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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday February 10, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

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

Visitors to the Parish Council meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Sgt Binnie, PCSO Whitford and fourteen members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for 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 Mitchell proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, Cllr Mrs Radbone being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday January 13, 2014 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Maddern again drew members' attention to the dangers to pedestrians wishing to cross the Stithians road to reach the Post Office in Rame. The lack of kerbing permits vehicles to mount the pavement and puts lives at risk.

Members noted that the fencing either side of both causeways across the Stithians Reservoir has been repaired.

Members noted that Cornwall Council has placed a sign on the road-stone holding area on Rame Common warning against theft and fly tipping.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that, since the last meeting

- in addition to the usual round of planning and enforcement issues, she has been kept very busy with the challenges presented by the recent extended spell of poor weather. She asked those who are still affected by flooding to let her know
- a full Council meeting had approved the inclusion in the Local Plan 2010-2030 of a figure of 47,500 new homes for the county. The Local Plan now goes out for consultation before a final version is forwarded to the Secretary of State for his approval

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- she attended the Local Needs Affordable Homes exhibition in Edgcombe Methodist Church
- road safety issues, including a review of the speed limit, will be discussed at a meeting following the publication of a report on the recent road accident fatality at Rame.

More generally

- a Community Network meeting for members of parishes in her Ward (Crowan and Wendron) had identified common cross-border issues which will be pursued
- the Cabinet has approved the closure of Penelvan and Pendean children's respite homes
- minor changes will be made to the Code of Conduct document and a Town or Parish Clerk may be invited to sit as an independent member of the Committee
- a consultation document concerning the future of the Mobile Library Service is currently available on-line.

6 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Whitford reported that a single crime (an incidence of criminal damage) was reported to the police during the month of January.

He reminded Members and residents alike to take care on minor roads particularly during this spell of unpredictable weather.

Sgt Binnie reported that, recently, there have been three very nasty accidents, one of which had resulted in a fatality, on the A394 at Rame/Edgcombe. He stated that it is his considered opinion that the inappropriate use of speed along this section of highway makes it one of the most dangerous he has come across in his career. He added that he will make every effort to use the weight of evidence available to the Police Force to encourage Cornwall Highways to take the steps necessary to make it safer for all users.

The Helston Police Station is now administered by Falmouth and not Camborne as before.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Millington stated that

- he was present on behalf of some 95% of the residents of Edgcombe to ask the Parish Council to seek refusal for the proposed solar farm
- speaking as a retired policeman and echo-ing Sgt Binnie's words, he stated that the A394 at Edgcombe is possibly the most dangerous stretch of road that he has encountered and that the insistence of the Highways Authority that the current speed limit fits national guidelines may be fact, but that guidelines are simply guidelines and, in this instance, are responsible for making the daily task of crossing the road to catch a bus extremely difficult and demonstrably dangerous.

Reminding Members that the outline planning permission granted last year on land at Meadow Court was for a dormer bungalow, Mrs Ellis asked the Council to seek refusal for the house that is the subject of the current application.

Mr King asked the Council to seek refusal of the application for two dwellings on land at Lowertown. He reminded members that the previous three planning applications on this site had all resulted in refusals and reiterated the reasons (loss of identity for and visual impact upon Lowertown, road safety, consequential dangers of flooding relating to rain water run-off and the impact on wild-life including bats) which had led to their refusal.

Mr Toft said that he and his wife were present to seek the Parish Council's support for their planning application.

8 PARISH MATTERS

To consider the repair of the lane leading up to Carnkie Wendron Village Hall

Further to the matter of the repair of the surface of this lane, the Clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr Paul Stubbs who owns Wakefield and whose intention it is to redevelop the site. Mr Stubbs is willing to contribute towards the cost of repair, but suggests that, because the proposed work at Wakefield will involve the passage of heavy vehicles, the matter is deferred to a later date: he intends to start work later on in the spring. Cllr Mrs Warren reported that she had spoken to the owners of Trevithick Lodge who had stated that they too would contribute towards sealing the surface.

The purchase of a defibrillator

The Clerk reported that he had e-mailed Mr Peter Thorne of Wendron Cricket Club about this matter but had yet to receive a reply.

The purchase of a notice-board for Edgcombe

Cllr van den Berg reported that, weather permitting, Bear Joinery will put the new board in position during the course of the coming month.

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The replacement of the gates into Wendron cemetery

The Clerk reported that the gates are ready for hanging and that the necessary work will be done during the course of the coming month.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-option of Councillors

The Clerk reported that he had received no expressions of interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor.

10 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at February 10, 2014. 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 Maddern, all others in favour that, under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £350 be forwarded to Edgumbe Methodist Chapel for help towards the cost of the upkeep of the cemetery.

