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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday June 9, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

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

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Mr Ferris, Mr and Mrs Wilson.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the June meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Whitford, Cllr Mrs Hook, Cllr Mrs Nute and Cllr Maddern sent their apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Tremayne declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 11 Planning (PA14/03940).

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 Moyle proposed, Cllr Tremayne seconded, (Cllr van den Berg and Cllr Davidson, who were absent from the Annual Parish Meeting, abstained) all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday May 12, 2014 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

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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

- the usual annual meeting of the full Council (at which further warnings of unavoidable budgetary savings were flagged up) was held at County Hall
- the Porkellis Rowing Club has been awarded a grant from the Community Chest – and she still has funds in the account for other community led projects
- the Strategic Planning Committee refused permission for the proposed solar farm at Edgumbe primarily because of its perceived visual impact on the landscape
- she had attended a consultation meeting concerning the new Cornwall Archives Office (Kresen Kernow) which is planned to be built on the old brewery site at Redruth
- a transport steering group document has identified problems at Trewennack on the strategic route between Helston and Falmouth

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- she had attended and had greatly enjoyed the recent Rambuck Fair
- the launch of the Helston Museum Supporters' Group (ParaHenHellys) will take place tomorrow
- a fundraising event on behalf of the Invicta Trust will be held in Lowertown
- she has been appointed Mebyon Kernow's prospective parliamentary candidate for Camborne and Redruth.

In answer to a question CCllr Dr Jenkin stated that the erection of wind-turbines on Cornwall Council owned farms is not presently being advanced.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Whitford reported that ten crimes (incidences including fraud, theft, criminal damage and common assault) were reported to the police during the month of May.

He warned that there are a number of telephone scams currently doing the rounds and that residents should be on their guard. In particular, one caller purports to be a member of the Police Force: the Police do not ask individuals for money.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Wilson stated that he and his wife were present to seek support for their planning application.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Creation of a Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Mrs Moyle stated that she had learned of Neighbourhood Plans at a recent meeting of members of the Community Network. In brief, a number of Parish Councils are currently developing written plans which define sustainable policies for development within their parish. Such plans do not have to be comprehensive, but can include whatever is thought important by local people. So, for example, in a rural parish such as Wendron, rather than identifying large sites for housing the plan might encourage development of one or two homes (both fettered and unfettered) in hamlets and villages. Additionally, the Area of Great Landscape Value and the Landscape Character Area 10 (Carmenellis) might be identified as requiring more sensitive development and create appropriate safeguards. It was agreed to invite a Cornwall Officer to attend a future meeting to explain a little more.

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

Cllr Mitchell reported that he had spoken with Mr Tom Salkeld about positioning the board at Edgcumbe. The most appropriate place will require a steel fabrication which has been costed at £300. Following discussion Cllr Mrs Mitchell proposed, Cllr Tremayne seconded, one member against, one member abstaining, all others in favour to instruct Bear Joinery to design and provide a steel framework to carry the notice-board.

The replacement of the gates into Wendron cemetery

The Clerk reported that the new gates into Wendron Cemetery are now in place – and that they do the Parish credit!

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 Mr Ferris.

Following discussion, Cllr van den Berg proposed, Cllr Tremayne seconded, all others in agreement that Mr Ferris should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Cllr Ferris read aloud and signed his declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Wendron Parish Council, the Proper Officer. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Ferris 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 June 9, 2014. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted receipt of the notice of completion of the audit for the year ended March 31, 2013. The external auditor, Grant Thornton, had made two comments concerning answers given to questions in Part 2 (Assertion 7) and Part 4 (Box K). They were noted.

The following accounts were presented for consideration

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 422.60		
Eric and Jeff Bray	£ 144.00	£ 120.00	£ 24.00

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R.Sanders		
PROWs 44, 128, 168, 169, 171, 185		£ 338.15
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PROWs 2, 4, 27, 39, 54, 76, 86, 87, 90, 92, 125, 157		£ 372.66
Tristan Kessell (Blacksmith)		£ 700.00
Gareth Mitchell		
Open spaces (02/05)	£ 130.00	
Bus shelters	£ 26.00	
Open spaces (14/05)	£ 130.00	
Bus shelters	£ 26.00	
Polhigy Moor footpath	£ 39.00	
Penmarth stream	£ 312.00	
Open spaces (31/05)	£ 130.00	
Bus shelters	£ 26.00	
	Total	£ 819.00
Colin Chapman		
Salary (May)	£ 563.86	
telephone	£ 21.75	
office expenses	£ 53.03	
travelling	£ 40.95	
use of home	£ 25.00	
	total	£ 704.59

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Warren, seconded by Cllr van den Berg, all others in favour that the above seven accounts should be paid.

