

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday December 14, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle (Chairman) Cllr N.van den Berg Cllr P.Davidson Cllr R.Ferris Cllr G.Gibson Cllr Mrs K.Hampton Cllr P.Mather	Cllr C.Mitchell Cllr Mrs D.Mitchell Cllr Mrs C.Radbone Cllr A.Tremayne Cllr Mrs M.Warren Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)
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Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Mr Denton and Mrs Neary.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the December meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Maddern and PCSO Kevin Youngman sent their apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Mrs Hampton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 11 (PA15/11045)

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 Mitchell proposed, Cllr Mather seconded, (Cllr Davidson and Cllr Gibson, who were absent from the last meeting, abstained) all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday November 9, 2015 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting in November.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR’S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that a busy month has included

- working with the interview panel, which has recently appointed, Kate Kennally to the role of Chief Executive Officer of Cornwall Council. Mrs Kennally takes up the post on January 11, 2016
- (the interview panel is now considering the appointment of a Director for Communities)
- the public meeting held recently concerning road-safety/improvements along the stretch of the A394 at Rame/Edgcumbe had been useful. She stated that Officers do their best, but that funding is limited
- a meeting with Helston Town Council representatives at which improvements to the B3297 Helston to Redruth road had been discussed. (It was her opinion that any improvements would result in an increase in speed which would antagonise residents living alongside the B3297 and which consequently would not be welcomed by Wendron Parish Council)
- the Cornwall Local Plan (which has been returned for revision) now needs to go out for consultation prior to it being returned to Central Government for approval. The Revised Plan amends the number of new homes for construction in Cornwall between 2010 and 2030 to a figure of 52,000 – and the new definition of Affordable

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(meaning that developers will now be able to construct homes for sale rather than for rent) will have the effect of making new homes in Cornwall even less affordable

- John Pollard, the Leader of Cornwall Council, been named as one of the most influential people in local government in the Local Government Chronicle’s 100 list for 2016
- the Local Government Chronicle has also shortlisted Cornwall for the “Council of the Year” award. It is an award which is given to a council which, on the basis of sustained performance, has the most learning to offer other councils, and can demonstrate a level of excellence and innovation that takes its work well beyond providing basic services
- one of the Porkellis village signs has been damaged beyond repair and has been removed. CClr Dr Jenkin suggested that the Parish Council might like to ask for a replacement bi-lingual sign.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Youngman reported that two crimes (both of assault) were recorded in the Parish of Wendron by the police during the month of November. He added that the Force will be increasing patrols as part of the drink/driving campaign.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Speaking on behalf of Wendron Cricket Club, Mr Thorne told Members that he was present to seek support for the Club’s application for further funding towards the capital cost of the solar panels on both the Clubhouse and the new stand. In answer to a question, he reported that of the earlier grant of £2,000 half had been put towards the grandstand and the balance used in infrastructure work necessary for the installation of the solar panels – digging of trenches, the purchase and laying of armoured cables and the installation of junction boxes.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Dates of Parish Council meetings 2016/2017

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the dates and places for meetings of the Parish Council in 2015 – 2016 will be as follows

January 11, 2016	Ordinary Meeting	Community Hall, Burras
February 8, 2016	Ordinary Meeting	Community Hall, Burras
March 14, 2016	Ordinary Meeting	Community Hall, Burras
April 11, 2016	Ordinary Meeting	Community Hall, Burras
May 9, 2016	Annual Parish Meeting	Community Hall, Burras
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June 13, 2016	Ordinary Meeting	Community Hall, Burras
July 18, 2016	Ordinary Meeting	Community Hall, Burras
September 12, 2016	Ordinary Meeting	Community Hall, Burras
October 10, 2016	Ordinary Meeting	Community Hall, Burras
November 14, 2016	Ordinary Meeting	Community Hall, Burras
December 12, 2016	Ordinary Meeting	Community Hall, Burras
January 9, 2017	Ordinary Meeting	Community Hall, Burras
February 13, 2017	Ordinary Meeting	Community Hall, Burras

