

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Mrs M.Warren (Chairman)	Cllr C.Mitchell
	Cllr N.van den Berg	Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell
	Cllr R.Ferris	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle
	Cllr Mrs S.Hook	Cllr A.Tremayne
	Cllr R.Maddern	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors to the meeting:** Cllr Dr Jenkin, Mr Struggles and Mr Hacock (Environment Agency), Mrs Pearce, Mr and Mrs Thomas, Ms Weston.

## **A potential new Flood Warning Service for the community of Trenear**

Before the meeting, the Chairman welcomed Mr Duncan Struggles and Mr Will Hancock of the Environment Agency who were present to brief members and residents on proposals for the development of a new Flood Warning Service for the community of Trenear.

Mr Struggles introduced himself and his colleague, Mr Hancock. He went on to describe a Flood Warning System which the Environment Agency intends to introduce for the inhabitants of eleven properties in Trenear with effect from late February 2015. However, this particular system relies on data which is not as accurate as, for example, the warning for Lowertown and St Johns in that the river gauge is downstream of Trenear and this increases the risks both of warnings arriving too late for appropriate action to be taken and of false alarms. The more feedback the Environment Agency has from local people with knowledge of flooding events, the more accurate any future warning can be.

The Flood Warning System sends alerts through the mediums of e-mail, fax, text, voice-mail and the internet to named individuals who have signed up to receive such alerts.

Members noted that a Community Emergency Plan which, in its simplest form, merely encourages neighbours to keep an eye on one another and provide help and support in times of emergency might be useful.

Mr Struggles drew members' attention to the law requiring riparian owners to manage the banks and the passage of water on water-courses in their ownership.

Finally, Mr Struggles mentioned the occasional central government grant awarded to underwrite flood-prevention schemes by individual households

Thanking Mr Struggles and Mr Hancock for bringing the Environment Agency's proposals to the notice of the Parish Council, the Chairman stated that the residents of Trenear would undoubtedly be very grateful for this initiative.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the November meeting.

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Davidson, Cllr Gibson, Cllr Mrs Hampton, Cllr Mrs Nute and Cllr Mrs Radbone sent their apologies for absence.

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## **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 MEETING**

Cllr Tremayne proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, (Cllr Ferris, who was absent from the last Meeting, abstained) all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday October 13, 2014 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

No matters were raised which were not covered in the agenda.

## **6 POLICE REPORT**

There was no report from the Police.

## **5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS**

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that, since the meeting in October, she has attended

- a meeting of the Standards' Committee, which now includes a Parish Clerk amongst its members
- planning and site meetings, including a meeting at Lancarrow with the Planning Inspector appointed as the result of the appeal, who will make a final decision concerning the proposed wind turbine
- an all-member briefing concerning the proposed Cornwall Council budget for 2015/2016 and a meeting of the Helston and the Lizard Community Network at Helston School at which views were sought on those proposals
- a Cabinet meeting at which proposals both for cuts in the budget and for changes in the way Cornwall Council works were discussed. (CCllr Dr Jenkin stated that she is not convinced that the Authority is either acting in a morally correct fashion or doing sufficient to persuade central government that Cornwall should receive at least the country-wide average per capita grant.)
- an informal meeting to discuss the Health and Adult Care Act (which devolves more responsibilities onto Local Authorities but, possibly unsurprisingly, comes with insufficient funding)
- a Governors' Meeting at Halwin School following the findings of the OFSTED Inspection ('could do better') and the new Head Teacher's appraisal
- a 'Land of Steam' networking event, which may lead to a marketing initiative capitalising on Cornwall's heritage of steam
- the Remembrance Day service in Praze at which, sadly, another name was added to the War Memorial
- an event in the Helston Museum at which the plans for the new Archive Building at Redruth were made available for comment.

In answer to a question, CCllr Dr Jenkin said that, historically, Cornwall has been underfunded since the introduction of the Barnett Formula – underfunding which today amounts to £48million per annum, or sufficient to enable Cornwall to maintain all the services it currently provides.

