

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday July 8, 2019 at 7:30pm at Penmarth Methodist Sunday School.

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

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin and Mr D.McCarthy (Wildanet).

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the July meeting.

Before the meeting proper, Mr Daniel McCarthy of Wildanet addressed members stating that he was present simply to report on the work his company is doing to bring high-speed broadband to hard-to-reach places throughout Cornwall. He stated that he was not advertising for business, but aiming simply to making people aware of his company, of the service it can deliver and of the grants available to households which are unable to access broadband easily. He left a number of pamphlets explaining what his company does.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Stevens sent his 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 Mitchell seconded, Cllr Mrs Hampton who was absent from the meeting abstained and it was agreed that, with the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday June 10, 2019 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

The Chairman reminded members that Cornwall Council is running three Code of Conduct training courses in September and added that they are useful. Four members asked to be put on the list for training in Truro.

## 5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- Central Government's Standards Committee for Public Life is taking forward the sanctions penalising improper behaviour by Councillors as recommended by Cornwall Council. This will require legislation
- a recent meeting of the Health and Social Care Committee had examined the time taken by Cornwall's ambulances to reach emergencies. The average waiting time for Category 1 incidents is never more than fifteen minutes, but that is an average and means that some casualties have to wait considerably longer. She

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acknowledged that the geography of Cornwall is against immediate arrival, but suggested that the present policy of sending the nearest ambulance (which are all continually on the move) may not be helping. The Committee has asked for more information

- at a recent planning briefing, it had been noted that Designated Dark Sky areas may be included in Neighbourhood Plans and suggested that members of the advisory committee charged with the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan might like to consider its inclusion

In answer to a question concerning cutting the roadside verges prior to the Stithians Show (which has now been done for many years), she stated that nowadays Highways will only cut dangerous corners.

## 6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

## 7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Co-option of a Parish Councillor

The Clerk reported that he had received no expression of interest in co-option onto the Council. He further reported that it appears that the requisite number of requests for an election to be held following the resignation of Cllr Buckingham have been received by the Electoral Office. It was agreed that, should there be an election, spending in the region of £1,000 on poll cards is profligate. However, the fact that there are currently five vacancies on the Council suggests that anyone looking to be elected might be persuaded to seek co-option, thereby saving Wendron Parish Council considerable expense.

### Delegated Powers

Members considered awarding delegated powers to the Chairman and the Clerk to deal with day-to-day matters relating to the Parish Council during the month of August 2019. Following discussion, Cllr Durkin proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded, 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 2019.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### Parish Notice-Boards

Members considered the provision of replacement notice-boards within the parish and, following some discussion, Cllr Mrs Borman proposed, Cllr Swain seconded and it was agreed to purchase new boards for installation at Porkellis and at Carnkie. It was also noted that some of the other boards will need replacement in the not too distant future.

### Carnkie Play Area

Members noted that the Play Area lease is still with Solicitors.

### Neighbourhood Plans

Cllr Mrs Borman reported that members of the advisory committee had attended a very helpful training session at County Hall adding that notes from it will be circulated. Feed-back from Cornwall on the Questionnaire will follow and suggestions for improvements will be made. There will be a meeting of the advisory committee before the Parish Council meeting in September, when the finished version of the questionnaire will be available. She reminded Councillors that, aside from any other advantages that might accrue, there are financial benefits for a Council to have a Neighbourhood Plan.

### Road Safety Issues

Cllr Durkin stated that he believes the best way forward in the compilation of a list of sites within the Parish where road safety is an issue would be to add some questions to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. Armed with that, a list of accidents and, possibly, precise numbers of vehicles breaking the speed limit between certain times and at certain places, an evidence-based approach can be made to the authorities. CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that the Community Network is looking to purchase a Speed-Visor unit which can be moved around the Parishes within the network. Cllr Binnie stated that there are a number of small initiatives which may be taken to slow traffic which might be effective in combination. Considerable discussion followed concerning the inappropriate use of speed and irresponsible decisions by motorists. It was agreed to re-visit the issue in September.

## 9 FINANCE

Members were presented with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at July 8, 2019. 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>
Eric & Jeff Bray (cemetery maintenance)	£ 160.00	£ 133.33	£ 26.67

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R.Sanders			
Churchyards (21/06 & 29/06)	£	280.00	
Trellis Well	£	30.00	
Open Spaces	£	120.00	
Boundary Stones	£	60.00	
	total	£ 636.00	£ 530.00      £ 106.00
R.Sanders			
Gold Paths (single cut paths)	£	695.75	
Stiles (single cut)	£	128.00	
Silver Paths (single cut)	£	3,983.20	
	total	£ 5,768.34	£ 4,806.95      £ 961.39
Colin Chapman			
Salary (June)	£	1,096.26	
telephone	£	25.00	
office expenses	£	37.26	
travelling	£	31.20	
use of home	£	25.00	
	total	£ 1,214.72	

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

## 10 PLANNING

### Applications

PA19/01491 Mr J.Herron – Outline planning permission with some matters reserved (Access and Layout): One residential dwelling within the residential curtilage of Ashanti – land adjacent to Ashanti, Carnkie. Cllr Binnie proposed, Cllr Mrs Borman seconded one member in favour, five members against that the proposal should be supported. The proposal was therefore lost. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded three members against that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council has not altered its original opinion. It does not believe that the benefit to the immediate community will outweigh the visual harm that development on this site will have. It believes that the proposal will extend the built environment with all its attendant paraphernalia into the countryside and has further reservations about access onto the road. Wendron Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA19/04838 Mr J.Tomlinson – Construction of a new single width garage with white rendered walls and concrete tiled roof to match the dwelling house – Balmer Lawns, Trevenen Bal. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Mrs Borman seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA19/05529 Mr and Mrs Joyce – Demolition of existing attached garage and construction of a new two-storey extension – 5 Wheal Oak, Helston. The Chairman proposed Cllr Binnie seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

### To note the receipt of planning application decisions

PA19/03284 APPROVED – Proposed conversion of office/studio to one bedroom apartment with rear terrace – Little White Alice, The Studio, Calvadnack – *noted*

PA19/03287 APPROVED – Installation of septic tank and soakaway – Carnmenellis House, Calvadnack – *noted*

### Correspondence

**Cornwall Council** notice of an appeal against the Planning Authority's decision to refuse permission for the conversion of a disused former agricultural hay store to use as a single dwelling house at Seven Meadows Farm, Polmarth – *noted*

## 11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

**Cornwall Council Rural Housing Enabler** letter of introduction – *noted*

**Clerks and Councils Direct** newsletter – *noted*

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**12 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS**

The Chairman reminded Members that the fiftieth anniversary of VE Day will be celebrated with a public holiday in 2020 and asked for the matter to be included on the agenda in September.

Cllr Durkin reported that he has joined the Cornwall Countryside Access Forum.

**13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

Social Media and the wider reporting of the Council’s activities. Road safety issues. Fiftieth anniversary of VE Day.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday September 9, 2019 at 7.30pm at Penmarth Methodist Sunday School.

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

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