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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday April 12, 2021 at 7:30pm using the Zoom facility.

Present: Cllr Mrs S.Moyle (Chairman) Cllr Mrs Hampton
Cllr Mrs B.Borman Cllr G.Looker
Cllr R.Durkin Cllr P.Swain
Cllr R.Ferris Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Mr Mack, Mr Mitchell, Mr and Mrs Scott, Mrs Swain and two others.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the April meeting

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr van den Berg and Cllr Mitchell sent their apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Swain declared a notifiable interest in agenda item 10 (PA2/02847).

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 Swain seconded, Cllr Durkin 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 8, 2021 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.

5 DECISIONS MADE USING DELEGATED POWERS BETWEEN FEBRUARY 8 AND MARCH 8, 2021

Members noted decisions made using delegated powers in the period between the last meeting on February 8, 2021 and March 8, 2021 which are recorded within Wendron Parish Council's minutes' book.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- she has spent a considerable amount of time talking to members of the public and to Planning Enforcement Officers about the unauthorised development in Underlane
- it is quite clear that the engineering works which have taken place require planning permission and the Enforcement process is proceeding at some speed
- as we move out of lockdown, it is important both to exercise caution and not to breach guidelines. The latest projections suggest that a further wave of infection is inevitable
- while delivering her election pamphlets in and around the Parish, she has noted how well cared-for Wendron looks: it does residents credit.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Speaking of planning application PA21/02847 Mrs Swain said that

- despite the answers given in the application, the development site can be seen both from the highway and

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from the Public Right of Way

- to illustrate the point, she and her husband have invited the Planning Officer concerned to view the proposed site from their property
- there is no reason why the existing, large, dilapidated barn cannot be adapted to meet the need for parking, storage and a home office as identified by the owners of the property
- the addition of a second storey to the proposed building is contrary to pre-application advice
- the proposed extension of domestic curtilage to include the new building does nothing to protect the recognised landscape of the surrounding area
- the application is for yet another large building on the site and will be at odds with the Planning Inspector's ruling against refusal of PA18/08770
- should the application be approved, she sought conditions that will prevent the construction or alteration of other outbuildings and that use of the building should be confined to parking and storage.

Speaking as the applicants' agent, Mr Mitchell stated that the existing barn is used for hay and general storage and is further away from the house than the planned building; that the site as a whole will be tidied by the removal of the three small sheds; that the planting which has already taken place will shield the new building from public view; and that utilisation of the roof space as a sail-loft/home office is a common feature of buildings within the immediate area. He added that the applicants have a genuine need for a home office and that the Planning Authority is supportive of residents working from home. He asked the Parish Council to support the application.

Mr Mack stated that he was speaking on behalf of many of the residents of Underlane in saying that the work which has been done by the new owner of the field off Underlane requires planning permission. (Members noted that the size of the sewage plant particularly requires a permit from the Environment Agency.) There are further legitimate concerns about signage which has been placed on the lane, about the loss of wet-land habitat and the effect on wild-life in general. He wondered if the existence of a Neighbourhood Development Plan might have prevented this problem and similar ones which may arise in the future.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Publicity

Cllr Durkin reported that he adds one or two paragraphs every week to the Parish Council's FaceBook page. Members noted that there is a certain overlap with other local social media platforms.

Provision of a litter bin at Lancarrow

Members considered the provision of a litter bin at Lancarrow: following discussion Cllr Durkin proposed, the Chairman seconded and it was agreed to purchase and service a litter bin to be sited at the northern end of PROW 2 on the Four Lanes to Menherion road.

Wendron Car-Park

Members considered the purchase of the car-park at Wendron. The Clerk was instructed to contact the owner and to make an offer.

Carnkie Play Area

Members noted that the fence between the play-area and Mr Cruikshanks' land has been repaired.

To consider the provision of a defibrillator at Carnkie

Members considered the provision of a defibrillator in Carnkie. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded, all others in agreement that a defibrillator should be purchased and attached to the outside wall of the Village Hall.

To consider the repair of the lane up to Carnkie Wendron Village Hall

Members noted the poor condition of the surface of the lane up to the Village Hall. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should make enquiries and, if appropriate, obtain a quotation for its repair.

9 FINANCE

Members were presented with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at April 12, 2021. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The Clerk reported that Mr Peter Richards, Wendron Parish Council's Internal Auditor, has approved the Annual Return for the year to March 31, 2021 making no comments, observations or suggestions.

Parish Councillors considered the Annual Governance Statements required for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2021. Cllr Durkin proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council should answer "Yes" to each of the questions posed by the Statement of Assurance which forms part of the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2021.

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The Clerk presented the accounts for the year April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Swain seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council accepts and approves the accounts for the year April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021.

Members noted both the requirement to review the Clerk's salary on an annual basis and his request that this review should be taken forward to 2022.

