

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday December 14, 2020 at 7:30pm using the Zoom facility.

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| Present: | Cllr Mrs S.Moyle | Cllr G.Looker |
| | Cllr N.van den Berg | Cllr P.Swain |
| | Cllr R.Durkin | |
| | Cllr R.Ferris | Mr C.Chapman (Clerk) |

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the December meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Borman (personal) and Cllr Mitchell (personal) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Swain proposed, Cllr van den Berg seconded all others in agreement that Wendron Parish Council should accept these apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the agenda

Cllr Ferris declared an interest in Agenda item 11 – PA20/09972

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 Swain 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 September 14, 2020 are a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

There were no matters arising which are not covered elsewhere in this agenda.

5 TO NOTE DECISIONS MADE USING DELEGATED POWERS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 AND NOVEMBER 9, 2020

Members noted decisions made using delegated powers in the period between the last meeting on September 14, 2020 and November 9, 2020 which are recorded within Wendron Parish Council's minutes book.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- an increasing, concerning number of crimes in rural locations have been reported
- the Electoral Review Committee, which had been requested by Helston Town Council to consider its proposal to extend its boundary into the parish of Wendron in order to include the HX1 site as a whole has been put on hold until after the coming elections. Wendron Parish Council needs to be aware that the issue will be re-considered at a later date – when residents of the estate might be invited to express their opinion
- she understands that Helston Town Council is considering the creation of 'green' access routes to the town and has suggested that Helston should, perhaps, be talking to Wendron
- the Covid pandemic has been the main focus of Cornwall Council's attention, but meetings of committees have continued, albeit using Microsoft Teams. She invited Councillors to contact her if they wish to chat through any issues

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7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Dates of Parish Council meetings 2021/2022

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the dates for meetings of the Parish Council in the year 2021 – 2022 will be as follows

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| February 8, 2021 | Ordinary Meeting using the Zoom facility |
| April 12, 2021 | Ordinary Meeting using the Zoom facility |
| May 10, 2021 | Annual Parish Meeting |
| May 10, 2021 | Annual Meeting |
| June 14, 2021 | Ordinary Meeting |
| July 12, 2021 | Ordinary Meeting |
| September 13, 2021 | Ordinary Meeting |
| October 11, 2021 | Ordinary Meeting |
| November 8, 2021 | Ordinary Meeting |
| December 13, 2021 | Ordinary Meeting |
| January 10, 2022 | Ordinary Meeting |
| February 7, 2022 | Ordinary Meeting |

The venue for each meeting will be dependent on Government advice at the time

All meetings will begin at 7.30pm

9 PARISH MATTERS

Publicity

Cllr Durkin reported that he adds one or two posts on a weekly basis to Wendron Parish Council's FaceBook page and that they each attract between 80 and 100 views. However, a recent post concerning the creation of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme had attracted 635 views. As a result, he has gone ahead with the formation of a Neighbourhood Watch team to cover Porkellis, Carnkie and Wendron. He has spoken to PC Mitchell, who has arranged for a PCSO to assist the team and to emphasise the dangers of low-level crime and telephone and internet scams particularly because they are more often targeted at older people. Although most of the advertising material is available free-of-charge through the Neighbourhood Watch Network he wondered if Wendron Parish Council would finance the purchase of twenty roadside signs at a cost of some £150.00 The Chairman proposed Cllr Swain seconded and it was agreed to purchase twenty such signs.

B3297 Redruth to Helston Road Safety Improvements

Members considered a proposal from Cornwall Highways to add bilingual signage at the entrances both to the Parish and at the villages along the B3297. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed and it was agreed to request the addition of bi-lingual signage where appropriate under the scheme.

Community Network Panel's Highways Scheme 2020/2021

Members noted that the Parish Council's request to forbid parking on the road at the corner of Penmeneth in Trewennack on the list of the Community Network Panel's Traffic Regulation Orders has been rejected. The Parish Council, however, is invited to pay Cormac (a wholly-owned company belonging to Cornwall Council) the sum of £6,350 to install four plastic bollards on the grass verge. Following a very short discussion, Wendron Parish Council agreed to reject this offer and to seek other ways of deterring parking on this corner.

