 (which will increase in line with inflation) for the next twenty years.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to discuss the following agenda item at this point.

11 PLANNING

Applications

PA13/07721 Ms Angela Cockayne – Conversion of existing barn to annexe of main farm house. Works to include construction of new roofs to barn and adjoining store/garage – Carnebone Café, Laity. 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 supports this application.*

PA13/07713 Mrs Celia Collins – Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two dwellings – Trecarne, Lestraynes Lane. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Hook seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *It is Wendron Parish Council's opinion that this application represents both an overdevelopment of the site and is for dwellings that are out of keeping with the immediate built environment. Wendron Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

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PA13/08296 Mr Crowle – Erection of a single wind turbine with a tip height of 77 metres with associated infrastructure – land at Lower Lancarrow Farm, Four Lanes. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Hook seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council notes that the proposal site lies within an Area of Great Landscape Value, is within 400 metres of (and may therefore be considered detrimental to) the World Heritage Site and is also within 60 metres of a County Wildlife Site. The Council believes the turbine will have a significant, detrimental effect on the wildlife of the area and particularly on the nature reserve at Stithians Lake. It notes that the proposed site of the turbine is contrary to Natural England's Technical Information Note TIN 051(the hedge is well within the recommended 50m of the sweep of the rotor).*

The Council believes that the noise the turbine will generate in operation will have an adverse effect on the quiet enjoyment of all properties in the immediate area. It further believes it will have a significant negative visual impact on the character of the rural landscape and add to the cumulative impact of renewable energy installations on the area. More generally, if the turbine is built, there is potential for an adverse impact on tourism and consequently on the micro businesses in the area.

For all the above reasons Wendon Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

Finally, the Council understands that an observation from BT suggests that the turbine might be sited in a nearby position to avoid interfering with micro-waves: Wendron Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to insist on an amended application rather than considering what may be considered a minor alteration.

PA13/08274 Mr Andrew Tanner – Installation of 2 no. 30kW solar PV arrays, erection of tractor shed and construction of seated grandstand – Wendron Cricket Club, Underlane. Cllr Mrs Warren 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.*

PA13/08638 Mr and Mrs Devlin – Conversion of existing roof space and new side extension to accommodate new kitchen & utility at ground floor with additional bedrooms above – 2 Halfway House Bungalows, Rame Cross. Cllr Mrs Warren 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.*

PA13/08745 Mr B.Cowell – Retention of domestic double garage with utility/porch link to Dwelling – The Old Schoolhouse, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/08746 Mr B.Cowell – Listed Building Consent for the retention of domestic double garage with utility/porch link to Dwelling – The Old Schoolhouse, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/08850 Mr Jeremy Board – Conversion of existing bungalow to dormer bungalow, including the erection of a two-storey extension to the rear and the provision of a carport to the north-east side – Bardena, Carnkie. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Hook seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

Pre-Application

PA13/02796/PREAPP Bluefield Energy Limited – Pre-application for development for an approximate 3.28 mega watt peak known as Antigua Solar Farm. The project will be on agricultural land, grade 4, next to the pre-existing solar farm, Little Treavease – Land at Butteriss Farm, Edgcumbe. Members noted that this consultation invites comments as part of a pre-application process. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to comment as follows *In the absence of a formal application, Wendron Parish Council is unable to comment specifically on detail, however it is aware that there is considerable local opposition to what will, in effect, be an expansion of the existing solar farm. Written objections to a full application might be expected to include concerns about the cumulative visual impact of so many renewable energy units on the agricultural landscape at this point of the Carnmenellis ridge; of the potential impact on the tourist trade and consequently on the many micro-businesses in the area; of the impact (despite the reassurances given) on native flora and fauna; about the impact of security fencing, lighting and cameras on local people and indeed about the disturbance during the construction phase.*

Decisions

PA11/11158 REFUSED – Proposed development of 2 x 30kW horizontal axis wind turbines and associated infrastructure. Hub height 19.3m with tip height 25.1m – Field 172597 032827 North of Higher Carvedras, Little Trevease – *noted*

PA13/00083 Closed - advice given/app submitted – Submission of details to discharge condition 2 of decision notice PA12/05563 Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of dwelling – The Bungalow, Under Lane – *noted*