## **7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Thomas stated that he was present to seek support for his family's proposal to build a Local Needs dwelling in Menherion. A full application will follow.

Introducing herself, Ms Weston of the Ramblers' Association thanked Wendron Parish Council for the work it has done to improve and maintain the network of Public Rights of Way throughout the Parish, adding that in recent years the network had improved beyond recognition. However, she drew members' attention to the recent work done by a landowner which has resulted in the destruction of the new causeway (part of PROW 118) built by volunteers using money from a bequest. In spite of problems with a dog, the path is a popular path and the matter had been swiftly reported to Cornwall Council which, she understands, is taking action. The Council agreed to advertise a series of walks which she will be leading in December.

## **8 PARISH MATTERS**

### **Creation of a Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Tremayne reported that he had relayed the Parish Council's request for suggested headings and, possibly, a way forward with the production of a Neighbourhood Plan to Mr James. Mr James had suggested that the Council should

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first find a way of seeking the support of the Community – possibly through the use of social media. A discussion ensued as a result of which the Clerk was encouraged to ‘tweet’.

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

The Clerk reported that he has ordered a HeartSine Samaritan 500P AED together with an internal alarmed cabinet with simple thumb turn/cam lock at the quoted price of £1,029 +VAT. Both should be in place well before the end of November.

#### **The purchase of redundant telephone kiosks**

The Clerk reported that BT has decided to remove the telephone boxes from Carnkie, Porkellis and Trenear. However, the company has offered to sell these boxes to the Parish Council for £1 each. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, all others in agreement that Wendron Parish Council should purchase and maintain these historic, iconic pieces of street furniture.

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

The Clerk reported that the iron framework has been returned to Mr Kevin Gerry’s workshop and that, weather permitting, Mr Salkeld has undertaken to erect both it and the notice-board within the next few days.

### **9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

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

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

### **10 FINANCE**

Members noted that, during the course of the Armistice Day Service, a poppy wreath was placed on the War Memorial on behalf of Wendron Parish Council. The Clerk asked members to consider making a donation both towards the cost of the wreath and towards the work of the Royal British Legion. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed Cllr Mrs Hook seconded all others in favour that, under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, Wendron Parish Council should forward the sum of £100 to the Royal British Legion.

The following accounts were presented for consideration

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Eric and Jeff Bray	£ 72.00	£ 60.00	£ 12.00
Kevin Gerry (frame for notice-board)	£ 375.00		
Gareth Mitchell			
Open areas	£ 130.00		
Bus shelters	£ 26.00		
Trees Penmarth	£ 91.00		
Play mats (Carnkie)	£ 52.00		
	total	£ 299.00	
R.Sanders			
Churchyards (10/10)	£ 190.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (October)	£ 1,010.41		
telephone	£ 32.39		
office expenses	£ 50.76		
travelling	£ 33.80		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 1,152.36	

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

### **11 PLANNING**

#### **Applications**

PA14/09161 Mr and Mrs B.Clark – Proposed extension to staff accommodation to form manager’s accommodation – Wheal Dream, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Tremayne seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council is not opposed to the expansion of the business at Wheal Dream and fully understands the need for an extension to the manager’s accommodation. However, it cannot support the proposed application. Whilst it notes the proposed changes from the original design, timber*

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*boarding and a flat roof are contrary to the architectural and historic integrity of the existing range of buildings and therefore contrary to the recommendations contained within the Cornwall Design Guide. Purely for reasons of design, Wendron Parish Council again requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA14/09737 Mr L.Bragg – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling – Polgear Cottage, Calvadnack. Cllr Mitchell proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded, one member abstaining, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application, but would request that a condition requiring the caravan to be removed is imposed.*

PA14/10134 Mr John Nicholls – proposed conversion and extension of existing outbuildings – Manhay Vean Farm, Manhay. 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.*