The request for traffic-calming measures on the B3297 at Wendron School has largely been deferred until the whole road scheme is underway. However, 30mph flashing signs will be installed and will operate at the beginning and end of the school day.

The extension of double-yellow lines from the corner opposite Rame Post Office, the extension of the 40mph speed limit to a point north of Park Pedrek and the creation of a virtual footpath along Rame Hill between the Post Office and Park Pedrek appears to be going ahead although there is still debate about which side of the road the path will finally be created.

10 FINANCE

Members were presented with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at December 14, 2020. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

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Members noted that the Clerk had earlier forwarded copies of anticipated income and expenditure of Wendron Parish Council for the coming Financial Year.. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Durkin, seconded by the Chairman all others in favour that the Precept for the year 2021/2022 should be set at £35,000

The following accounts were presented for consideration

| | | GROSS | NET | VAT |
|---|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| HMRC | | £ 822.20 | | |
| Southwest Playground Safety Inspections | | £ 30.00 | £ 25.00 | £ 5.00 |
| R.Sanders | | | | |
| Strim grass | £ 160.00 | | | |
| Moles | £ 50.00 | | | |
| Rame Post Office board | £ 36.00 | | | |
| Footpaths | £ 468.00 | | | |
| Boundary Stones | £ 60.00 | | | |
| Carnkie bench | £ 220.00 | | | |
| Church and graveyard | £ 220.00 | | | |
| | total | £ 1,456.80 | £ 1,214.00 | £ 242.80 |
| Colin Chapman | | | | |
| Salary (November) | £ 1,126.50 | | | |
| telephone | £ 37.59 | | | |
| office expenses | £ 5.60 | | | |
| travelling | £ 21.45 | | | |
| use of home | £ 25.00 | | | |
| | total | £ 1,216.14 | | |

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

Members noted the following receipt

Robert Lawrence (Mr Congdon memorial) £ 125.00

11 PLANNING

Applications

PA20/09368 Ms K.Evans – Single Storey Barn Conversion with rooflights and two casements – Nancrossa Farm, Rame Cross. 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.*

PA20/09950 Mr H.Parkinson – Outline application with all matters reserved, for affordable housing led development of up to 4 dwellings – land adj to Ritino, Carnkie. Cllr Swain proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council objects to this proposal. It notes both that the Affordable Housing Officer has not been consulted prior to the application being submitted and that planning permission has already been granted elsewhere within the parish sufficient to cater for the existing number of families registered as being in need of housing in Wendron*

The site is situated within the rural landscape to the south of the highway: this is an important element of the setting of Carnkie and its relationship with the surrounding landscape.

Development of the site will have a significant urbanising effect on the southern side of the highway as it runs through the village, resulting in the erosion of the rural character of the area in this location. The site is clearly visible from the highway and from the right of way which follows the eastern boundary: there will, consequently, be a clear public perception of the identified harm.

The Parish Council contends that the development will have an unacceptably harmful impact on the rural character and appearance of the locality and will result in an unjustified new housing development in the countryside

Wendron Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

As the applicant, Cllr Ferris declared a pecuniary interest in the following application and went to the waiting room while the application was discussed.

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PA20/09972 Mr R.Ferris – Erection of a single-storey extension to a private domestic dwelling-house and erection of a detached single-storey garden vehicle/machinery store – Polmarth House, Penmarth. Cllr Stevens proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *The Council notes that the applicant is a long-standing and well-respected member of the Parish Council. Nevertheless Wendron Parish Council is happy to support the application.*

