

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday June 8 2015 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:

Cllr Mrs S.Moyle (Chairman)	Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell
Cllr N.van den Berg	Cllr Mrs M.Nute
Cllr G.Gibson	Cllr Mrs M.Warren
Cllr Mrs S.Hook	
Cllr C.Mitchell	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Mr and Mrs Angell, Mr and Mrs Attwood, Mr Ball, Mr Comballack, Mrs Jelbart, Mr and Mrs Jenkin, Mr Mather, Mr and Mrs Thomas, Mrs Smith, Mr and Mrs Witheywood and two others.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the June meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Davidson, Cllr Ferris, Cllr Mrs Hampton and Cllr Tremayne 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 MEETING

Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mrs Nute seconded, (Cllr van den Berg, and Cllr Mrs Mitchell, 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 11, 2015 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

Cllr Mitchell proposed, Cllr Mrs Hook seconded, (Cllr van den Berg and Cllr Mrs Mitchell, who were absent from the Annual Meeting, abstained) all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday May 11, 2015 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.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- due to circumstances, she has attended fewer meetings than is normally the case
- the Strategic Planning Committee has refused the second application for the development of HX1. The appeal from the applicants as a result of the Authority's non-determination of the first application will be heard on July 7, 8 and 9: the Parish Council's opinion would be valued
- she has attended a site meeting at Roses Farm concerning the proposed turbine
- it is her view that the *Case for Cornwall*, which is being presented to Central Government and which is based on a similar document written by Wiltshire Council, should be seeking the devolution of more powers

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- the Chief Executive Officer of Cornwall Council, who has been in post for eighteen months, has been appointed to the position of Chief Executive of Edinburgh City Council.

6 POLICE REPORT

No report from the Police had been received.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

With reference to PA15/03798 (the siting of a single wind turbine with a tower height of up to 21.1m and a tip height of up to 34.2m along with associated infrastructure at Roses Farm, Black Rock), members noted that

- Roses Farm is a family dairy farm which was purchased in the 1950s
- five generations of the same family have worked the farm
- lowering the electricity bill would help to keep the farm competitive
- other green energy options have been considered
- the application is for a small turbine and the electricity generated will be fed directly into the farm
- the turbine is one of the quietest on the market
- the applicants are willing to arrange a site visit
- the nearest neighbour lives in a Grade II listed dwelling
- it appears that the applicant has not read the application
- the Bat Study lacks rigour and robustness: it picks and chooses which of the required guidelines to follow
- nearby trees and building are thirty feet high: the area enjoys long uninterrupted views
- the proposed turbine which is thirty metres in height will intrude on the visual aspect of the area
- it will generate extra noise
- it will devalue existing nearby dwellings
- it may lead to further similar applications
- it is not in the wider interests of the community and
- the Prime Minister has stated that turbines need the support of the community.

Mr Witheywood stated that he and his wife were present to seek the Parish Council's support for PA15/04247 adding that permission has already been granted for a dwelling of similar size and that this application primarily seeks permission to alter its position on the site. He stated that there would be no overlooking and that he and his wife are trying to be as environmentally friendly as possible.

Mr Thomas stated that he was present to seek the Parish Council's support for PA15/03912

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to discuss Agenda Item 11 at this point

11 PLANNING

Applications

PA15/03534 Mr P.France – Conversion of a redundant barn to dwelling – Higher Lezerea Farm, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Nute proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA15/03721 Mr and Mrs C.Brookes – Conversion of barn to dwelling – South Boderwennack, Trevenen Bal. 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.*

PA15/03798 Mr & Mrs P & J Jenkin – Siting of a single wind turbine with a tower height of up to 21.1m and a tip height of up to 34.2m along with associated infrastructure – Roses Farm, Black Rock. Cllr Mrs Nute proposed, Cllr Mrs Hook seconded, Cllr van den Berg and Cllr Mrs Warren abstaining, 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 and within 500 metres of (and may therefore be considered detrimental to) a Listed Building. 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). and therefore believes the turbine will have a detrimental effect on the wildlife of the area*

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. More generally, if the turbine is built, there is the 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.

