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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday December 13, 2021 at 7:30pm in Penmarth Methodist Schoolroom.

Present: Cllr Mrs S.Moyle (Chairman) Cllr T.Law
Cllr N.van den Berg Cllr G.Looker
Cllr R.Durkin Cllr C.Mitchell
Cllr R.Ferris Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, PCSO J.Berry, Mr Fern, Miss Fern, Mr McBryde and two others.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the December meeting and invited PCSO Julia Berry to make her report.

PCSO Berry stated that she works out of Helston Police Station and covers the surrounding rural area including the parish of Wendron. Her Neighbourhood Team is making every effort to reach out to residents and recently she has attended social gathering in Porkellis, Carnkie and Penmarth Village Halls. She is due to visit Halwin School in January, where she intends to deal with parking on double yellow lines and to teach the children basic road safety. A new Tri-Service Officer has been appointed to Helston: he has been working with elderly residents and has been fitting smoke detectors and offering advice about fire prevention.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Berry for her report and PCSO Berry left the room to resume her watch.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Borman, Cllr Mrs Hampton and Cllr Mrs Wedlake 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 £50 either in the form of a single gift or as a cumulative total

There were no declarations of gifts of a value greater than £50.

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Looker proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded (Cllr Law who was absent from the last meeting abstained) and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday November 8, 2021 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

Cllr Durkin reported that he and Cllr Law had posted letters concerning the proposed boundary change through the doors of every seemingly inhabited house on the Park an Daras estate. Speaking on behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked Cllr Durkin and Cllr Law for undertaking this work.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- she had taken part in a positive on-site meeting concerning the cycle route into Helston from Trewennack at which thought had been given to routing it through to the Penmeneth Estate. An indicative route would now be worked up involving Tregilly Cottage, its demolition and the strengthening of the wall supporting the A394
- the plans for the proposed virtual footpath at Rame Cross together with improvements at the corner with the

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the A394 is now out for consultation. All being well, the whole project will be delivered in the New Year

- the decision to close Cornwall's Leisure Centres and outdoor centres can best be described as short-sighted. In similar fashion the decision to take the Cornwall Development Company back in-house means that, potentially, all the detailed knowledge of grant funding that has been developed over the years will be lost just at the time when it is most needed
- the new financial year's budget is out for consultation. The authority is considering making cuts of £18m in the wage bill which will result in 410 redundancies which will have significant service implications.

In answer to a question from Cllr Law concerning Cornwall's housing crisis, CCllr Dr Jenkin observed that the issue should have been foreseen and action taken some four or five years ago. Cornwall is currently doing what it can and housing homeless people in park homes and the Bunkabin Pods. Nevertheless, people across Cornwall are living in fear of being evicted and the uncertainty of having no idea of what will happen to them when they are evicted.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Fern expressed his profound disappointment that Wendron Parish Council had sought refusal for the geo-thermal plant at Manhay at the meeting in November. In so doing, he said, Wendron Parish Council had turned down the opportunity to become one of the first Parishes in the country to become carbon neutral. He added that he did not believe that Wendron's observations should have contained the wording within the County Council's own zero-carbon policy (policy 14 of the Cornwall Local Plan).

Mr McBryde stated that he was present to seek the Parish Council's support for his wife's application for development at The Gable Filling Station. The business is looking to expand and use of the derelict agricultural field would be appropriate.

Miss Fern stated that she supported the statements made by Mr Fern.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-option of members

The Clerk reported that no interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor has been expressed.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Publicity

Cllr Durkin reported that, again this month, he has had little to post on Wendron Parish Council's FaceBook page. He added that, save for information on the geothermal plant, very little interest in the page has been apparent.

Internet access

Members considered Cllr Looker's proposal to offer to install and maintain a publically available internet connection in Penmarth Methodist School-Room. Cllr Ferris reported that, as an individual, he had approached the Trustees of Penmarth Methodist Church with such a proposal and that they had agreed in principal. Members noted that such a device will not only benefit the Parish Council but also other users of the School-Room and members of the community. It was further noted that the Parish Council has a duty of care towards users and that access to the internet should therefore be subject to some form of control. Cllr Durkin proposed, Cllr Law seconded and it was agreed that Cllr Ferris should be given the authority to take the project further on behalf of the Council. Members noted that a similar need might also exist in other such facilities elsewhere in the Parish.