The following receipts were noted

Frederick Wearne & Sons (Mr & Mrs Kneebone)	£ 75.00
Pendle Funeral Services (Mrs Colwell)	£ 890.00

11 PLANNING

Applications

PA14/03912 Mr Simon Toft – Construction of extension to existing holiday accommodation and siting of three shepherd huts for holiday rentals – Little White Alice, Carnmenellis. 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.*

As the applicant, Cllr Tremayne declared a pecuniary interest in the following application and left the room.

PA14/03940 Mr A.Tremayne – Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use: The construction and use of the building coloured red as a single dwelling-house – Halabezack Farm, Carnmenellis. 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 makes no comment.*

Cllr Tremayne returned to the room.

PA14/04493 Second Solar Project Ltd – Solar farm, associated equipment and works – Nancrossa Farm, Rame Cross. Cllr Mitchell proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *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/Edgcumbe (industrial sites which, incidentally, considering their size and impact offer little or no local long-term employment) militate against granting permission for further similar development.*

The proposed development of thousands of solar panels interspersed with small buildings of indifferent design will have an unacceptable visual impact and create a lasting and highly visible scar on the landscape.

Wendron Parish Council considers the Flood Risk Assessment to be inadequate. It concerns itself with the site itself making no mention of the risks to communities down-stream.

Wendron Parish Council notes that the applicant has made very little of the existence of Public Right of Way 98 in its application and no provision whatsoever for the free movement of users along the 350 metres of the footpath during the construction phase.

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It is Wendron Parish Council's understanding that the majority of local 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.

PA14/04875 Mr & Mrs Huw and Bernice Wilson – Conversion of existing goatshed to provide holiday accommodation and erection three holiday let buildings – Little Menherrion, Redruth. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Tremayne seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *On the whole, Wendron Parish Council is inclined to support the growth of local businesses, but it notes that this application does not include a properly costed business plan which might justify the proposed expansion of the built environment in the open countryside upon the character of which it might be considered to have a detrimental visual impact. Wendron Parish Council therefore reserves its position on this application and requests the Planning Authority to delay making any decision before receipt of a business plan.*

Decisions

PA14/00020 APPROVED – Driveway extension – 2, Wheal Oak, Helston – *noted*

PA14/02638 APPROVED – Proposed extension and new garage – Highcroft, Viscar – *noted*

PA14/03051 APPROVED – Conversion of three existing barns to residential and holiday let use, plus erection of outbuilding in adjoining field, with ancillary parking/turning area – Crahan Barns, Wendron – *noted*

PA14/03093 WITHDRAWN – Creation of new vehicular access to hardstanding and construction of a sand-school area – The Old School House, Halwin – *noted*

PA14/03220 APPROVED – Erection of agricultural building – 5 Trevenen Bal, Helston – *noted*

PA14/03389 APPROVED – Proposed 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension– 21, Forth Gwedhen, Helston – *noted*

PA14/04091 Screening Opinion - EIA Required – Proposed screening opinion for Proposed Solar PV development – Burras Farm, Tolcarne Lane – *noted*
– *noted*

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Mr Sankey copy of a letter to Mr Mason (Cornwall Council) concerning the Planning Officer's report on the application for a solar farm at Edgcumbe – *noted*

13 CHAIRMAN'S AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Members noted that

- the provision of superfast broadband in Porkellis currently looks unlikely: pressure might usefully be applied to Superfast Cornwall for a decision on what will be provided
- Member Traffic Schemes (for which there is currently no money available) are being worked on and, possibly, an Officer from Cornwall Highways should be invited to a future meeting to explain to the Council what the proposals are for the control of traffic at Rame/Edgcumbe
- a new gateway has been created from a field and onto the A394 at Carnebone
- the pavement at Rame (near the bus shelter on the east bound carriageway) which was identified as being in need of repair in 2008 is now dangerous. Cllr Mitchell has done all he can to encourage Cornwall Highways to repair it.
- the fencing around the road-stone holding yard on Rame Common (which was broken by Cornwall Council workmen illegally tipping road sweepings onto the Common) is still in need of repair
- Cllr Gibson has renovated the notice-board at Penmarth. Speaking on behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked Cllr Gibson for undertaking this work.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday June 23, 2014 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed

Chairman

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