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PA15/03912 Mrs Claire Thomas – Construction of a three bedroom bungalow – land south of the Old Barn, Menherion. Cllr Mrs Nute proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supported the earlier application PA15/00070 from Mr and Mrs Thomas (which was also conditionally supported by the Affordable Housing Team) and sees no reason to alter that support.*

PA15/04247 Mr & Mrs A. Witheywood – Erection of a replacement dwelling – Gwithian, Lowertown. Cllr Mrs Nute proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *On the understanding that the size of the dwelling for which approval is currently sought is no larger than that which has already been granted permission, Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA15/04304 Mr M. Bushnell – Extensions and alteration, including a Juliet balcony, providing improved accommodation for disabled charitable use – The Fringes, Rowes Lane. Cllr Mitchell 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.*

PA15/04349 Mr & Mrs Wilson – Conversion of existing goat-shed to provide holiday accommodation and erection of three holiday let buildings, erection of an agricultural shed and provision of central guest car-parking – Little Menherion. Cllr Mrs Mitchell proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, Cllr Gibson abstaining, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA15/00803 APPROVED – Planning permission for second floor extension – Osokosie, Trewennack – *noted*

PA15/02483 APPROVED – Proposed barn conversion for holiday letting – Land adjacent to Jubilee Farm, Carnkie – *noted*

PA15/02682 REFUSED – Proposed Lawful Development Certificate for the retention and completion of extensions and alterations to dwelling, erection of domestic garage and formation of verandah decking area and alterations to windows – Gwithian, Lowertown – *noted*

PA15/02728 REFUSED – Conversion of 5 no. residential cottages – Trewavas Farm, Wendron – *noted*

PA15/02729 REFUSED – Listed Building Consent for conversion of 5 no. residential cottages – Trewavas Farm, Wendron – *noted*

PA15/02911 APPROVED – Erection of a single-storey extension to comprise an extra bedroom/home office with an en-suite WC and shower room – Swallows Roost, Trevilges Farm, Trewennack – *noted*

PA15/03422 APPROVED – Proposed change of use from agricultural barn to residential dwelling and associated works – Bodilly Veor, Crelly – *noted*

PA15/03571 WITHDRAWN – Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of dwelling without compliance with Condition 9 (holiday accommodation only) attached to Decision Notice PA07/02041/F dated 31 August 2008 – The Barn, Lower Porkellis Farm – *noted*

PA15/04927 S52/S106 and Discharge of Condition Apps – Submission of details to discharge condition 3(a) in respect of Discision Notice PA12/03582 – Monkey Puzzle Chapel, Chapel Hill, Porkellis – *noted*

8 PARISH MATTERS

Projects

Members considered a proposal to create a footpath over the southern causeway of Stithians Lake. Following discussion, CCllr Dr Jenkin agreed to contact Cornwall Highways with a request for an officer to meet with Councillors on the causeway to discuss options.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-option of a Councillor

The Clerk reported that he had received a single expression of interest in co-option onto the Council and undertook to forward a copy of the Council's request for further information to the interested party.

10 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Members with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at June 8, 2015. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes..

Members noted the conclusion of the audit for the year to March 31, 2015. The External Auditor had made no comments.

Members considered a request from the Helston and The Lizard Foodbank for financial help towards running costs. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should seek clarification of the need.

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The following accounts were presented for consideration

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC	£ 778.40		
Eric and Jeff Bray	£ 144.00	£ 120.00	£ 24.00
R.Sanders			
Churchyards 05/05 & 19/06	£ 250.00		
Trelill Well 01/05 & 19/05	£ 60.00		
	total £ 310.00		
Gareth Mitchell			
Open Areas 05/05	130.00		
Bus shelters	26.00		
Open Areas 19/05	130.00		
Bus shelters	26.00		
Carnkie lane entrance	13.00		
	total £ 325.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (May)	£ 1,032.74		
telephone	£ 19.27		
office expenses	£ 53.32		
travelling	£ 21.45		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total £ 1,151.74		

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

Members noted the following receipt

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Robert Lawrence (Mrs Kirby)	£ 80.00		

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that no correspondence sent using the Royal Mail had been received.

13 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

Members noted and lamented the loss of the recycling skips from local supermarkets and charity locations.

The Clerk was asked to report the erosion of white lines at various locations in the parish, but particularly at the junction of the road between Penmarth and Carnkie, at the triangle in Penmarth and at the triangle at the bottom of Rame Hill.

He was further asked to arrange for the river banks in Penmarth to be strimmed and for the sight lines on the bridge between Trenear and Porkellis to be cleared.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday July 13, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras

Signed Chairman Date

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