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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday February 10, 2020 at 7:30pm in Penmarth Methodist Sunday School.

Present:	Cllr R.Durkin	Cllr G.Looker
	Cllr P.Binnie	Cllr C.Mitchell
	Cllr Mrs B.Borman	Cllr P.Swain
	Cllr R.Ferris	
	Cllr Mrs K.Hampton	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin and Mr Andrew.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Durkin proposed and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Borman should assume the chair.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the March meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Moyle, Cllr van den Berg and Cllr Stevens sent their apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

As a member of the Church, Cllr Mitchell declared a non-registrable interest in Agenda Item 9 (the request from Edgumbe Methodist Church for financial help towards the upkeep of the cemetery).

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 Binnie, Cllr Mrs Borman, Cllr Ferris and Cllr Mrs Hampton who were absent from the last meeting abstained and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday February 10, 2020 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 in this agenda.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- Cornwall Council has just published a draft map of a number of proposals to lower vehicular speeds along the Helston/Redruth road. Phase One of those proposals includes the extension of the 20mph limit at Wendron School, flashing advisory speed signs, gateway entrances to residential communities, white lining along the sides of the road, dragon's teeth and build-outs. Once the document has been reviewed, it will go out to public consultation and, all being well, the necessary work will be completed before the end of the year. Phases Two and Three will require financing at a later date: these phases include the long-requested lowering of the existing speed limit
- finance for a feasibility scheme to re-open the Helston/Gwinear Road branch railway line is being sought
- there will shortly be a meeting concerning the management of the Helston Leats. RNAS Culdrose may carry out a survey using one of their drones. Nevertheless, there are concerns that the expertise built up over many years of on-the-ground management may now have been lost
- the Boundary Consultation meeting at Pool made it clear that evidence is required to change existing

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boundaries: there doesn't appear to be any evidence which necessitates a change in Wendron's boundary with Helston. Members noted that the proposals put at risk the findings of the 2018 Cornwall Council Boundary Review. It was agreed that residents of Rowes Lane should be encouraged to make their views on the proposed change clear to Cornwall Council and that CClr Brown and CClr Cole should be invited to attend the Parish Council meeting in April

- in line with the four-year rolling scheme, Cornwall's budget for the coming year was approved at a meeting of the full Council and signifies a rise in Band D rates by 3.99% of which 2% is ring-fenced for Adult Social Care. Despite this increase, additional savings will have to be made and services will suffer
- the World Heritage Site team appears to be performing very well: certainly planning observations from the office emphasise the importance of and seek to enhance the site
- at a member briefing, Cornwall Councillors were told that further renewable generation in the county cannot be absorbed by the electricity grid as it presently exists.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Talking of the Boundary Review, Mr Andrew stated that when he had been a Wendron Parish Councillor, Helston Town Council had made a similar attempt to annex parts of the parish. Helston's motivation then had been one of greed: he suspected that little has changed.

Speaking of Planning Application PA19/07392 Mr Andrew said that none of the concerns expressed by near neighbours have been addressed by the applicant in his most recent application. There remain concerns about turning vehicles, the loss of a Cornish hedge, the damage to mature trees and the absence of an environmental report concerning drainage from the proposed dwelling. He urged the Parish Council to seek refusal.

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.

Cornwall Council Climate Change Development Plan document

Members considered Cornwall Council's intention to publish the above document and its aim to address the problems of climate change under the following headings

- renewable energy generation
- improved building standards
- strategic resilience
- natural climate change solutions

Following extensive discussion, during the course of which it was noted that

- people have a genuine interest in the issue of climate change and are aware of the difference they can make
- individuals have widely differing views about the subject of climate change and their responsibilities
- it is not a primary rôle of local government to dictate to its residents
- arguably, it is the Council's responsibility to afford residents easy access to information provided by experts and to keep them informed of developments

it was agreed to consider the appointment of a Member to act as the Parish Council's spokesman for the dissemination of information relating to climate change at the next meeting.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Seventy-fifth anniversary of VE Day

Cllr Ferris reported that he has identified several sites within the parish to plant seventy-five trees to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of VE Day. He has also identified four volunteers (a resident of Carnkie and three members of the West Cornwall Woodland Group) who will help him plant them. The most cost-effective way of purchasing trees, stakes and guards will be with a pack of 150 trees and that will fall within the allocated budget. He hopes to have all seventy-five trees planted before the next meeting and to distribute those remaining to residents.

Publicity

Cllr Durkin reported that a recent post on Wendron Parish Council's FaceBook page concerning the SpeedWatch initiative and more particularly the site identified in Carnkie had attracted in excess of 1,200 users which suggests that the site is being well-used despite there being relatively few posts.

Neighbourhood Plans

Cllr Mrs Borman reported that the questionnaire needs a little tidying but that when that is done it will then be forwarded to Cornwall Council for approval.

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9 FINANCE

Members were presented with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at March 9, 2020. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Having already declared a non-registrable interest in the following item, Cllr Mitchell remained in the room, but abstained from voting.

