

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday April 14, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Mrs M.Warren (Chairman)	Cllr C.Mitchell
	Cllr P.Davidson	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle
	Cllr G.Gibson	Cllr A.Tremayne
	Cllr Mrs S.Hook	
	Cllr R.Maddern	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors to the meeting:** Mr Evans and Mr Panicke (Greune Energiën), Mr Binnie, Mr Millington, Mr Durkin and six further members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the April meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Dr Jenkin, PCSO Whitford, Cllr van den Berg, Cllr Mrs Mitchell and Cllr Mrs Nute sent their 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 Mitchell proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday March 10, 2014 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

Members noted that planning regulations now permit the conversion of redundant farm buildings to residential use.

## 5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that, since the last meeting

- she has attended a meeting with the Planning Enforcement team at which all the outstanding cases in both Wendron and Crowan were reviewed
- she was involved in meetings of Halwin School governors and the appointment of the new head-teacher
- she attended a meeting of the full Council at which the Standards Committee recommendations on changes to the Code of Conduct (and in particular the Government guidance that membership of Trades Unions should be a disclosable pecuniary interest) were discussed
- at the same meeting, the impact on Cornish people of the spare room subsidy (the so-called bedroom tax) was discussed and a decision to ask central government to reconsider was taken
- she attended the recent meeting of the Helston Steering Group at which it was decided that HX2 should be the preferred site for future residential development.

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## **6 POLICE REPORT**

Through the Clerk, PCSO Whitford reported that four crimes (a burglary, criminal damage, domestic assault and the unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle) were reported to the police during the month of March.

## **7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Evans stated that he was present to seek the Parish Council's support for a 6MWh solar farm to the south of Rame Cross on twenty-five acres of farmland adjoining Nancrossa Farm. A Screening Opinion application has been submitted to the Planning Authority. Mr Evans assured all those present that everything possible would be done to mitigate the visual impact.

Mr Millington drew members' attention to yet another near miss on the A394 at Edgcumbe. He has again complained to Cornwall Council when he was again made to feel that his concerns are of little or no worth.

Members noted that soil is still being deposited on fields near the existing solar farm – and on the A394.

## **8 PARISH MATTERS**

### **The purchase of a defibrillator**

The Clerk reported that he had heard nothing further from Wendron Cricket Club about this matter.

### **The purchase of a notice-board for Edgcumbe**

The Clerk reported that Tom Salkeld of Bear Joinery is waiting for Bob Sanders to install the legs: the board has been completed.

### **The replacement of the gates into Wendron cemetery**

The Clerk reported that he has exchanged e-mails with Tristan Kessell, the blacksmith, and understands that the gates are with the galvaniser.

## **9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

### **Co-option of Councillors**

The Clerk reported that he had received an e-mail expressing interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor from Mr Ferris of Penmarth. He had replied but had received no response.

### **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 £525.34 + VAT. Following discussion, it was agreed that, as matters stand, membership is unnecessary.

## **10 FINANCE**

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at April 14, 2014. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that Wendron Parish Council accepts the accounts for the year April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014.

Parish Councillors considered the Statement of Assurance required for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2014. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Gibson 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, 2014.

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 Mrs Warren, 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

*As a member of the Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee, Cllr Mrs Moyle declared a non-disclosable pecuniary interest in the following item. Cllr Mrs Moyle remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.*

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 Gibson, 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 £350 be forwarded to the Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee for help towards the cost of the upkeep of the cemetery.

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The following accounts were presented for consideration

	GROSS	NET	VAT
R.Sanders (cemetery)	£ 349.00		
Eric and Jeff Bray	£ 72.00	£ 60.00	£ 12.00
Gareth Mitchell			
Moles	£ 39.00		
Fallen tree	£ 26.00		
Open spaces	£ 130.00		
	Total		
	£ 195.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (March)	£ 569.28		
telephone	£ 23.75		
office expenses	£ 60.13		
travelling	£ 48.75		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total		
	£ 726.91		

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

The following receipts were noted

Mrs Goddard (donation)	£ 500.00
Pendle Funeral Services (Mrs Roberts, Mr Browne)	£ 1,180.00
F.Wearne and Sons (Mr Venning – memorial)	£ 75.00
Wendron Walks booklets	£ 65.20
Precept 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment	£ 13,000.00
CTS Grant 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment	£ 1,059.33

## 11 PLANNING

### Applications

PA13/11664 Mr D.Adair Antigua Solar Limited – Proposed development of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works including inverter housings, security fencing and cameras (installed capacity) – Butteris Farm, Edgcombe. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council acknowledges the efforts made by the applicant to address specific concerns expressed about the original application. However, the applicant does not (and indeed cannot) address those issues raised by Wendron Parish Council in its earlier observations concerning 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/Edgcombe. Nor have these measures altered the strength of local residents' opinion that this development will blight their homes for the next twenty-five years.*