The following accounts were presented for consideration

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Robert Sanders (notice-boards)	£ 375.00		
Phoenix Signs (SW) Ltd (self-heal pin boarding)	£ 78.00	£ 65.00	£ 13.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 569.28		
telephone	£ 25.50		
office expenses	£ 36.26		
travelling	£ 48.45		
use of home	£ 25.00		
Land Registry	£ 6.00		
	total	£ 710.49	

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

The following receipt was noted

CC (Trevenen bus shelter)	£ 7,930.00
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11 PLANNING

Applications

PA13/11197 Mr P.France – Change of use of an existing outbuilding to accommodation and construction of a two storey link corridor to integrate the outbuilding into the main house – Higher Lezerea Farm, Porkellis. 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.*

PA13/11663 Mr S Toft – Construction of detached 3-bedroom Holiday Unit within existing complex at Little White Alice – Little White Alice, Carnmenellis. Cllr Mrs Nute proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, Cllr Mrs Moyle against, two members abstaining, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council believes that this application is, in essence, for a new residential dwelling within the countryside remote from all services and therefore unsustainable in terms of the National Planning Policy Framework. Accordingly, it requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA13/11664 Mr D.Adair – Proposed development of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works including inverter housings, security fencing and cameras – Butteriss Farm, Edgumbe. Cllr Mitchell proposed, Cllr Maddern seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council notes West Historic Environment Services' request that, in the absence of an archaeological geophysical survey of the site, a decision about this application is deferred until one is received as part of this submission.*

Additionally, it notes the Principal Definition Officer's comments concerning the lack of forward planning concerning the necessary diversion of PROW 100

It is Wendron Parish Council's belief that the scale, dominance and cumulative impact of so many industrial sites dedicated to the production of renewable energy along the rural corridor adjoining the A394 and particularly at Rame/Edgumbe (industrial sites which, incidentally, considering their size and impact offer little or no local long-

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term employment) militate against granting permission for further similar development. The proposed development will create a total area measuring some 20 hectares (50 acres) surrounded by some 2½ km of security fencing with associated security lighting, covered by thousands of solar panels interspersed with small buildings of indifferent design.

Despite what the applicant states to the contrary, it is Wendron Parish Council's understanding that the majority of residents are strongly against this development believing that it will blight their homes for the next twenty-five years.

Wendron Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

PA13/11806 Mr C.Brookes – Erection of a detached dwelling – land at Meadow Court, Rame Cross. Cllr Mitchell proposed, Cllr Tremayne seconded, Cllr Mrs Nute and Cllr Mrs Moyle against, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council notes that, despite considerable objections from local people, outline planning permission was approved for a dormer bungalow on this site. This application is for a house and in these circumstances, Wendron Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA14/00138 Mr and Mrs P.W.Champion – Erection of an agricultural building for storage of forage crops, tractor and split wood as a winter fuel source – Boquio Cottage, Farms Common. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Nute seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *With the proviso that an adequate soakaway is provided for the disposal of rain-water run-off, Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/00225 Mr and Mrs Tony Welch – Proposed first floor extension including a balcony, and internal alterations – Lower Boswin Farm, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/00285 Messrs Puckey, Heims and Towers – Erection of two dwellings and provision of vehicular access – Land at Lowertown. Cllr Mrs Nute proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Councillors note this is an Outline Planning application for development on an Open Area of Landscape Significance which clearly forms part of the gap between Helston and Lowertown. Indeed it was acknowledged as such by a Planning Inspector in July 1991 who stated that it ought not to be developed. Development of this site will mean that the rural community of Lowertown will inevitably be submerged into the township of Helston and will therefore lose its identity. Further, by reason of the proposed dwellings' size, design and overbearing visual impact on the community at Lowertown, it will alter both the character and an important element of the wider local landscape contrary to the concept of sustainability. Moreover, services in Lowertown are non-existent while those of central Helston are some 2 km distant up and down a very steep hill, again contrary to the concept of sustainability. Councillors have further concerns about vehicular access to the site and about the potential for flooding of properties in Lowertown resulting from the hard surfaces created by this development. Finally, as this is an exception site, Councillors understand that it falls under policy AH5 and that therefore the scheme needs the support of the local community. Quite clearly it does not enjoy this support and therefore Wendron Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

Decisions

PA13/03002 APPROVED – Formation of an agricultural/utility building and diversion of footpath – Little Viscar, Carnkie – *noted*

PA13/10571 REFUSED – Construction of single storey dwelling – Land at The Barn, Halwin Lane, Porkellis – *noted*

PA13/10739 APPROVED – New vehicular access – Land adjoining Ash Farm, Carnkie – *noted*

PA13/10756 APPROVED – Erection of a shed for general purposes agricultural use – Boquio Farm, Farms Common – *noted*

PA14/00395 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Submission of details to discharge conditions 6 and 7 in respect of decision notice number PA13/07511 – Boquio Farm, Farms Common – *noted*

Correspondence

The Planning Inspectorate notification of dismissal of appeal (land at Carnmenellis House) – *noted*

Mr Binnie letter of objection to proposed development PA13/11664 – *noted*

Mr King letter of objection to proposed development PA14/00285 – *noted*

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Tony Mogford Associates Ltd Carnkie Play Area quarterly inspection report – *noted*

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Cornwall AONB invitation to Annual Forum and complimentary calendars – *noted*

CC Public Consultation document: Affordable Housing supplementary planning document – *noted*

Cornwall AONB invitation to Annual Forum on Saturday March 22 at Duchy College, Stoke Climsland – *noted*

CC Public Consultation document: home to school – *noted*

Cornwall Waste Forum St Dennis Branch request to support Stithians Parish Council document – *noted*

CC Public Consultation document: mobile libraries and one-stop shops – *noted*

13 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

No comments were made at this stage of the meeting.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday March 10, 2014 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed Chairman Date

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