

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Cllr Mrs S.Moyle (Chairman) Cllr C.Mitchell  
Cllr Mrs B.Borman Cllr M.Stevens  
Cllr R.Durkin Cllr P.Swain  
Cllr Mrs K.Hampton Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Mr Binnie, Mrs Jenkin, Mr Mack, Mr Meek Mr Neale Mr Thorne and one other.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the March meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr van den Berg, Cllr Buckingham and Cllr Ferris sent their apologies for absence.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

As a member of the Committee of the Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Society, the Chairman declared a non-registrable interest in agenda item 9 (a request for financial help).

### 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 Stevens proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded, Cllr Mrs Hampton who was absent from the last meeting abstained and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday February 11, 2019 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

The Chairman reported that a pothole has developed in the road just south of the Golden Lion Hotel at Menherion. The Clerk undertook to report it to Cornwall Highways.

## 5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- the Community Network Traffic Regulation Order which includes the creation of no-parking zones at the two bus stops in Rame is going forward. The process as a whole is slow, but, once the TRO is through, action should follow fairly swiftly
- Cornwall Council has approved an increase in the general rate of 1.99% with an additional 2% for Health and Social Care for the coming financial year. Members noted that the central government grant has decreased by some 90% in recent years
- a number of issues are affecting various services, notably the length of time the South West Ambulance Service takes to attend incidents. All emergency services are similarly affected: it is simply a matter of geography
- following complaints that the road is too slow and too narrow, she had met with Highways Officers to discuss improvements along the entire length of the B3297. However, Highways foresaw problems relating to safety

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with straightening or widening the road and intends, conversely, to create a 40mph limit all the way along the B3297 from Nine Maidens to Wendron. ‘Gateways’ to the villages bordering the road will be created and the speed limit through them will be dropped to 30mph. A similar speed limit will be imposed at Farms Common. Helston Town Council has agreed that this scheme has merit.

Members noted that a vehicle accident at Edgcumbe had resulted in considerable damage to a stone hedge. The Police had attended the incident.

The recent minutes of the Community Network Panel meeting record that the Speed Watch sites are being reviewed: Cllr Dr Jenkin clarified this, stating that only existing sites are being reviewed. It is however worthwhile identifying new sites and informing CNP officers.

**6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Neale stated that he was present to express his and Mrs Jenkin’s (and indeed other villagers’) concern about PA19/01942. He felt that the houses as proposed were too large, that they would present issues of noise and privacy and that their design did not ‘fit’ the existing Penmarth street scene. He asked the Parish Council to object to the application.

Mr Thorne said that he was present simply to thank the Parish Council for providing the defibrillator at the Football Club. It had been used in early February to resuscitate the Club’s Chairman, Kevin Williamson, who had collapsed whilst at the club. Sadly, he had since died, but the defibrillator had more than proved its worth and the Club was grateful.

Mr Thorne added that the Parish Council would be aware that planning permission had been granted for flood-lighting at the Football Club and wondered if members would consider making a grant towards the cost.

Mr Binnie wondered if, in the light of the declaration of a Climate Emergency by Stithians Parish Council and Cornwall Council and others, any members had attended the recent Climate Change Conference at the Tremough Campus. None had. He added that there appear to be opportunities to include ways of combatting some of the excesses of waste and climate change in the creation of Neighbourhood Development Plans and, on learning that Wendron Parish Council is in the early stages of producing such plans, offered his help.

Mr Meek said that he was present as the applicant’s agent simply to seek the Council’s support for planning application PA19/00932. He stated that the application is for two independent, high-quality dwellings using traditional materials.

**7 PARISH MATTERS**

**Carnkie Play Area**

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

**Neighbourhood Plans**

In the absence of Cllr Ferris there was no 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.

**9 FINANCE**

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

*Having declared a non-registrable interest, other than to introduce the matter the Chairman took no part in the discussion or the voting.*

Members considered a request from the Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee for financial help towards the upkeep of the cemetery. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Durkin, seconded by Cllr Mitchell and agreed that, under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £390.00 be forwarded to the Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee towards the upkeep of the cemetery.

The following accounts were presented for consideration

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
HMRC	£ 804.00		
Davey and Gilbert (defibrillator electrics)	£ 249.00	£ 207.50	£ 41.50

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R.Sanders			
Churchyards (08/01)	£ 205.00		
Trelill Well	£ 30.00		
Open Spaces	£ 304.00		
Boundary Stones	£ 60.00		
	total	£ 718.80	£ 599.00      £ 119.80
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 1,072.04		
telephone	£ 32.69		
office expenses	£ 47.01		
travelling	£ 37.70		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 1,214.44	

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

## 10 PLANNING

### Applications

PA18/10840 S.Williams and C.Tredinnick – Certificate of Lawful Use for the existing use of garden in association with ancillary buildings – The Homestead, Crelly. The Chairman proposed Cllr Mrs Borman seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council can neither confirm nor refute the statements made in this application.*

PA19/00932 Mr and Mrs Hinchcliffe – Conversion of existing barns to create two dwellings – land and building East of Daracott, Lezerea, Porkellis. Cllr Mitchell proposed Cllr Mrs Hampton seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA19/01642 Mr and Mrs King – Erection of two dwelling houses without compliance with Condition 2 of Decision Notice PA18/00232 dated March 28, 2018 – land south-west of Moorland View, Penmarth. Cllr Durkin proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council believes the harm to the public aspect of the village of Penmarth caused by the increase in size of each of these two dwellings will outweigh any benefits arising. The Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse the applicants permission to waive compliance with Condition 2 of Decision Notice PA18/00232 dated March 28, 2018.*

PA19/01908 Mr & Mrs Cockerham – Conversion, alteration and extension of existing barns to a form two dwellings without compliance with condition 11 and variation of condition 2 – Sharwood, Lezerea, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Hampton proposed Cllr Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

### To note the receipt of planning application decisions

PA18/11819 REFUSED – Proposed conversion of two barns to a single dwelling with linking extension and conversion of further barn to a detached annexe and associated works, including the siting of temporary caravan during the build period – Moorstone, East Calvadrack, Carnmenellis – *noted*

PA19/00465 APPROVED – Proposed Rear Extension – Tolalwheth, Carnkie – *noted*

## 11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

Cornwall Council Guide to Winter Wellbeing 2018/2019 – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

## 12 CHAIRMAN'S AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that she had attended the 'Meet the Planners' event at which the Group 2 Leader, Mark Broomhead, had stated that the Authority proposes a different approach for the future. Importantly, an Officer who is familiar with the area will be tasked with making the initial recommendation, but additionally, the Authority will offer more advice, will seek better quality design and look for community support for development.

The Cornwall Local Plan is being updated with a view to bridging the gap between policy and delivery; prioritising those towns that are failing to meet housing and employment targets and to demand better construction quality.

A number of concerns were raised by attendees not least enforcement, the adequacy of existing highways and truly affordable housing. It was suggested that there is a need to make use of local builders who are more likely to develop

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more sympathetically and with regard to the infrastructure. The way in which Planning Committee meetings are currently run was subject to criticism,

During the course of the event, it became clear that Cornwall Council has a fear that a refusal for larger applications will lead to appeal with the potential for heavy financial loss.

CLlr Mitchell reported that the lights on the Park Wella estate at Rame are once again left burning throughout the night. He added that the safety measures long advocated for a staggered entrance onto the road from the footpath has still not been constructed.

Members noted incidents of fly-tipping in both Carnkie and Porkellis during the course of the last month.

**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 April 8, 2019 at 7.30pm at Penmarth Methodist Sunday School

Signed ..... Chairman                      Date .....

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