PA13/05557 REFUSED – To demolish barn and replace with dwelling – Ruby Farmhouse, Porkellis – *noted*

PA13/06065 REFUSED – Conversion of existing detached commercial garage to dwelling – Primrose Lodge, Carnkie – *noted*

PA13/06118 Screening Opinion - EIA Not Required – EIA Screening Opinion for proposed erection of a single wind turbine – Lower Lancarrow Farm, Four Lanes – *noted*

PA13/06444 APPROVED – Second storey extension – Barn 1 Whitegates, Retanna – *noted*

PA13/06621 APPROVED – Erection of a block of four timber built stables. These replace an old tin and breeze block hut which is not fit for purpose. Change of use to equestrian – Barn 2, Treloquithack Farm – *noted*

PA13/06960 APPROVED – Retention and completion of utility room and loft conversion – Sunrise, Carnkie – *noted*

PA13/07096 APPROVED – Proposed rear and roof extension with balcony, and alterations – Brow Hill, Carnkie – *noted*

PA13/07270 Granted (CAADs and LUs only) – Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of proposed rear extension and replacement windows – The Cottage, Carnkie – *noted*

PA13/07959 APPROVED – Non-material amendment to material on West elevation (Amendment to PA13/01172) – North Calvadnack Cottage, Polgear – *noted*

PA13/07965 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Submission of details to discharge conditions 4 and 5 in respect of decision notice W2/PA07/01795/F dated 14.01.08 – Mhens Plot, Calvadnack – *noted*

PA13/08020 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Submission of details to discharge conditions 3, 5, 9 and 12 in respect of decision notice PA11/00468 dated 09.06.2011 – Treweath Farm, Penmarth – *noted*

PA13/08063 WITHDRAWN– Erection of an agricultural building – Little Treweath, Penmarth – *noted*

PA13/08129 APPROVED – Erection of a steel portal framed agricultural building– Higher Dacum Farm Porkellis – *noted*

PA13/08736 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Submission of details to discharge condition 6 in respect of decision notice PA12/01953 – Trelill Farm, Helston – *noted*

Correspondence

Mr Hiron concerns about PA13/07713 – *noted*

Mr and Mrs James copy of letter to the Planning Authority concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*

Mrs Hannah copy of letter to the Planning Authority concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*

Mr and Mrs Rochon copy of letter to the Planning Authority concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*

Mr and Mrs Kyte copy of letter to the Planning Authority concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*

Ms Spurs copy of letter to the Planning Authority concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*

Mr Bosher copy of letter to Care and Company concerning PA13/06118 – *noted*

Mr and Mrs Beckton copy of letter to the Planning Authority concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*

Mrs James invitation to Coucillors to view the site of PA13/08296 from her home – *noted*

Mrs Hulbert copy of letter to the Planning Authority concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*

Mrs James copy of formal letter of objection to the Planning Authority concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*

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Mrs Thomas letter of support for Planning Application PA13/08296 – *noted*

Mr Hall letter of support for Planning Application PA13/08296 – *noted*

Mrs Beddow copy of formal letter of support to the Planning Authority concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*

Mr and Mrs Wood copy of letter of support to the Planning Authority concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*

Mrs Pearse letter of support concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*

The Harris Family letter of support concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*

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Mr Boshier copy of formal letter of objection to the Planning Authority concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*
Mr and Mrs Crisp photographs of the site of the proposed turbine PA13/08296 – *noted*
Mr Beckett copy of formal letter of objection to the Planning Authority concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*
Mr and Mrs Combellack letter of support concerning PA13/08296 – *noted*

8 PARISH MATTERS

The purchase of a defibrillator

The Clerk reported that the South Western Ambulance Service Community Public Access Defibrillator scheme is currently undergoing revision, the full extent of which is unknown though he understands that, rather than the supply of a defibrillator and a support package for a one-off payment, the revised scheme will make an annual charge of about £400. Members noted receipt of Cllr Dr Jenkin's grant from the Community Chest towards this project and it was agreed that the Clerk should liaise both with the officer concerned and Cllr Dr Jenkin in view of the changed circumstances.

