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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday November 13, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras.

Present:	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle (Chairman)	Cllr R.Ferris
	Cllr N.van den Berg	Cllr Mrs K.Hampton
	Cllr Mrs B.Borman	Cllr C.Mitchell
	Cllr P.Davidson	Cllr Mrs S.Neary
	Cllr R.Durkin	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Mr and Mrs Armistead, Mr Cooper, Mr Cox, Mr and Mrs Gagen, Mr and Mrs Haarkanson, Mrs Keeping and Mr and Mrs Tempest-Keeping.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the November meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Stevens 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 Neary proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded, Cllr Mrs Hampton and Cllr Ferris who were absent from the last meeting abstained and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday October 9, 2017 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 which were not covered on the agenda

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- the Health Scrutiny Committee (on which she sits) has forwarded its proposals 'Shaping our Future' to the Cabinet for decision at its coming meeting
- she attended a planning training session recently which had looked at Planning for Environment and Resource Efficiency in European Cities and Towns (PERFECT) the purpose of which is to raise awareness and promote the multiple benefits of Green Infrastructure through research and practical actions. She was of the opinion that this should have been done many years ago and that for Cornwall it comes a little too late
- she understands that comments from the Environment Agency suggest that the water management system for HX1 is adequate. She remains concerned that the Play Area will be constructed as part of phase 2, which she believes creates problems for residents of phase 1 and is therefore fighting that corner. Similarly the question of the S106 Education Contribution is still of concern (in that all Phase 1 contributions go towards Helston) and she suggested that the Parish Council might like to make the case for money to be allocated to Wendron and Halwyn Schools

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- of increasing concern is the range of Planning Enforcement allegations: development seems to be going ahead without regard to planning constraints
- she noted that the drainage work on PROW 119 has yet to be started.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members noted concerns about PA15/11664 where it is alleged that the menège has not been constructed according to the approved plans and that the lighting is anything but low level.

Similarly, members noted a number of issues raised by neighbours concerning the proposals for Hunters Lodge, planning application PA17/06422. These include problems of overlooking and the size and bulk of the proposed replacement dwelling. The applicant, Mr Haarkanson, stated that the proposed dwelling keeps to more or less the same footprint, though it does have an upper storey. Nevertheless, he does not believe it is out-of-scale with the size of the plot. His property is currently overlooked by neighbouring properties. A speaker noted that the existing dwelling might be described as an eyesore and that he is confident that the applicant will ensure that the design and building materials used will not be out of character with the area.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to consider agenda item 10 at this point of the meeting.

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA17/06422 Mr and Mrs A.Haakanson – Demolition of existing dwelling, construction of replacement dwelling, parking, landscaping and associated works – Hunters Lodge, Porkellis Bridge. Cllr Mrs Borman proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council remains of the opinion that the proposed dwelling is of such a size that it would be visually prominent in and therefore damaging to the surrounding countryside. The Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA17/08919 Miss N.Endean – New dwelling house (decision PA16/02768) with variation of condition 2 to allow substitution of plans for relocation of garage and addition of two windows – land rear of Meadowside, Trewennack. Cllr van den Berg 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*

PA17/08984 South West Water Ltd – Installation of a single wind turbine (max hub height 40m, max blade top 58m) with associated infrastructure and equipment – land West of Little Lansenwith, Tretheague, Stithians. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council notes that the immediate area is particularly tranquil and intimate in character: it is one that is clearly experienced and enjoyed by those living within the landscape and also appreciated by those approaching the reservoir across the causeway and those using the reservoir and the surrounding footpaths. The proposed turbine would be perceived by residents and visitors to the area alike as being of such significant scale and prominence that it would fundamentally alter the character of the landscape.*

Wendron Parish Council is therefore of the opinion that the proposal, by reason of its size and siting will give rise to an unduly dominant feature that will appear out of scale with the small/medium scale landscape patterns that are widely experienced by a significant number people, including users of the local highway network, occupiers of neighbouring properties, recreational walkers and visitors to the recreational facilities at Stithians Lake. The Council believes that the proposed development will have an unacceptable visual impact particularly at a local level and is contrary to the aims and intentions of sections 10 and 11 of the National Planning Policy Frameworks and guidance provided within the Assessment of the Landscape Sensitivity to On-shore Wind Energy and Large Scale Photovoltaic Development in Cornwall.

It follows that the adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits and Wendron Parish Council would request the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

PA17/09204 Mr and Mrs Terrill – Outline application for construction of ecological dwelling, swimming pool, detached annexe for elderly family member, landscaping & associated works (matter of access reserved) – land East of Convenen Cottage, Wendron. Cllr Durkin proposed, Cllr Ferris seconded, Cllr Mrs Borman against and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *The proposed development site lies outside the physical boundaries of the existing settlement of Trewennack and the application may therefore be considered to be for a new home in the countryside in an unsustainable position contrary to policies contained both in the Cornwall Local Plan and in the National Planning Policy Framework. Wendron Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

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PA17/09269 Mr S.Cruikshanks – Siting of a Park Home – Chapel Farm, Carnkie. 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*

PA17/10035 Mr and Mrs McMullen – Single storey extension – Menherion, Yellow Wort. Cllr Davidson 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*

PA17/10040 Mr N.Johns – Variation of Condition 2 in relation to decision notice PA17/05823 dated 14/08/2017: Minor alterations to roof line. Installation of solar panels to the south-west elevation and installation of ground-source or air source heating – Steren Koth, Halwin Crescent, Porkellis. The Chairman 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*

