

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday October 9, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle (Chairman)	Cllr Mrs S.Neary
	Cllr N.van den Berg	Cllr M.Stevens
	Cllr P.Davidson	
	Cllr C.Mitchell	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Mrs Borman, Miss Searle and Mr Tremewan.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Hampton, Cllr Ferris 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 Mitchell proposed, Cllr Stevens seconded, Cllr van den Berg, Cllr Davidson and Cllr Mrs Neary who were absent from the last meeting abstained and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday September 12, 2017 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

Speaking of his application to build new homes in Trewennack and therefore as an individual resident of the Parish, Cllr van den Berg thanked the Parish Council and in particular Cllr Mitchell (who had represented the Council at the Planning Committee meeting) and CCllr Jenkin for their support. It was his opinion that the decision to refuse permission for development demonstrated just how little influence a Parish Council and local people have in matters which affect their communities.

## 5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- she is frustrated with Cornwall Council Officers and in particular with those of the Planning Department and the apparently illogical and inconsistent decisions that are made by it on a daily basis
- she had attended a briefing with the Police and Crime Commissioner who informed those present that there has been no reduction in the numbers of policemen and women – they are simply invisible. She was alarmed to learn that the Commissioner is in favour of amalgamating the Devon and Cornwall Police Force with that of Dorset and even further alarmed to learn that both the dog and the armed response teams have already moved to Dorset
- the Health Scrutiny Committee is working up models for 'Shaping our Future' (that is, the future of healthcare in Cornwall). There appear to be considerable differences between the thoughts of members of the health profession and the democratic oversight. The Committee meeting had not been made aware of the problems

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found during a recent inspection of Treリス Hospital, problems which have since triggered special measures under which the hospital must now work

- a meeting tomorrow, which had been called to consider the budget for transferring the management of health services from the NHS to Cornwall Council, has been cancelled because the necessary paperwork is not ready. Austerity measures are such that she fears the Health Service in Cornwall may collapse before the Unitary Authority takes it on. There are currently no acute or community beds available in the West of Cornwall and indeed Central Government is pressing for the elimination of community beds – a strategy which may well be cost-effective in urban districts but which will fail in rural areas.

## **6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Tremewan sought the Parish Council's support for his planning application.

Miss Searle stated that a further application for a change of residential condition for the house on the same site will follow and she trusts the Council will also look favourably on that.

*The following item being of a confidential nature, members of the public were required to leave the room.*

## **7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

### **Co-opted members**

The Clerk reported that he had received an expression of interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor from Mrs Borman.

Following a short discussion, Cllr van den Berg proposed, Cllr Mrs Neary seconded and it was agreed that Mrs Borman should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

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

Cllr Mrs Borman signed and read aloud her declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Wendron Parish Council, the Proper Officer. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Borman as a member of Wendron Parish Council.

### **Clerks and Councils Direct**

Members considered a request to renew Wendron Parish Council's annual subscription to the Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter. Following a short discussion, it was agreed not to continue with this subscription

### **Neighbourhood Plans**

Cllr Mrs Neary reported that everything that has been done so far is now neatly in folders. She has taken a long hard look at the Gwithian Neighbourhood Plan (which has taken three years to produce and which has just been through the referendum process) and is of the opinion that much of it can be adapted to fit Wendron. It is her opinion that we now need to send residents a second, more detailed questionnaire seeking more specific views on development within the Parish and, with that in mind, offered members the opportunity to meet with her to formulate the questions. Cllr Stevens, Cllr Mrs Borman and CCllr Dr Jenkin agreed to meet with her for this purpose.

## **8 PARISH MATTERS**

### **Carnkie Play Area**

Members considered issues raised in the annual Carnkie Play Area Risk Assessment document. This suggests that the gate needs attention; that the No Dogs sign needs securing; that the seats, bolts and shackles of each of the two flat swings and the cradle swing need replacing; that the safety surface under the slide needs repair; that the slide platform needs a fixing bracket replacing; that the bar at the top of the net climb needs replacing; that the bar at the top of the net climb needs replacing and that the posts of the multi-play area need attention. Members felt that much of this work can be done by Bob Sanders and that additionally new swing seats, bolts and shackles should be purchased from Wickstead and fitted. Accordingly, the Chairman proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded and it was agreed that the issues raised in the Risk Assessment document should be addressed.

### **Telephone Kiosks**

The Clerk reported that he had written to the two residents of Burras who had expressed concern, but had heard nothing in return. It was agreed that a decision concerning its future use would be made at the meeting in November.

### **A defibrillator for Penmarth**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mrs Cocks (who had originally suggested that a defibrillator should be sited in Penmarth) and that she had asked him to go ahead with its purchase undertaking to donate a minimum of £300 towards the cost involved. He had also completed a Community Chest application for £300, a sum which

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Cllr Dr Jenkin had indicated she would support. He had accordingly ordered a defibrillator and cabinet for Penmarth from the Ronnie Williams Memorial Trust.

### Highways

The Clerk reported that, other than those recorded at the meeting in September, no further issues meriting a Highways Order had been reported. Nevertheless, members asked for

- the white line in the middle of the road over the Stithians Lake causeway to be repainted
- the fence damaged at the time of the fatal crash on this road to be repaired and
- the collapsed hedge at the corner of the road that goes through from Penmarth to Nine Maidens to be repaired.