*Accordingly, Wendron Parish Council repeats its request to the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development*

PA14/01624 Mr Erik and Mrs Karen Michel – Retrospective application for erection of a wooden fence – 1 Laity Cottages, Laity. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/01687 Mr R.Durkin – Provision of new access, stable building and riding arena – Little Halwyn, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Tremayne seconded, Cllr Maddern abstaining all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *With the proviso that Cornwall Highways approves the proposed new entrance, Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/02268 Mr T.Williams – Change of use of part of stable and yard for storage – Field OS 6932 Redruth Road, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council makes no observation.*

PA14/02292 Mr Alan Brunger – Siting of caravan for use by the applicants during conversion of redundant agricultural barns to form two dwellings and associated works (PA13/05230) – Jubilee Barn, Carnkie. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Hook seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *With the proviso that once the associated building work is signed off by the Building Regulations Department the caravan is removed from site, Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

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PA14/02526 Dr John Collier – Installation of 250mm pipeline alongside existing 600/710mm pipeline to supply water to a micro hydro-electric scheme, in existing powerhouse – Trelubbas Wartha Farm, Lowertown. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/02752 Mr Sholto Heaton – Listed Building Consent for the proposed amended internal layout plan from previously approved application no. PA11/10066 dated 24 February 2012 – Methodist Church, Carnkie. Cllr Mrs Moyle 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.*

PA14/02829 Mr and Mrs Parry – Erection of a one and a half storey rural workers dwelling in connection with existing forestry business – Old Carpenters Workshop, Carnebone. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, two members abstaining, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *With the conditions that the proposed dwelling is tied to the existing forestry business and that the permitted hours of business are not extended, Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/02965 Mrs Linda White – Proposed first floor extension – The Barn, Farms Common. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Tremayne seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

### **Decisions**

PA14/00020 APPROVED – Proposed solar array/covered area (amended proposal) and extension of clubhouse – Wendron Cricket Club, Underlane – *noted*

PA14/01301 APPROVED – Retrospective rebuilding of previously demolished outhouse– 2 Yellow Wort, Carnmenellis – *noted*

PA14/01997 APPROVED – Non material amendment to PA13/05230 to include removal of ground floor glazed doors on east facing elevation to stonework and replace the boarding above windows and doors to slate– Land NNW of Jubilee Barn, Carnkie – *noted*

PA13/11806 REFUSED – Erection of a detached dwelling – Land At Meadow Court, Rame Cross – *noted*

PA14/01192 REFUSED – Change of use of land for the stationing of 8 residential static caravans (Park Homes) in lieu of 20 static holiday caravans – Retanna Holiday Park, Underlane – *noted*

PA14/01504 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Discharge of conditions 3, 7, 9 and 10 in relation to decision notice PA13/05230 dated 23.12.2013 – Jubilee Barns, Carnkie – *noted*

PA14/02715 Submission of details to discharge conditions 2, 3 and 4 in respect of decision notice PA11/10065 – Methodist Church, Carnkie – *noted*

### **Correspondence**

**Cornwall Council** resume of alleged Planning Enforcement issues concerning Polgear Cottage – *noted*

**Cornwall Council** notification of an appeal against the decision to refuse permission for development of a single storey dwelling on land at The Barn, Halwin Lane, Porkellis – *noted*

## **12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Correspondence**

**Cornwall Council** Cornwall Local Plan consultation (proposed submission document) – *noted*

**Halwin School** invitation to presentation from the short-listed candidates for the headteacher's position at Halwin School – *noted*

**The Friends of North-East Helston** copy of a petition opposing the proposed urban extension to the north-east of Helston in the Trenethick Area (HX1) – *noted*

## **13 CHAIRMAN'S AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS**

Members noted that the pavement outside Cllr Mitchell's home at Rame Cross is in such a poor state of repair that it may reasonably be considered to be dangerous. When Cllr Mitchell reported the matter to Cornwall Council, he was told that there is no money to make a repair.

Members again discussed in general terms the issue of the inappropriate use of speed by motorists passing through Rame and Edgumbe and the apparent disinclination of Cornwall Council officers either to make a decision or to act.

## **14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

Wendron Lawn Cemetery fees.

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**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday May 12, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Community Hall, Burras

Annual Meeting – Monday May 12, 2014 following the Annual Parish Meeting in the Community Hall Burras

Signed ..... Chairman

Date .....

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