Members considered a request from Edgcombe Methodist Chapel for financial help towards the upkeep of the cemetery. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Durkin seconded by Cllr Ferris, Cllr Binnie and Cllr Mitchell abstaining and agreed that, under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £400.00 be forwarded to Edgcombe Methodist Chapel towards the upkeep of the cemetery.

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 Mitchell seconded by Cllr Mrs Hampton and agreed that, under the terms of Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £400.00 be forwarded to the Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Committee towards the upkeep of the cemetery.

Members considered a request from the Carnmenellis Women's Institute for financial help towards the repair of the Hall's roof. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Looker seconded by Cllr Durkin and agreed that, under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £1,000.00 be forwarded to the Carnmenellis Women's Institute towards the cost of repairs to the Hall's roof.

The following accounts were presented for consideration

		GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC		£ 822.40		
R.Sanders				
Footpath 179	£ 54.00			
Church and graveyard	£ 210.00			
Trewennack Holy Well	£ 30.00			
Strim grass	£ 160.00			
Boundary Stones	£ 60.00			
		£ 616.80	£ 514.00	£ 102.80
Southwest Playground Safety Inspections		£ 30.00	£ 25.00	£ 5.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (February)	£ 1,096.26			
telephone	£ 25.28			
office expenses	£ 43.29			
travelling	£ 33.80			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 1,223.63		

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

Members noted the following payment made by Direct Debit

Biffa Limited	£ 21.60
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Members noted the following receipts

Pendle Funeral Services (Mr Thomas)	£ 200.00
Frederick Wearne and Sons	£ 50.00
Pendle Funeral Services (Mr Thomas)	£ 400.00

10 PLANNING

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 Ferris seconded, Cllr Mrs Hampton abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council notes the changes that have been made since January of this year when it last sought refusal for development on this site. At the time it observed, "Wendron Parish Council considers little to have changed from the earlier application: it believes this to be an application for a new dwelling in the countryside in an unsustainable position remote from services and beyond the established settlement limits. It further notes considerable concerns from local residents about rain-water run-off onto neighbouring pasture, about the disposal of excess water from the foul water treatment plant (at present the excess drains through and onto nearby pasture), vehicle movements*

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along the lane which will make access challenging for other residents and businesses, 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.” In the circumstances Wendron Parish Council again requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

PA20/00841 Mr J.Board – Proposed Agricultural Building – Carnkie Farm, Carnkie, Wendron. Cllr Durkin proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council notes that the land on which the proposed agricultural building is to be sited is not within the ownership of the occupant of Carnkie Farm. It therefore appears that the application is for a large agricultural building on a parcel of land which extends to just over four acres. There is no accompanying information to justify the erection of an agricultural building to serve this land and Wendron Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA20/00353 Dr L.Gilmore – Erect a porch to the front elevation – Association Cottage, Calvadvack, Carnmenellis. Cllr Stevens seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation. Cllr Mrs Borman proposed, Cllr Ferris seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application although it regrets the use of plastic windows in this historic building.*

PA20/00886 Miss S.Burden – Prior approval of details in respect of decision PA19/08856 (Prior notification for a small enclosed barn (10mx 10m) to mainly store animal feed and bedding. Attached an open fronted workshop (10m x 20m) to be used to store machinery and necessary equipment to maintain the land such as spare fencing material and tools.) – land to the West of Tre Gwynsac, Crelly, Trenear. Cllr Binnie proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council does not believe sufficient detail has been supplied with this application for it to be able to make an informed observation. It does however note that the proposals are for a large barn in an isolated stretch of countryside distant from a farmstead. In the circumstances, Wendron Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to seek more detailed proposals and to be offered the opportunity to comment once these are to hand.*

PA20/01636 Mr K.Oliver – Erection of a porch extension to dwelling and a detached garage/gym/studio – Highcroft, Viscar. Cllr Durkin 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*

PA20/01650 Mrs H.Johnson – Removal of Section 106 Agreement in respect of decision PA99/00133/F – Halwin Meadows, Halwin Lane, Porkellis. Cllr Binnie proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supported this application in July 2018, but has now noted the comments made subsequently by the Affordable Housing Team. It would appear that since that time Planning Policy has not changed and the Parish Council is therefore content to make no observation.*

To note the receipt of planning application decisions

PA19/10856 APPROVED – Extension to existing domestic dwelling to form a single garage – Balmer Lawns, Trevenen Bal – *noted*

PA19/11035 APPROVED – Proposed roof terrace to previously approved side extension. Entrance porch and extension to garage to form storage – Cober House, Trenear – *noted*

PA19/11170 APPROVED – Proposed installation of patio doors and internal alterations – Chy Lowen 5 Penmeneth, Trewennack, – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

12 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

There were no further comments from either the Chairman or Councillors.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Other than those matter already mentioned in these minutes, no further items for inclusion on next month’s agenda were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday April 6, 2020 at 7.30pm at Penmarth Methodist Sunday School.

Signed

Chairman

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