All meetings will begin at 7.30pm

Cllr Gibson stated that it was his opinion that, as had been done for years, Wendron Parish Council should also meet in August, not least because the Clerk had exceeded his authority in August 2015 by authorising work on the newly acquired land at Carnkie which had cost considerably more than the £500 permitted under Wendron Parish Council’s Financial Regulations paragraph 3.2. The Clerk refuted the allegation, stating that the minutes of the July 2015 meeting recorded the granting of delegated powers to the Chairman and the Clerk to deal with day-to-day matters during the month of August [The minutes of the meeting on July 13, 2015 page 1672, paragraph 8 record *Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Warren proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, Cllr Gibson against, Cllr Davidson abstaining, all others in favour that the Chairman and the Clerk should have delegated powers to deal with day-to-day matters relating to the Parish Council during the month of August 2015.*] Further, the matter had been one of health and safety since the judgment handed down by the Land Tribunal in August awarded full title to Wendron Parish Council and the sort of rubbish left on the site was judged to constitute a danger to members of the public making use of it. He reminded members that, at the time, he had telephoned each Councillor (including Cllr Gibson) and had detailed the problem, adding that removal would cost in excess of £1,000: no Member had objected. The Clerk stated that it was his opinion that the two issues, the long-term delegated power awarded to him by paragraph 3.2 of the Financial Regulations and the delegated powers awarded to the Chairman and the Clerk in July 2015 are separate issues.

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It was agreed to pencil in the second Monday in August 2016 as a meeting date and to confirm this, if felt necessary, at the meeting on July 18, 2016.

In view of the confidentiality of the following item, the Chairman proposed and it was agreed to invite members of the public to leave the room while the matter was discussed.

Co-option of Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that he had received two expressions of interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor from Mr Denton and Mrs Neary.

Following discussion, Cllr Mather proposed, Cllr Mrs Warren seconded, all others in agreement that Mrs Neary should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Similarly, following discussion, Cllr Tremayne proposed, Cllr Mrs Mitchell seconded, all others in agreement that Mr Denton should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Members of the public were invited to return to the room.

Cllr Mrs Neary read aloud and signed her declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Wendron Parish Council, the Proper Officer.

Similarly, Cllr Denton 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 Denton and Cllr Mrs Neary as members of Wendron Parish Council.

A written Forward Plan for the Council

Members consider the creation of a written Forward Plan for the Council: it was agreed that the following headings should be added to the initial document

- Creation of a Neighbourhood Plan (to be in place by 2020)
- Improving communication with members of the Parish
- Working towards the inclusion of the Carnmenellis Ridge (and more particularly the Area of Great Landscape Value) within the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Working towards ensuring that Public Rights of Way are adequately drained.

The Plan will be reviewed at six monthly intervals.

9 PARISH MATTERS

Members noted that the telephone boxes have yet to be cleaned and painted: noting the recent adverse weather conditions, the Clerk undertook to remind Bob Sanders about the matter.

Members noted the contents of a letter from Randle Thomas. Apart from the usual tying up of loose ends, Mr Adams had recommended that it might be wise to remove the rudimentary wire fence and replace it with something that may make the land look a little less inviting to trespassers. It was agreed that the matter should be discussed at the meeting in January.

Members noted that a replacement litter-bin for the play area at Carnkie has been purchased and is awaiting installation.

10 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Members with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at December 14, 2015. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Moyle, seconded by Cllr Mather all others in favour that the Precept for the year 2016/2017 should be set at £26,800

Members considered a request from Wendron Cricket Club for financial help with funding the cost of solar panels. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Gibson, seven members in favour, eight abstaining that no further grant should be made at this stage.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust for financial help with on-going costs. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Davidson, seconded by Cllr Tremayne, all others in favour that the sum of £350.00 be forwarded to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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The following accounts were presented for consideration

