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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday February 11, 2019 at 7:30pm at Penmarth Methodist Sunday School.

Present: Cllr Mrs S.Moyle (Chairman) Cllr C.Mitchell
Cllr N.van den Berg Cllr M.Stevens
Cllr Mrs B.Borman Cllr P.Swain
Cllr R.Durkin
Cllr R.Ferris Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Mr Land and one other.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Buckingham and Cllr Mrs Hampton 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 Durkin proposed, Cllr Stevens seconded, Cllr Mrs Borman who was absent from the last meeting abstained and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday January 14, 2019 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Durkin reported that the small group of Carnkie residents interested in upgrading the play area is considering an approach to the National Lottery for financial help.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- the full Council has recently approved a proposal to declare a Climate Emergency, which additionally requires the Authority to fashion a plan to lessen the impact of Carbon emissions
- a proposal to increase capital expenditure has also been approved, despite questions being asked about capital expenditure priorities (some of which would appear to be inappropriate)
- Cornwall Council is seeking to impose the full Council Tax on all second homes no matter what their use. The proposal has to be approved by Central Government, but it is hoped that the charge will be in place and will inform thinking when the 2020/2021 budget is discussed
- like Edinburgh, Cornwall has considered the imposition of a Tourist Tax: the Tourist Association, which objects to such a tax, has suggested that VAT payable on all forms of tourism might be returned to Cornwall
- a earlier Care Quality Commission report raised concerns about a number of issues in Cornwall's Health and Social Care: a more recent report found that, although some aspects of the service are still rated as being inadequate, others are improving

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- a recent report has criticised Cornwall's Emergency Services for the time taken in attending an incident. Blame for this can largely be laid at the door of the county's geography. It is of note that Newquay's Fire Service has adopted different regimes for the summer and for the winter: in summer more full-time fire-fighters are employed than in winter and this approach may prove to be one way forward throughout the rest of the county
- it is her opinion that the lack of finance at county level means that a number of services are at risk of failure
- the recent Community Networks Panel meeting was informed that presently Highways will only replace safety signs: advisory signs will not be replaced. The question arises, when does an advisory sign (warning of dangers ahead) become a safety sign
- Helston Town Council has looked at the B3297 with a view to making improvements to speed the flow of traffic between Helston and Redruth. Clearly, this is contrary to the wishes of the residents of the Parish of Wendron who, for years, have campaigned to lower speeds for reasons of safety
- the Speed Watch initiative is still very much on the back burner: the problem is manpower. For example, there is currently only one person (based in Plymouth) who has the knowledge and accreditation to assess suitable sites on the public highway where readings can be taken.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Land said that he was present as the applicant's agent simply to seek the Council's support for planning application PA18/12101. The intention is to convert and upgrade the outbuildings to create a sustainable, disabled-friendly, holiday let/family annex as well as to restore and enlarge the farm-house.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Carnkie Play Area

Members noted that the Play Area lease is still with the Council's and Mr Cruikshanks' solicitors.

A defibrillator for Trewennack

Members noted that the defibrillator is now in place and ready for use.

Neighbourhood Plans

Cllr Ferris had nothing to report.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-opted members

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

Public Rights of Way

Members considered an invitation from Cornwall Council to continue with the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme. The grant offered for the year to March 31, 2020 is £5,968.68 (or 100% of eligible costs, whichever is the lower). In the year to March 31, 2019 Wendron Parish Council's costs for cutting Public Rights of Way amounted to £6,287.52 and the full grant of £5,997.00 from Cornwall Council was claimed. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Stevens seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council should accept Cornwall Council's invitation to renew partnership working.

The Clerk reported that witnesses are sought for a Definitive Map Modification Order which seeks to add the final northern twenty metres or so of PROW 89 to the Map. Documents are available on-line.

St Wendrona Closed Churchyard

Members considered an offer to extend the contract with Cornwall Council for cutting the grass in the closed churchyard of St Wendrona for a further year at an annual rate of £551.42 (the same rate as last year). Cllr Stevens proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded and it was agreed to continue with the maintenance of the closed churchyard at St Wendrona.

Penmarth Methodist Church

Members noted a request from the Trustees of Penmarth Methodist Church Trust to make repairs to the car park outside the Methodist Hall. It was further noted that the area where cars park is designated Common Land (Polhigey Common) and that, consequently, work such as this needs the consent of the Secretary of State. The Clerk reported that the application alone would cost £4,900 and moreover that the land developed in this way (because it is associated with use other than that of the Common) would have to be replaced by other land in the vicinity – which would itself have to be registered as Common Land. The cost of all that would have to be added to the cost of any work deemed necessary. It was reluctantly agreed that Wendron Parish Council cannot accede to the Trustees' request.