PA14/10282 Mr and Mrs Craig Little – Capping of 4 x mine shafts, change of use and renovation and conversion of existing mine engine house and associated works to a dwelling. Erection of 4 x subterranean eco-lodges as holiday lets – Wheal Ann, Boderwennack

*and*

PA14/10283 Mr and Mrs Craig Little – Listed Building Consent application for renovation and conversion of existing mine engine house to a dwelling – Wheal Ann, Boderwennack. Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that these two applications should be returned with the following single observation *Wendron Parish Council has concerns about vehicular access along the narrow and twisting approach to Wheal Ann. It has further, graver concerns about any disturbance to the contaminated ground on the land surrounding the Engine House. However it would support the renovation and conversion of the Engine House.*

PA14/10470 Miss A.Scott – Lowering of kerb to provide access for parking – South View, 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.*

#### **Decisions**

PA14/04910 APPROVED – Proposed detached domestic garage on wasteland opposite to Pol Arghans – Site opposite Pol Arghans, Carnkie – *noted*

PA14/06383 APPROVED – Construction of extension to existing holiday accommodation, diversion of existing public right of way & siting of three shepherd huts for holiday rentals – Little White Alice, Carnmenellis – *noted*

PA14/07012 REFUSED – Outline planning for a single storey low cost dwelling (removal of unused farm outbuilding) – The Barn, Halwin Lane, Porkellis – *noted*

PA14/08238 WITHDRAWN – Proposed lifting of condition 5 (agricultural occupancy restriction) in respect of decision notice 72/39770 dated 22.05.1973 (erection of a bungalow) – Little Carthew Farm, Wendron – *noted*

PA14/08342 APPROVED – Construction of sand-school area and improvements to an existing access – Field adjacent to School House, Halwin – *noted*

PA14/08949 APPROVED – Proposed conversion and extension of agricultural buildings to dwelling – The Cottage, Boderloggan Farm – *noted*

PA14/09303 Prior approval not req'd (AF/TEL/DEM) – Erection of agricultural shed – The Yard, Menherion Barton, Menherion – *noted*

PA14/09457 Closed - advice given/app submitted – Conveyancing issue check in relation to Decision Notice PA07/01100/LBC dated 22.10.2007 – Chenhall Farm, Crelly – *noted*

#### **Correspondence**

**Cornwall Council** notification that an appeal against a decision to refuse permission for change of use of land for the stationing of 8 residential, static caravans (park homes) at Retanna Holiday Park PA 14/01192 will be decided on the basis of an exchange of written statements – *noted*

**Cornwall Council** notification that an appeal against a decision to refuse permission for the erection of two dwellings and provision of vehicular access on and at Lowertown will be decided on the basis of an exchange of written statements – *noted*

**Cornwall Council** notification of alleged non-compliance with approved plans (stationing of caravan for residential use) at Northwest Polmarth Farm, Carnmenellis – *noted*

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

### **Correspondence**

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Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – noted

**13 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS**

The Chairman thanked both Cllr Mrs Moyle and Cllr Mrs Nute for attending the Remembrance Day Service at Wendron Church and added that she had hoped more members would have attended.

Members noted that

- HX1 will be going to the Strategic Planning Committee. There being in excess of eighty objections to the proposal. CCllr Dr Jenkin has sought a public meeting
- crossing the road at Rame Cross has become even more dangerous for pedestrians: there are fears that there will be a terrible accident in the future
- the play equipment at Halwin School has been condemned. It is likely that the Parish Council will be approached for help with funding new
- the mats under the swings at Carnkie are in need of replacement: the Clerk was asked to seek quotations for new
- CCllr Dr Jenkin will contact Officers at Cornwall Council seeking dates and times for the meeting concerning road traffic issues within the Parish.

**14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

No matters for inclusion on the agenda at future meetings were tabled.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday December 8, 2014 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Signed ..... Chairman                      Date .....

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