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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday October 14, 2019 at 7:30pm at Penmarth Methodist Sunday School.

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

Visitors to the meeting: Mr Andrew, Mr and Mrs Care, Mr Green and Mr Mack.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dr Jenkin and Cllr Ferris 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 Borman proposed, Cllr Looker seconded, Cllr Durkin, Cllr Mrs Hampton, Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Stevens who were absent from the meeting abstained and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday September 9, 2019 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

A second reflective bollard at the Yellow Wort bend has recently been demolished: the Clerk undertook to report this.

In view of the fact that, whenever an accident blocks the A394, traffic is routed through Porkellis and Carnkie Cllr Mrs Hampton asked if Cornwall Highways would include the road on the road-gritting schedule. The Clerk agreed to ask.

It was reported that the bench near The Old Carpenters Shop in Carnkie has been removed: the Clerk explained it has been taken away for repair.

Cllr Binnie asked if an item proposing the creation of a mission statement might be added to the agenda for the meeting in November.

Cllr Binnie questioned the decision of the Parish Council to seek a reduction from sixteen to eleven in the number of its Members and suggested that this decision should again be debated as an agenda item. Members agreed that the earlier decision should not be re-visited.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Through the Clerk, Cllr Dr Jenkin reported that an update meeting concerning the plans for the Helston to Redruth Road is being organised for early November.

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6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Green, speaking as the agent concerned with PA19/07392, stated that

- the proposed dwelling lies within the extended garden of the existing house
- it is of a traditional design
- objections which have been raised concerning parking are misplaced, because once the Cornish hedge has been removed there will be ample room for parking parallel to the road
- objections concerning the disposal of foul water have been addressed with the installation of a larger treatment plant.

Mr Andrew and Mr and Mrs Care, who live along the lane, stated that they view the proposed development with alarm

- there have been serious issues with sewage from the existing dwelling which, following a civil claim, have only very recently been resolved
- rain-water run-off continues to be a problem
- access to their homes and farming business is already severely impeded by inconsiderate parking on the lane
- similarly, inconsiderate parking in a field gate-way causes them problems
- the plans appear to include part of a neighbour's field and the whole of the Cornish hedge fronting the road.

Mr Mack stated that he might be interested in applying for co-option onto the Council, but was present simply to observe.

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.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Parish Notice-Boards

Members noted that the new notice-boards for use at Carnkie and at Porkellis have been delivered and that they are presently with Bob Sanders awaiting installation.

Carnkie Play Area

Members noted that Mr Cruikshanks has indicated through his solicitor that he is willing to extend the lease on the Play Area in Carnkie until September 30, 2028, but no further. Following discussion, Cllr Stevens proposed, Cllr Swain seconded and it was agreed to accept Mr Cruikshank's offer and to instruct Randle Thomas (the Parish Council's solicitor) to proceed on this basis.

Publicity

Cllr Binnie again suggested that the Parish Council's website is outdated and in need of revitalising and suggested that an expert in these matters should be employed to do the necessary work. The use of FaceBook to reach a more immediate audience was again reviewed. The Clerk was asked to create a link from the website to the FaceBook page. Following considerable discussion and in the absence of Cllr Ferris, Members agreed to defer discussion of this matter to the meeting in November.

Seventy-fifth anniversary of VE Day

Members considered ways of celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of VE Day on May 8, 2020 and again noted that a note on the FaceBook page might elicit some practical ideas. The Clerk was asked to use the Parish Council web-site both to advertise the date and to seek ideas.

Neighbourhood Plans

Cllr Mrs Borman reported that members of the advisory committee are awaiting a revised questionnaire from Cllr Binnie, who stated that it is a work in progress.

Road Safety Issues

Cllr Durkin reported that the SpeedWatch initiative has still not been implemented.

Cornwall Council Proposed diversion of footpath 161 Wendron

The Clerk presented members with an invitation from the Countryside Access Development Officer to attend a meeting with the landowner concerning the proposed diversion of PROW 161. Following a short discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Borman and Cllr Durkin should represent the Parish Council at this meeting.

Community Governance Review Panel

Members noted that the recommendations concerning community governance within the Parish of Wendron which will be presented for approval at the coming meeting of the local Review Panel are broadly in line with the representations made by Wendron Parish Council: the number of Councillors to decrease to eleven, the warding arrangements to cease

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and the boundary to stay the same (Wendron had suggested that the houses in Wheal Oak which lie to the west of the stream, might possibly be included within the boundary of Helston Town).