Defibrillators within the Parish

The Clerk asked members if they would consider 'adopting' one of the Parish Council owned defibrillators (at Carnmenellis, Burras, Menherion, Trewennack and Rame Cross) with a view to cleaning the cabinet and keeping an eye on the state of the battery and the expiry date of the pads. Cllr Law offered to look after Burras: Cllr Ferris and Cllr van den Berg offer to look after Penmarth and Trewennack respectively.

Vehicle Activated Signs

Members considered the purchase of a Vehicle Activated Sign for use at varying sites within the Parish. Considerable discussion followed during the course of which it was noted that

- VAS signs can only be sited in areas where a speed limit other than the national speed limit applies
- permission to site a VAS on the highway verge must be sought from Cornwall Council
- once a sign has been purchased and installed on the Highway, there is an on-going cost to be considered
- if a speed limit is to be applied in Penmarth, evidence of the use of irresponsible, thoughtless and dangerous driving needs to be gathered over a period of time
- Cornwall Council is looking at the imposition of 20mph limits in areas where lower speed limits are already in place.

The Clerk was asked to contact other Parish Councils where such signs have been introduced to gain some idea of the

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costs involved.

Telephone Box at Medlyn

Members noted that the redundant telephone kiosk at Medlyn belongs to the Parish Council, but that it isn't being used for any particular purpose at the moment. It was suggested that an interpretation board with a map of the footpaths in the surrounding area, illustrated with historic photographs and information (possibly using the World Heritage Site's resources) might be created and sited inside the box and that, possibly, this might form part of the Parish's celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A further suggestion involved leaving a small number of Walks booklets in the box together with a donation box.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Law reported that

- he had spoken to the owners of the Star Inn in Porkellis with a view to arranging something to augment the unveiling of the Community Garden, if we to be able to purchase it
- if the Parish Council is able to purchase the Community Garden from the Enys Estate, then a small addition to the name celebrating the Platinum Jubilee might be appropriate
- consideration might be given to the creation of a 'Platinum Walk' along public rights of way within the Parish and marked with appropriate signage.

Members considered the purchase of seventy trees to be offered to residents for planting in their gardens and thereby adding to the Queen's Green Canopy. Following discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mitchell and agreed that seventy trees, stakes and protection tubes should be purchased on behalf of the Parish Council by Cllr Ferris (who was responsible for the purchase and planting of the trees on Prowse's Patch).

The Neighbourhood Development Plan

The working party met to finalise the wording of the initial questionnaire some two or three weeks ago. Since then, Cllr Ferris has contacted the St Austell Printing Company which is able not only to print the document in A5 format, but also to put it into envelopes and address them appropriately. Cllr Ferris proposed, Cllr Law seconded and it was agreed to commission the St Austell Printing Company to carry out the necessary work. The Clerk will look into the possibility of obtaining house-holders' addresses through Cornwall Council.

The Community Garden in Porkellis

The Clerk reported that this project is no further forward.

Litter bins in Carnkie

Members considered a request for a litter-bin on Viscar Common at Carnkie. The Chairman proposed Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed to ask Bob Sanders to move the bin from inside the play area to a position on the Common between the bridge and the bench

9 FINANCE

Members were presented with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at December 13, 2021. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Community of Penmarth for a donation towards the cost of a Christmas tree and lights within the village. Following discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Cllr Ferris and agreed that, under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, a sum of up to £200.00 should be made available to the Community for the purchase of a Christmas tree and lights.