PA17/10122 Ms H.Collison – Proposed two storey rear extension and single storey lean-to side extension – Hill View Barn, Lower Trewennack Farm. Cllr van den Berg 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*

PA17/10261 Mr Oliver – Change of use of land to form domestic garden area – land North of Gwarth An Drae, Helston. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Ferris seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *The Helston Town Framework Document September 2016 identifies the site as an area of retained green open space which preserves the identities of Lowertown and Helston. As such it plays a key planning purpose in preventing the merging of the settlements of Helston and Lowertown. The proposed development would extend and consolidate the existing amount of built development, thereby eroding the gap between Helston and Lowertown and reducing the openness to the detriment of the character and appearance of the surrounding area. Wendron Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

Members noted the receipt of the following planning application decisions

PA16/09171 APPROVED – Change of use and conversion of church to form a dwelling house, formation of a parking space and associated works – Lowertown Methodist Church – *noted*

PA17/05489 APPROVED – Conversion of existing workshop to form one residential dwelling – Wheal Cock Barn, Helston Road, Porkellis – *noted*

PA17/06557 APPROVED – Erection of two-storey dwelling – Land adj to Springfield, Edgumbe – *noted*

PA17/06576 APPROVED – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling – Tolcarne Farm, Burras – *noted*

PA17/08392 APPROVED – Demolition of double garage and construction of 3three bed-roomed house – land adjacent to Rockville, Rame Cross – *noted*

PA16/08483 APPROVED – Conversion, alteration and extension of existing barns to a form two dwellings – Sharwood, Lezerea, Porkellis – *noted*

PA17/09199 APPROVED – 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 – *noted*

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-opted members

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

Neighbourhood Plans

Cllr Mrs Neary reported that a small group of members had met and had gone through the Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan questionnaire with the aim of adapting it to fit Wendron's circumstances. This has now been done and Cllr Ferris offered to arrange for it to be typed out and made available both on-line and in paper form. Cllr Ferris further undertook to look into the matter of a prize drawn at random for those residents who complete the questionnaire.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Telephone Kiosks

Members noted that no response concerning the future use of the recently purchased telephone kiosk at Burras had been received. The Chairman undertook to make enquiries on a one-to-one basis.

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A defibrillator for Penmarth

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator has been delivered, that an electrician has been asked to install it, that Cllr Dr Jenkin has signed off the application for grant funding and that the grant has been received.

Highways

Members noted that

- repairs to PROW 119 have yet to start
- the National Trust has the repair of the stretch of PROW 157 which goes through its land in hand
- the speed of vehicles passing Halwin School has been reported to the police, but action has yet to be taken. It was suggested that the now redundant Vehicle Activated Sign in Trewennack might profitably be moved to the roadside near the School
- a number of ways of curbing the speed of vehicles as they go through through Penmarth were visited including rumble strips, signage and an (empty) speed camera box

The Clerk was asked to follow up these last two matters.

9 FINANCE

Members were presented with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at November 13, 2017. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Wendron Parish Church for financial help towards the cost of repairs to the roof, the tower and the Porch House. Following discussion, Cllr Ferris proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded and it was agreed that under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 Wendron Parish Council should forward the sum of £5,000 to Wendron Parish Church on receipt of assurance that this would enable the Church to access the grant of £250,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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. The Chairman proposed Cllr Mitchell 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

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Harlequin Design (No dogs)		£ 26.40	£ 22.00	£ 4.40
Eric & Jeff Bray (Churchyard)		£ 75.00	£ 62.50	£ 12.50
R.Sanders				
Church and cemetery	£ 195.00			
Church	£ 60.00			
Open areas	£ 208.00			
Trewennack Well	£ 30.00			
	total	£ 591.60	£ 493.00	£ 98.60
Colin Chapman				
Salary (October)	£ 1,053.60			
telephone	£ 23.20			
office expenses	£ 38.64			
travelling	£ 94.25			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 1,234.69		

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

Members noted the following receipt

Cornwall Council (grant)	£ 300.00
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11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

South West Lakes Trust Highlights 2016/2017 – *noted*

Local Government Boundary Commission acknowledgement of submission – *noted*

Mrs Cole re PROW 119 – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

CC Cornwall Legal details of the services the department is able to offer parish councils – *noted*

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12 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that she, Cllr van den Berg and Cllr Mrs Neary had attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Parish Church. Cllr Mrs Neary had read the names of the fallen and she herself had read the lesson.

The Chairman further reported that two vehicles and some old window frames complete with glass had been left on Polhigey Moor and asked the Clerk to report the problem.

Cllr Mrs Borman suggested that Councillors should have e-mail addresses which reflect the fact that they are members of the Council, for example with an @wendronparishcouncil.org or @wendronpc.org address. Cllr Ferris offered to look into the matter. Cllr Mrs Borman also suggested that members might like to receive notification of meetings by e-mail rather than through the post because of the cost involved. Although the Clerk confirmed that this is now legally possible, only Cllr Mrs Borman asked to receive notice in this way.

Members noted that

- vehicles continue to drive through Rame at speeds well in excess of the 40mph limit
- the ‘shanty town’ on the road between Penmarth and Caddy’s Corner appears to be growing and indeed there appears to be evidence of residential use. The Clerk undertook to report this
- the Wendron Bridleways Group is determined to push ahead with a Modification Order at the northern end of PROW 89 where the Definitive Map shows that the bridleway does not go through to the road.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Use of the redundant telephone kiosk at Burras

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday December 11, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Community Hall, Burras

Signed Chairman

Date

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