9 FINANCE

Members were presented with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at October 14, 2019. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

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 van den Berg 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 £50 to the Royal British Legion.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Air Ambulance for financial help towards the cost of the work it does in Cornwall. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Hampton proposed, Cllr Mrs Borman 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 £500.00 to the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

The following accounts were presented for consideration

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Eric & Jeff Bray (Churchyard)	£ 80.00	£ 66.67	£ 13.33
MSI (Play Area Annual Inspection)	£ 150.00		
R.Sanders			
Churchyards (13/09 and 28/09)	£ 280.00		
Trelill Well	£ 60.00		
Open Spaces	£ 325.00		
Boundary Stones	£ 60.00		
Footpath (Rame Common)	£ 160.00		
	total	£ 1,062.00	£ 885.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (September)	£ 1,096.46		
telephone	£ 25.60		
office expenses	£ 50.97		
travelling	£ 31.20		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 1,229.23	

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

Members noted the following receipts

CC LMP grant	£ 5,997.60
CC Closed Cemetery grant	£ 551.42
Kerrow Memorials (Ms Buxton)	£ 100.00

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA19/07012 Mr T.Brannigan – Conversion of barns to holiday accommodation – Higher Trenear Farm, Trenear. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA19/07316 Mr R.T.Taylor – Small extension to kitchen. Single storey and extend lounge into existing garage and first floor bedroom above with dorm type extension – Penrhys, Trevenen. 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.*

PA19/07392 Mr N.Hosking – Construction of a new self-build dwelling, demolition of domestic garage attached to existing dwelling, alterations to existing vehicle access and replacement of an existing packaged sewage treatment plant with a larger capacity treatment plant – Burras Farm, Tolcarne Lane. Cllr Binnie proposed Cllr Looker seconded one member against, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council considers this to be an application for a new dwelling in the countryside in an unsustainable position remote from services. It further notes considerable concerns from local residents about rain-water run-off onto neighbouring pasture, about the disposal of excess water from the treatment plant (at present the excess drains*

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through onto nearby pasture), insufficient parking (using the lane will make access challenging for other residents and businesses), the loss of local heritage with the destruction of an ancient Cornish hedge and the undeclared hazardous waste represented by the asbestos roof of the existing garage. In view of all the above, Wendron Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

PA19/07603 Mr and Mrs P. Haynes – Change of use of barn into holiday letting accommodation – Lower Boquio Farm, Farms Common. The Chairman proposed Cllr Durkin seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA19/07435 Mr I. Lees – Install an insert fire (wood burning) into original existing fire place. Fire-surround to be tiled and replace existing slate hearth with exact slate hearth in accordance with regulations – Crelly House, Trenear. The Chairman proposed Cllr Stevens seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA19/07747 Mr and Mrs Tripconey – Application for approval of reserved matters following outline application PA18/03990 – land East of Medlyn Farm, Medlyn. The Chairman proposed Cllr Stevens 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

PA19/04170 GRANTED – Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land for vehicle repair and storage – barns at Little Lancarrow Farm, Pencoys, Four Lanes – *noted*

PA19/05256 APPROVED – Bathroom and Kitchen extension – 2 Ruby Cottages, Porkellis – *noted*

PA19/05289 APPROVED – Conversion of a cowhouse barn into two holiday apartments – Chenhall Farm, Crelly – *noted*

PA19/06520 APPROVED – Construction of new hard-standing and access track and construction of three stable blocks – land adj to Pelennor, Polhigey – *noted*

PA19/07070 APPROVED – Proposed extensions and alterations to Moorland View House – Moorland View House, Penmarth, Carnmenellis – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Merlin MS Centre acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

SW Lakes Trust Highlights 2018/19 report – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN'S AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Cllr Durkin reported that the National Trust and Cormac will be meeting on November 7 to work together on PROWs 125 and 157 to the south of Tyack's Shaft. He further reported that he is now a member of the Definitive Map Working Group attached to the Cornwall Countryside Access Group: there are currently several hundred outstanding applications all of which seek modifications to the Definitive Map.

Cllr Mrs Borman reported that, at a recent meeting of the Carnkie/Wendron Village Hall committee, concerns had again been expressed about the state of the lane.

Cllr Mrs Hampton reported that the kissing gate at the south-eastern end of PROW 128 over Porkellis Moor is broken. The Clerk undertook to report it to the National Trust.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No items for inclusion on next month's agenda were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday November 11, 2019 at 7.30pm at Penmarth Methodist Sunday School.

Signed

Chairman

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