Members noted that the Clerk had earlier forwarded copies of anticipated income and expenditure for the coming Financial Year. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Looker seconded by the Chairman all others in favour that the Precept for the year 2022/2023 should be set at £37,000.00. It was noted that, if the Parish Council is to provide enhanced services to residents, the precept may have to rise in future in order,

The following accounts were presented for consideration

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC	£ 1,122.54		
Eric and Jeff Bray	£ 85.00	£ 70.83	£ 14.17
Corido Teak (bench for Polighy Moor)	£ 331.75	£ 276.45	£ 55.30
Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity (Burras)	£ 59.94	£ 49.95	£ 9.99
Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity (Trewennack)	£ 59.94	£ 49.95	£ 9.99
Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity (Penmarth)	£ 49.95		
R.Sanders			
Church and cemetery	£ 225.00		
Clear memorial	£ 45.00		

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Trelill Well	£ 35.00			
Grass cutting	£ 165.00			
Boundary stones	£ 65.00			
Penmarth river-bed	£ 504.00			
Burras river-bed	£ 840.00			
Waste disposal	£ 84.36			
Bus stops	£ 325.00			
Slab on Polhigy Moor	£ 450.00			
	total	£ 3,286.03	£ 2,738.36	£ 547.67
Colin Chapman				
salary (November)	£ 1,126.30			
telephone	£ 34.86			
office expenses	£ 52.49			
travelling	£ 52.65			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 1,291.30		

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

Members noted the following receipts

Cornwall Council (LMP payment)	£ 6,335.06
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10 PLANNING

Applications

PA21/09671 Messrs Wrigley and Edwards – Extension to listed farmhouse and conversion of adjoining barn to provide additional accommodation and an annex. Restorative works to listed building and regularising unauthorised building and landscaping works. – Chenhall Farm, Crelly. 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.*

PA21/10087 Mr and Mrs C.Wild – Conversion of barns to form dwelling and 2 holiday lets with associated access works – buildings at Manderley Farm, Laity. The Chairman proposed, Cllr by Cllr Looker seconded by the Chairman seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation. *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/10376 Mr V.Merrick – Change of use of existing detached former barn within curtilage of Little Salena Farmhouse to a 1bed self contained annexe/let/overspill accommodation as a tourist let and for family members and perhaps as much needed rural accommodation within the area – Little Salena, Wendron. The Chairman proposed, Cllr by Cllr Looker seconded by the Chairman seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation. *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/10377 Mr V.Merrick – Listed Building consent for the Change of use of existing detached former barn within curtilage of Little Salena Farmhouse to a 1bed self contained annexe/let/overspill accommodation as a tourist let and for family members and perhaps as much needed rural accommodation within the area – Little Salena, Wendron. The Chairman proposed, Cllr by Cllr Looker seconded by the Chairman seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation. *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/10727 Mr T.Wrigley – Listed Building Consent for extension to listed farmhouse and conversion of adjoining barn to provide additional accommodation and an annex. Restorative work to listed building and regularising unauthorised building and landscaping works – Chenhall Farm, Crelly. The Chairman proposed, Cllr by Cllr Looker seconded by the Chairman seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation. *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/10942 Mrs V.McBryde – Change of use of former paddock to extend the car sales area of associated with existing business use – The Gables Filling Station, T And S Car Sales, Trevenen, Helston. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Looker seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation. *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/11055 Ms S.Thomas – Formation of a garden structure to be used for private use and wedding ceremonies – Crahan Bungalow, Crahan, Wendron. 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*

PA21/11551 Mr and Mrs Corpes – Proposed agricultural machinery store – School House, Halwin. Cllr Durkin proposed, Cllr Law seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation.

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Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

To note the receipt of planning application decisions

PA21/07009 REFUSED – Proposed dwelling – land South West of Chyponds, Trenear. – *noted*

PA21/08024 APPROVED – The conversion of two barns into holiday lets, the erection of a shepherd's hut for use as a holiday let, the partial conversion of a store to provide office space, a gym and laundry room for holiday lets, a plant room and new parking and landscaping – Chenhall Farm, Crelly. – *noted*

PA21/08081 APPROVED – Alterations to existing planning permission (PA11/10589) for conversion of redundant agricultural building into a dwelling – land adjacent to Kenap Farm, Burras. – *noted*

PA21/10124 APPROVED – Erection of a garage, home office and playroom – Wheal Manor, Porkellis. – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

12 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

The Chairman wished all those present a very happy Christmas. There were no further comments from Members.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday January 10, 2022 at 7:30pm in **Penmarth Methodist Schoolroom**

Signed Chairman

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