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9 FINANCE

Members were presented with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at February 11, 2019. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Penmarth Methodist Trust (hire of Hall)	£ 220.00		
Bear Joinery (Trewennack defibrillator)	£ 350.00		
Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity	£ 108.00	£ 100.00	£ 18.00
Shaw & Sons Ltd (Cemetery receipts book)	£ 24.42	£ 20.35	£ 4.07
R.Sanders			
Churchyards (08/01)	£ 205.00		
Trelill Well	£ 30.00		
Open Spaces	£ 160.00		
Boundary Stones	£ 60.00		
Bus shelters	£ 152.00		
	total	£ 728.40	£ 607.00
			£ 121.40
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 1,072.04		
telephone	£ 32.00		
office expenses	£ 38.96		
travelling	£ 65.00		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 1,233.00	

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Cllr Durkin and agreed that the above six accounts should be paid.

Members noted the following receipt

Pendle Funeral Services (Mrs Barnecutt)	£ 130.00
Mr and Mrs Smith (Walks Booklet)	£ 5.00

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA18/10839 S.Williams and C.Tredinnick – Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of the Cow Byre as holiday accommodation – The Homestead, Crelly. The Chairman proposed Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council can neither confirm nor refute the statement made in this application.*

PA18/11073 Mr R.Allen – Conversion of a disused former agricultural building to a single dwelling-house – West Halabezack Farm, Porkellis. The Chairman proposed Cllr Durkin seconded Cllr Stevens abstained and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council notes that Policy 7 of the Cornwall Local Plan states that new dwellings in the countryside will be restricted to the 'reuse of suitably constructed redundant, disused or historic buildings that are considered appropriate to retain and would lead to an enhancement of the immediate setting'. Wendron Parish Council does not consider that this proposal would meet the requirements set out in this policy because it would not result in the 'enhancement' of the immediate setting due to the nature of the construction of the existing agricultural building. Development would bring car parking and all the domestic paraphernalia associated with residential use which would appear out of place in this location. Wendron Parish Council believes that the negative impact of a new residential development at this location would harm the rural setting and indeed the setting of the World Heritage Site and that that harm would not be outweighed by any resulting economic benefit to the community. Accordingly, Wendron Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA18/11407 Mr M.Roberts – Proposed cattery with alterations to access – Lower Carthvean Farm, Trenear. The Chairman proposed Cllr van den Berg seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA18/12101 Mr Mack – Conversion of outbuildings to form self-contained holiday let, restoration of farmhouse and erection of single storey extension – Inner Edgcumbe Farm. The Chairman proposed Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

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PA19/00018 Mr and Mrs S.Garner – Proposed ancillary accommodation to main dwelling – Foxes Den, Trevenen. The Chairman proposed Cllr van den Berg seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA19/00265 Mr A.Lea – Construction of a wildlife tower to provide a nesting/roosting habitat for barn owls, little owls, kestrels, bats and other wildlife using plans prepared by the Barn Owl Trust – Viscar Lodge, access to Little Viscar, Carnkie. The Chairman proposed Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA19/00465 Mr B.Price – Proposed Rear Extension – Tolalwheth, Carnkie. The Chairman proposed Cllr Ferris seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA19/00757 Richards Robertson Developments Ltd – Non-material amendment (No. 1) for removal of hedge at A394 road frontage to (PA16/00272) Outline application (amendment to application no. PA14/07450) to provide for a mixed use development comprising up to 450 dwellings (previously 340 dwellings) (including affordable houses) and a building for the use for B1 offices and a medical practice with means of access and all other matters reserved – Park An Daras (Formerly Helston HX1 Urban Extension (Phase 1 And 1)). The Chairman proposed Cllr Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development believing that this proposal will introduce an unwelcome element of urbanisation within the rural setting.*

PA19/01063 Mr S.Sam – Proposed two storey rear and side extension – Boskenna, Carnkie. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Stevens seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council is supportive of the principle of development of an extension to Boskenna, but believes that the design and finish of this particular proposal would look out of place in the street scene. It therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development of these proposals.*

To note the receipt of planning application decisions

PA18/11570 APPROVED – Application for the refurbishment and first floor extension to farmhouse together with conversion of barns to holiday accommodation – Medlyn Moor Farm, Porkellis

PA18/11065 APPROVED – Installation of a 250mm pipeline and/or an electrical cable alongside an existing 600/710mm pipeline to supply water to a micro hydro-electric scheme in an existing powerhouse and to take electricity from it to an existing transformer – Trelubbas Wartha Farm, Redruth Road – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

CPRE Protecting Rural Cornwall newsletter – *noted*

Mrs Harvey Royal British Legion acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

Cllr Mitchell reported that the No Parking double-yellow lines have yet to be installed at the bus stops in Rame. (It was explained that this will take time: the Traffic Regulation Order has to be agreed first – and this has not, as yet, been formulated.)

CCllr Dr Jenkin stated

- that there are apparently issues with the parking space set aside for visitors to Trellil Well
- that the Lower Town Community Group has issues with the Certificate of Lawfulness for the allotment behind the houses in Gwarth-an-Drae
- and that the Helston Museum would like some Wendron Walks booklets to sell.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday March 11, 2019 at 7.30pm at Penmarth Methodist Sunday School

Signed Chairman

Date

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