The purchase of a notice-board for Edgumbe

The Clerk reported that Bear Joinery is still awaiting an opportunity to purchase oak at a favourable price.

The replacement of the gate into Wendron cemetery

The Clerk read an e-mail from Mr Tristan Kessell in which he states that the main components of the gates are well underway. He has copied the scroll work and has made up the tools he requires to reproduce the finials across the centre of the gates and is hoping to start constructing the gates in the next two weeks. He will forward pictures as the gates begin to take shape.

The purchase of mugs to commemorate the birth of Prince George of Cambridge

Members considered the purchase of mugs (for presentation to pupils at Halwin and Wendron Schools) to commemorate the birth of Prince George of Cambridge at a cost of £4.05 each. Following discussion, Cllr Davidson proposed Cllr Mrs Hook seconded, all in favour to purchase sufficient commemorative mugs to present to each of the pupils at Halwin and Wendron Schools.

A traffic order limiting speed through Rame and Edgumbe

Members considered the merits of offering a contribution to Cornwall Council towards the cost of a traffic order limiting speed through Rame and Edgumbe. Cllr Dr Jenkin agreed to look into the matter of speed limits along the A394 between Edgumbe and Longdowns and to report back to the next meeting. The matter was deferred.

A sign at Penmarth warning motorists to slow down

Members considered the purchase of signs warning motorists that children and older people may be crossing the road in Penmarth. In the course of discussion it was noted that once motorists have negotiated the bends to the east of Penmarth they increase speed through the village until they reach the bends at the west (and vice versa); that a proposal to create a priority right of way through the bends and to remove the white line along the centre of the road at the western end of the village had been mooted in previous years; that, possibly, 'gateways' might be created at either end of the village. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Cornwall Council expressing the Parish Council's concerns with a copy of the letter to Cllr Dr Jenkin who will try to move the matter forward with Cornwall Highways.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-option of Councillors

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

Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded, all others in agreement that Mrs Radbone should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

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

10 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at October 14, 2013. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Halwin Pre-School for financial help towards the renewal of the heating system. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Mrs Radbone

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abstaining, all others in favour that the sum of £400.00 should be made available to Halwin Pre-School under the terms of Section 19 (3a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The grant to be paid once an assurance that full funding is in place and that the project will proceed to completion has been received.

The following accounts were presented for consideration

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Jeff Meadows (web hosting)	£ 75.00		
Eric and Jeff Bray	£ 216.00	£ 180.00	£ 36.00
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd (cradle swing)	£ 68.10	£ 56.75	£ 11.35
R.Sanders (churchyard)	£ 290.00		
R.R.Osgood (replacement bus shelter)	£ 7,930.00		
Gareth Mitchell			
Open areas 09/09	£ 130.00		
Bus shelters	£ 26.00		
Open areas 21/08	£ 130.00		
Bus shelters	£ 26.00		
Verges and drains (Carnkie)	£ 26.00		
Mole traps	£ 52.00		
	total	£ 390.00	
Colin Chapman			
Salary (September)	£ 569.48		
Less overpayment (August)	£ 0.10		
Less overpayment (September)	£ 22.50		
telephone	£ 26.53		
office expenses	£ 47.95		
travelling	£ 104.35		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 750.71	

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Warren, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hook, Cllr Mrs Radbone abstaining all others in favour that the above seven accounts should be paid.

The following receipts were noted

CC (Community Chest)	£ 300.00
Colin Matthews (Mrs Eddy)	£ 60.00

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Superfast Cornwall notification that grants are available for business funding – *noted*

Cornwall Council notification that CClr Dr Jenkin has agreed to award funding support totalling £300 towards the defibrillator – *noted*

Cornwall Council Community Emergency Plan Meetings and Community Flood Forum Conference – *noted*

13 CHAIRMAN'S AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

It was agreed that Chairman and the Clerk will reply to an invitation from Maxine Hardy to discuss ways forward for the Community Network at a mutually convenient date.

The Chairman noted that two members of Wendron Parish Council had recently attended Code of Conduct training.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

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

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