### Remembrance Sunday

Members considered arrangements for Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed that the Chairman should read the lesson and that Cllr Mrs Neary should read the list of the fallen. The Clerk reported that since the Unitary Authority has been in charge of Cornwall's highways, it has imposed increasingly swinging restrictions on road closures for community events, which up and until this year he has been able to navigate. This year however, the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority is unable to allocate Officers to hold up the traffic flow for the few minutes the parade takes or for the two minutes silence. Wendron Parish Council can appoint Marshalls to direct traffic although signs announcing the times of the road closure and showing alternative routes have to be in place at least a fortnight in advance of the event. The Marshalls have to have received appropriate training and wear high-viz jackets on the day when road signs directing traffic along the agreed alternative route have also to be in place. It was agreed that for the combined total of five minutes or so, such action would be totally disproportionate and that therefore the arrangements which have pertained for nearly a century should be discontinued.

## 9 FINANCE

Members were presented with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at October 9, 2017. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration

		<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Cornwall Council (Election June 8)		£ 739.16		
Eric & Jeff Bray (Churchyard)		£ 150.00	£ 125.00	£ 25.00
Elizabeth Rose Carnkie play area inspection)		£ 150.00		
R.Sanders (cemeteries and open spaces)		£ 627.60	£ 523.00	£ 104.60
Kernow Tree Surgery Ltd (knotweed)		£ 72.00	£ 60.00	£ 12.00
R.Sanders				
Gold Paths (second cut)	£ 747.40			
Stiles (second cut)	£ 64.00			
Gold Paths (one cut)	£ 623.49			
Stiles (one cut)	£ 128.00			
Silver paths	£ 4,120.35			
	total	£ 6,819.89	£ 5,683.24	£ 1,136.65
Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity (defibrillator)		£ 1,572.00	£ 1,310.00	£ 262.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (September)	£ 1,070.28			
telephone	£ 24.30			
office expenses	£ 42.78			
travelling	£ 44.85			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 1,207.21		

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

## 10 PLANNING

### Applications

PA16/09171 Mr R.Wass – Change of use and conversion of church to form a dwelling house and associated works (amended plans) – Lowertown Methodist Church. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Stevens seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council has no further observations.*

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PA17/08465 Mr N.Johns – Application for removal of condition 12 in respect of Decision Notice PA17/05823 to allow 'Timber Effect' UPVC – Steren Koth, Halwin Crescent, Porkellis. Cllr Mitchell proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council makes no further observations.*

PA17/08483 Mr and Mrs Cockerham – Conversion, alteration and extension of existing barns to a form two dwellings – Sharwood, Lezerea. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Mrs Neary seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application*

PA17/08574 Mr M.Tremewan – Change of use of land from B2 to B8 use and replacement of existing building with a new storage warehouse – South West Forestry, Old Carpenters Workshop, Laity. Cllr Mrs Neary proposed, Cllr Mrs Borman seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application*

PA17/09073 Mr Woodford and Mrs Mendham – Certificate of lawfulness proposed Use of a building as a dwelling – dwelling at Treloar Farm, Laity. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council can neither confirm nor refute the applicants' statements. Nevertheless it can state with authority that since 2010 numerous allegations concerning unauthorised development of this property have been made to the Planning Authority. In particular, the Council would draw the attention of the Authority to the complaint it made concerning the installation of a shower and toilet in a barn a complaint to which the applicants' response was reportedly that they were being used as part of a business.*

PA17/09199 Mr Lavers – Raising ridge height and extending roof to include dormer and rooflights. Rear conservatory replaced with extension. Existing window at rear raised up – Byways Bungalow, access to The Anchorage, Carnkie. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Davidson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

#### **Members noted the receipt of the following planning application decisions**

PA17/07912 APPROVED – Ground floor extension and terrace. Alterations to existing dwelling – Trelubbas Wartha House, Redruth Road, Wendron – *noted*

PA17/04479 APPROVED – Conversion of a derelict agricultural barn into a dwelling – Waterside, road from Penmarth to Carnkie, Carnmenellis – *noted*

### **11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**Local Government Boundary Commission** Electoral review of Cornwall: Division Arrangements – *it was agreed to reply seeking the inclusion of the Trewennack Ward in an area which encompasses the entire parishes of Crowan, Sithney and Wendron*

**Mrs Coles** PROW 119 and its current state of repair – *members noted that Cornwall Council has this matter in hand*

**Helen Downing** CCLT visit to Rame development – *the Chairman, Cllr Davidson and Cllr Mitchell will represent the Parish for this visit*

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

The Chairman reported that

- she had attended the recent meeting of the Helston and the Lizard Community Network Area at which the delegates had been told both that there are fewer policemen patrolling the rural area and no money for any community improvements
- the stable on the left hand side of the road between Penmarth and Halwin at Caddys Corner appears to be being used for business and/ or residential purposes. (The Clerk was asked to report this to the Planning Enforcement department.)
- she had been sent details of an oil club which might be of interest to members.

There were no comments from Councillors.

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

Use of the redundant telephone kiosk at Burras

### **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday November 13, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras

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