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC	£ 774.60		
L.A.Phillips & Son Ltd (paint and brushes)	£ 61.51	£ 51.26	£ 10.25
Rex Andrew (removal of river gravel at Burhos)	£ 583.20	£ 486.00	£ 97.20
Glasdon UK Ltd	£ 264.00	£ 220.00	£ 44.00
L.A.Phillips and Son Ltd (bleach)	£ 14.11	£ 11.76	£ 2.35
Gareth Mitchell			
Wash play mats	£ 26.00		
Open Areas	£ 130.00		
Wash bus shelters	£ 39.00		
Bus shelters	£ 26.00		
Open Areas	£ 130.00		
Rame Common footpath	£ 52.00		
	total	£ 403.00	
R.Sanders			
(Churchyards 30/11)	£ 190.00		
Moles	£ 20.00		
Path to Trelill Holy Well	£ 30.00		
	total	£ 288.00	£ 48.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (November)	£ 1,032.70		
telephone	£ 35.49		
office expenses	£ 53.25		
travelling	£ 29.25		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 1,175.69	

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

Members noted the following receipts

DAS Legal Expenses	£ 2,944.00
CC LMP grant	£ 4,957.00

11 PLANNING

Applications

PA15/09447 Mr D.Combellack – Conversion of redundant barn to dwelling – Carthew Farmhouse. Cllr Tremayne proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA15/10423 Mr Peter Coombes – Single storey rear extension – Rainbow Cottage, Rame Cross. Members noted that the Planning Authority has already decided this application (using delegated powers) and has granted permission for development.

PA15/10749 Mr and Mrs Gareth Smith – Domestic link extension between main dwelling and storage building – Rosennis Cottage, Polgear. Cllr Mather proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

As one of the joint applicants Cllr Mrs Hampton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following application and left the room

PA15/11045 Mr and Mrs Hampton – Use of the barn as a residential dwelling together with the formation of a new vehicular access to serve the dwelling – The Barn, Lower Porkellis Farm. Cllr Tremayne 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.*

Decisions

PA15/06974 REFUSED – Relocation of wooden building 1 for use as ancillary accommodation – The Bungalow, Road from Farms Common to access to Lower Bolitho Farm – *noted*

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PA15/06978 REFUSED – Relocation of wooden building for use as ancillary accommodation – The Bungalow, Road from Farms Common to access to Lower Bolitho Farm – *noted*

PA15/08003 WITHDRAWN – To install a 25m x 40m all weather surface riding menage within the 9 acres of land – Old Carpenters Workshop, Polmarth – *noted*

PA15/08630 APPROVED – Amended details for the erection of two detached dwellings and domestic garages and associated works and erection of replacement domestic garage for existing dwelling and erection of bat shelter – Bonallack, Trewennack – *noted*

PA15/10312 APPROVED – Works to trees subject to a tree preservation order. Re-coppice sycamore (T1), crown raise sycamore (T2) to four metres, fell cypress (T3) and remove selected limb from horse chestnut (T4) – Moorview, Medlyn – *noted*

Correspondence

CC Planning Enforcement Notification that removal of a Cornish Hedge at Yellow-wort has been registered – *noted*

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

North Coast Cluster Group copy of a letter to CCllr Adam Paynter regarding the rate payable to Parish Councils under the Local Maintenance Partnership Agreement – *noted*

13 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

Other than to wish all those present a very Happy Christmas, the Chairman stated that she had nothing further to add.

Members noted that

- the Bridleways Group had met recently. An officer for the British Horse Society had been present and it was anticipated that the Council will be consulted in the near future
- a stone has fallen out of the traffic island at Penmarth. The Clerk was asked to arrange for its reinstatement
- the 340 houses which are to be built on the site known as HX1 at Trewennack will undoubtedly have a huge impact both on the A394 at Trewennack and on the Parish of Wendron. It will be natural for residents of those homes to look to Helston as their local authority and the question must be asked ‘What will happen?’ CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that, consequent upon a perceived electoral imbalance, a boundary review will be undertaken in advance of the elections for Cornwall Council in 2017. It may be that the boundary will be re-drawn to include those houses both in the new development and along Wheal Oak within the parish of Helston.

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

The land at Carnkie.

To consider a proper understanding of delegated powers.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday January 11, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras

Signed Chairman

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