PA20/10258 Mr and Mrs Arno – Retention and completion of the amalgamation of Selana Cottage and Church Cottage back into a single dwelling – Church Cottage and Selana Cottage, Church Town, Wendron. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Ferris seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA20/10403 Mr and Mrs Clark – Proposed New Managers Accommodation without compliance of condition 3 in respect of Planning application PA15/05050 – Wheal Dream Public House, Redruth Road. Cllr Looker proposed, Cllr Swain seconded Cllr Mrs Hampton abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council notes that permission for a new dwelling to accommodate the Manager of the Wheal Dream enterprise was granted in August 2015, because the business was well established, had seen substantial growth under the current ownership and that on-site, round-the-clock staff accommodation was considered essential. At the time, further expansion of the business into the existing staff accommodation was planned. The Parish Council remains of the opinion that a business of this size and type requires similar over-sight and cannot support the occupation of the accommodation without compliance with Condition 3 of Planning application PA15/05050 that is that “occupation of the dwelling shall be limited to a person solely or mainly employed, or last employed, in the business known as Wheal Dream Public House or a widow or widower of such a person, or any resident dependants.”*

Wendron Parish Council is sympathetic to the recent and lasting difficulties experienced by the hospitality industry and would suggest that an application for a time-limited lifting of Condition 3 might be supported. Nevertheless, it would request that the Planning Authority refuses permission for the lifting of Condition 3.

PA20/10591 Mr J.King – Construction of three dwellings and garages, formation of new access and landscaping (revision of approval PA20/03956, 11th August 2020) to allow additional infill dwelling – land at Moorland View House, Carnmenellis. Cllr Durkin proposed, the Chairman seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council does not support this application. Previously permitted development of the site in question will result in a physical and visual extension of the built environment to the east of the existing rural cluster of dwellings. The present proposal for development will simply increase building density and add to the urbanisation of this previously open entrance to the village.*

Wendron Parish Council has further serious concerns about the creation of the proposed new access. The road at this point is narrow, is very well used, the speed of the majority of vehicles is excessive and the proposed access is on a bend. A desk-top exercise gives no indication whatsoever of the severity of danger to life.

There are no shops, services or facilities available within the settlement, consequently residents of the proposed new-build will be entirely dependent upon private vehicular transport to access all necessary requirements: indeed all new development within the settlement will give rise to increased journeys by private cars and delivery vehicles which will be harmful to the environment and to public health.

Wendron Parish Council objects to this proposal because the increased density of residential use of the site would impact negatively on the immediate setting contrary to the requirements of The Cornwall Local Plan Policy 2 and because the location is not consistent with NPPF Policy 4 Promoting sustainable transport. The Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

PA20/10288 Mr L Raby – Proposed raising of first floor with new roof structure to rear and new porch to front elevation – Primrose Cottage Burras. Cllr Durkin proposed, the Chairman 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

PA20/06436 Advertisement consent for replacement sign and 8 new signs and 2 new lanterns – The Halfway House, Rame Cross – *noted*

PA20/06624 APPROVED – Use existing building as an office/study with garage under – Offices and Garage, Lezerea Farm – *noted*

PA20/07349 APPROVED – Proposed Agricultural Store and Associated Work – Little Halabezack Barn, Polhigey – *noted*

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PA20/08382 APPROVED – Extension to dwelling to provide storage for personal classic cars and change of existing garage to form additional bedroom – 18 Rame Croft – *noted*

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

The Royal British Legion Acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

13 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that she had attended the open-air Remembrance Day service at St Wendrona. As is customary, she had laid a wreath and read the names of those who had died fighting in the two World Wars.

Cllr Durkin reported that the management of Halwin Pre-School will be formally transferred to Halwin School on January 1, 2021

Cllr Mrs Hampton reported that the bridge between Lower Porkellis and Poldark Mine has been badly damaged presumably by a passing vehicle. The Clerk undertook to report this matter to Cornwall Highways.

Cllr Mrs Hampton reported that she has recently walked PROW 157 past Tyack’s Shaft and that the surface underfoot is considerably improved thanks to both the National Trust and the continuing efforts of Cllr Durkin. Cllr Durkin reported that a group will be meeting there to carry out additional works early in the New Year

14 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No items for inclusion on future agendas were tabled.

Closing the meeting, the Chairman wished everyone present a very happy Christmas.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday February 8, 2021 at 7.30pm using the Zoom facility.

Signed Chairman

Date

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