

Wendron Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Wendron Parish held on Monday May 17, 2021 at 7.00pm Penmarth Methodist Sunday School. Chairman of the Council, Cllr Mrs Moyle, presiding, Mr C Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

Present: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Cllr Mrs Borman, Cllr Durkin, Cllr Mrs Hampton, Cllr Looker, Cllr Mitchell, Mr Davie, Mrs Eathorne and Mr and Mrs Westlake.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr van den Berg, and Cllr Ferris.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday, May 13, 2019 were a true record at the meeting on June 10, 2019 when the Chairman signed them as such. Cllr Durkin proposed, Cllr Mrs Borman seconded and it was agreed to adopt these minutes formally.

3 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Moyle, said

“Annual Report May 17th 2021

“Or in this case a bi-annual report, as there was no AGM last year due to the Covid-19 epidemic. Welcome everyone to the AGM 2021. It has been an interesting two years. The Community Governance Review Panel sat in October 1919 and held local meetings in the county. I attended the one in Pool and gave a report on our ideas for the Boundary Review which were initially accepted but later altered by Cornwall Councillors. At the moment we have reached the point where we have a reduced number of Councillors, eleven instead of fifteen, and we were de-warded, both of which we had requested. However keeping the parish boundary more or less as it is now was not accepted as Helston Town Council wanted it altered so that they could incorporate the new big estate Park an Daras. This matter has been deferred until this May so that it can be reviewed by the ‘new’ Councillors, although a later move by CC and Helston Cllrs Thomas and Martin was defeated by 33 votes.

“PC Mark Mitchell came to the November meeting to introduce himself as our new Beat Manager.

“New notice boards have been erected in Camkie and Porkellis and latterly at Park an Daras. Two bench seats have been taken away and restored and repaired at Carnkie and Burras.

“Thanks to Cllrs Durkin and Looker we have a Facebook page, which is being well used.

“In early 2020 a new lease for the play area at Carnkie was signed by Mr Cruickshanks.

“We decided to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day by planting 75 trees in the parish. This was organised by Cllr Ferris with the help of the West Cornwall Woodland Group. A lot of the trees were planted at our newly acquired site Prowse’s Patch and a lot of the work was done by a Carnkie resident whose home overlooks the site. She also installed a seat and created a lovely Memorial Garden.

“Meetings, as such, ceased after March due to Covid-19 and the running of the parish was delegated to myself and Mr Chapman, the Clerk. We had 5 Zoom meetings.

“The Wendron Leats and Helston Kennels Project got underway and we were represented by Cllrs Looker and Durkin.

“The clearing of a PROW at Lancanow has been funded by the Covid-19 money that we had received and also the footpaths in our walks book have been checked over. Thanks go to Cllr Durkin for overseeing the clearing of the Bridleway between Boswin and White Alice.

“A new defibrillator has been installed at Rame PO and we are in the process of installing one at Carnkie Village Hall, this will bring the number of defibrillators in the parish up to 8.

“Enforcement have been sent into 3 sites, Fleur de Lys caravan site, Fair View Camping site and recently Lavender Parc Pod site, we await decisions on these.

“We have made decisions on about 120 planning applications and are exploring the possibility of purchasing the old pub car park at Wendron.

“I have attended two Remembrance Services at Wendron Church.

“My grateful thanks go to Mr Chapman, CCIr Dr Jenkin and of course all of the Wendron Councillors who have worked and supported me during this time.”

4 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO MARCH 31, 2021

The Clerk presented the Financial Report for the year 2020 – 2021. In brief, this showed that Wendon Parish Council had started the year with a reserve of £43,918.20 and ended it with a reserve of £59,368.83 The Community Grant Fund (to be used solely for capital expenditure outside the expected range of a Parish Council) now stands at £6,552.48 The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor (Peter Richards, formerly KDC Chief Auditor) had signed off the accounts without comment.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by asking those parishioners present if they had any questions or views about the actions of the Parish Council.

Mr and Mrs Westlake and Mrs Eathorne drew the Chairman’s attention both to the increase in traffic passing through the village of Penmarth and along the road over the causeway and to the wholly inappropriate and inconsiderate use of speed by many of these drivers. It was noted that

- both Wendron Parish Council and CCIr Dr Jenkin have raised this issue with Cornwall Highways on a number of occasions
- some while ago, it was agreed to create a 30mph limit through the village of Penmarth: this has never been implemented
- many drivers view the national 60mph limit as being the optimum speed both for this road and for all the rural roads in the county
- the B3297, for example, has a plethora of 30mph/40mph speed limits along its length: it is wider, better maintained and the sight-lines are longer than our rural roads which have a speed limit of 60mph
- there are increasing calls for a blanket 40mph speed limit such as that proposed in the Five Parishes Plan published in April 2004
- there have been many near misses and minor incidents along the Penmarth/Carnkie road and two fatalities were only avoided by great good fortune last week when an out-of-control van ploughed into a group of pedestrians
- the footpath along the roadside verge over the causeway is too rough for comfortable use: we have all been encouraged to go out and exercise and increasing numbers of horse riders, cyclists and pedestrians are doing just that
- the Community Speed Watch scheme appears to have passed our Parish by

There were calls for signs at the entrance to Penmarth warning of pedestrians crossing; for various sorts of flashing speed signs. It was recognised that, other than to prod Cornwall Highways ceaselessly, there is nothing the Parish Council can do to improve the situation.

Mrs Eathorne drew attention to the fact that the bench on Polhigy Moor was not replaced when the sewage pipeline work was completed. She also asked if something might be done about the grassed area between the Sunday School and the corner.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 12, 2021

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 9, 2022

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