The following accounts were presented for consideration

| | GROSS | NET | VAT |
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| Southwest Playground Safety Inspections | £ 120.00 | £ 100.00 | £ 20.00 |
| Southwest Playground Safety Inspections | £ 319.20 | £ 266.00 | £ 53.20 |
| Eric and Jeff Bray | £ 100.00 | £ 83.33 | £ 16.67 |
| J.P.Richards | £ 280.00 | | |
| Information Commissioner | £ 40.00 | | |
| A and M Tregoning (extended LMP) | £ 720.00 | £ 600.00 | £ 120.00 |
| R.Sanders | | | |
| Church and cemetery | £ 220.00 | | |
| Recreation Ground | £ 320.00 | | |
| Trelill Well | £ 30.00 | | |
| Bus stops | £ 325.00 | | |
| Boundary stones | £ 60.00 | | |
| Grass cutting | £ 160.00 | | |
| Extended LMP work | £ 1,512.00 | | |
| | total £ 3,512.40 | £ 2,627.00 | £ 525.40 |
| Southwest Playground Safety Inspections | £ 30.00 | £ 25.00 | £ 5.00 |
| Colin Chapman | | | |
| salary (March) | £ 1,126.30 | | |
| telephone | £ 52.37 | | |
| office expenses | £ 35.42 | | |
| travelling | £ 83.20 | | |
| use of home | £ 25.00 | | |
| | total £ 1,322.29 | | |

It was proposed by Cllr Cllr Durkin proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle and agreed that the above nine accounts should be paid.

Members noted the following receipt

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| Robert Lawrence (Mr Collins memorial) | £ 125.00 |
| CC Precept (1 st instalment) | £ 17,500.00 |
| CTS grant (1st instalment) | £ 254.67 |
| Pendle Funeral Services (Mr Batchelor) | £ 140.00 |

10 PLANNING

Members noted that the following planning applications were considered and the appended observations were returned to the Planning Authority using delegated powers

PA21/01679 Paul Skewes Ehos Construction Ltd – Reserved Matters application following Outline approval PA18/07707 for Proposed development of up to four dwellings (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) – OS Field 6958 Trewennack. *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/02065 Mr P.Clark – Conversion and extension of disused building to residential use with variation of Condition 2 of Decision PA18/04304 Dated 09.07.2018 – Boquio Farm, Farms Common. *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/02828 Martin Casson Western Power – Western Power Distribution (WPD) has been asked to provide a three phase supply to a new development at Porkellis Bridge. *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/02604 Mr and Mrs Bellamy-Lowe – Single storey front porch extension – Northwest Polmarth Farm, Carnmenellis. *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/03096 Mr M.Long – Non material amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA21/00749 dated 23.02.2021 – 1 Rame Croft, Rame Cross. *Wendron Parish Council has no observation.*

Applications

PA21/01318 Mr T.Dugdale – Front extension and dormer loft conversion – Pelennor, Polhigey. The Chairman

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proposed, Cllr Mrs Borman seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/01985 Mrs G.Troop – Change of use of land to domestic curtilage and conversion of existing stone outbuilding & storage into private painting/art studio and home office (application may affect a public right of way) – Higher Lezerea Farm Lezerea. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/02208 Mr Haywood and Mrs Mulvaney – Proposed Conversion and Extension of Garage into a music studio for teaching/ancillary accommodation and Retention of Garden Structure – Bedrock Lestraynes Lane, Rame. The Chairman proposed Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/02715 Mr and Mrs Tremayne – Replacement of existing dwelling – Halabezack Farm, Polhigey. The Chairman proposed Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/02847 Mr and Mrs R.Pepper-Smith – Demolition of existing outbuildings, construction of replacement building to provide new garage/workshop, plant room and home office and regularise part of land to domestic use – Seven Meadows Farm, Polmarth. The Chairman proposed Cllr Durkin 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

PA21/01245 APPROVED – Non Material Amendment to application no. PA19/11292 dated 24/03/20 to use new natural stone as old stone from garage is unsuitable – demolition of garages South of Lowenna, Penmarth – *noted*

PA21/01760 APPROVED – Non material amendment to decision PA16/00272 in order to re-word Condition 2 – HX1 Helston Urban Extension, land West of Trewennack – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk drew members’ attention to the fact that this was the final meeting of the present Council and thanked all members for their input over the last few years, adding that he had enjoyed working with them.

12 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

The Chairman stated that the Covid pandemic had made it a particularly difficult year for the Council and that she looked forward to returning to ‘proper’ meetings. She drew members’ attention to the support the Parish as a whole has received from CCllr Dr Jenkin and offered her the Parish’s sincere thanks. She drew members’ attention to a large mobile home which has been taken on to the disputed camp-site in Carnkie: the Clerk was asked to report the matter to Planning Enforcement.

Cllr Durkin suggested and members agreed that a vote of thanks is owed to Bob Sanders and his men: the work done on the Public Rights of Way at Lancarrow has been exemplary and has already attracted favourable comment.

Referring to the Wendron Leats and Helston Kennels project, Cllr Durkin reported that he and Cllr Looker will be interviewing Mrs Carla Eddy later in the week as part of the digital presentation aspect of the project.

Cllr Durkin reported that he had been contacted by a member of the public with concerns about palmate newts she had noticed on the site of the proposed extension to the Park an Daras estate. She had been advised to contact the Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion on future agendas were raised.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday May 17, 2021 at 7:00pm in Penmarth Methodist Sunday School

Annual Meeting – Monday May 17, 2021 following the Annual Parish Meeting in Penmarth Methodist Sunday School

Signed Chairman

Date

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