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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday January 10, 2022 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 Mrs B.Borman	Cllr C.Mitchell
	Cllr R.Durkin	Cllr Mrs K.Wedlake
	Cllr Mrs K.Hampton	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Mr Bland, Mrs Clark, Mr Dobson, Mr and Mrs Gray, Mrs Hoskins Mr and Mrs Turk and three others

Wishing everyone present a Happy New Year, the Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the January meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ferris sent his apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the agenda

Cllr Durkin declared a disclosable interest in planning application PA21/10951

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 Mrs Borman, Cllr Mrs Hampton and Cllr Mrs Wedlake who were absent from the last meeting abstained) and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday December 13, 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 which were not covered on this agenda.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- she has tried to encourage Highways to monitor road traffic speeds at various areas of concern within the parish
- currently almost all cases of Covid in Cornwall are of the Omicron variant. The disease is highly contagious, but despite this young people are not being vaccinated in a timely manner. Parents are urged to book their 12-15 year olds in for vaccination at a walk-in centre
- the disease is having a huge impact on schools and care homes in particular where staff numbers are particularly affected

In answer to a question, Cllr Dr Jenkin stated that Cornwall is currently unable to reclaim grants made during the lockdowns to individual second-home owners. Central Government needs to enact legislation before this becomes possible. Cornwall still has access to funding to help those struggling to make ends meet

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6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A number of members of the public were present to express their opposition to the proposal to develop the agricultural fields south of Halwyn Lodge in Porkellis (PA21/10951). Councillors noted that

- the site is adjacent to the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site and should be afforded the same sort of protection as similarly designated sites, for example the Great Wall of China and the Taj Mahal
- the World Heritage Site team has requested a Heritage Statement before consideration is afforded to the application
- the site is in the open countryside; it cannot be considered ‘rounding off’ and is therefore contrary to Cornwall Local Plan Policy 3
- further, it cannot be considered to be a rural exception site
- Halwin Crescent is privately owned and is maintained by householders living along it: the application states that households affected by this application have been informed as is required: this does not appear to be fact
- the fields are frequently waterlogged: further development will exacerbate the problem
- the fields are currently used by a wide variety of wild-life in particular bats, badgers and foxes
- the roads surrounding Porkellis are narrow and dangerous: the walk to Halwin School for example will be fraught with danger
- the site is not sustainable: the use of a private vehicle will be a necessity and development will lead to an increase in delivery vehicles
- following an earlier pre-application from the applicants, the Principle Planning Officer has stated that it is his opinion that the Authority will not support development
- he had further advised the applicants that if they wished to pursue the application they should contact the immediate neighbours: this has not been done

In response, Mrs Hoskins, one of the applicants, stated that

- the application was submitted by their agent and it is he who should have contacted householders living in Halwin Crescent
- the site is not within the World Heritage Site
- the intention is to sell the plots for self-build and not for second-homes
- four houses is not too large a development for the size of the field
- wild-life will adapt to the change of use of the fields
- the development will support local businesses and the school
- the drive is less than 10m long: arrangements might be made for a contribution towards the upkeep of Halwin Crescent from owners of the new homes
- the exit is on the a road restricted to 30mph
- the development is within the housing line

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to consider agenda item 10 at this point

10 PLANNING

Applications

PA21/09789 Mr B. Bellamy – Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved for proposed 4 bedroom new build – land and buildings adj. to Cober House, Trenear. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Mitchell seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council considers that this proposal is contrary to Policy 7 'Housing in the Countryside' of the Cornwall Local Plan. This requires that new dwellings in the countryside will be restricted to the 'reuse of suitably constructed redundant, disused or historic buildings that are considered appropriate to retain and would lead to an enhancement of the immediate setting'. Wendron Parish Council does not consider that this proposal meets the requirements set out in this policy: it would neither result in the 'enhancement' of the immediate rural setting and the ruinous state of the existing building suggests that much of it is not 'suitably constructed'. Moreover, Wendron Parish Council is of the opinion that the negative impact of a new residential development at this location with all the domestic paraphernalia necessarily associated with it would visually harm the rural setting and that that harm would not be outweighed by any resulting economic benefit to the community. Wendron Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

As the owner of a property which adjoins the application site, Cllr Durkin declared a disclosable interest in the following application and left the room

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PA21/10951 Mr and Mrs M.Hoskins – Outline application with all matters reserved for up to 4 dwellings – land South of Halwyn Lodge, Porkellis. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Mrs Wedlake seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *The application site is located outside of the established settlement of Porkellis and does not represent infill or rounding off as defined in policy 3 of the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies 2010 - 2030. The proposed open-market development therefore represents an undesirable and sporadic extension of the built form into the countryside which will lead to the erosion of the character and appearance of the natural environment. Wendron Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

Cllr Durkin returned to the room.

To note the receipt of planning application decisions

PA21/06928 REFUSED – Outline planning permission with all matters reserved: Construction of up to two dwellings and associated works – land East of Pentreath, Penmarth – *noted*

PA21/08318 APPROVED – Proposed new dwelling – land South-East of Wheal Rock, Porkellis – *noted*

PA21/09783 APPROVED – Replacement of existing all weather court with 3G youth pitch including barriers, lighting, wind tree and associated works. Provision of roof windows to clubhouse & changing rooms – Wendron Cricket Club, Underlane – *noted*

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-option of members

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

8 PARISH MATTERS

Publicity

Cllr Durkin reported that there has been nothing to post on Wendron Parish Council's FaceBook page..

Internet access

In the absence of Cllr Ferris, it was agreed to defer this matter to the meeting in February.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Law presented Members with a comprehensive document outlining ways in which the Parish might celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A copy of that document is attached to these minutes. It was agreed to appoint an advisory committee composed of Cllr Law, Cllr Mrs Hampton, Cllr Mrs Wedlake and the Chairman to take the matter further.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Mrs Borman reported that no progress had been made since December.

The Community Garden in Porkellis

The Clerk reported that the Enys Estate is prepared to consider an offer of £3,000 for the Community Garden in Porkellis. This offer comes with various conditions including one which requires Wendron Parish Council to pay the Estates's legal and agent's fees (the agent's is estimated to be in the region of £1,000). Following discussion the Chairman proposed, Cllr Mrs Wedlake seconded and it was agreed *nem con* to offer the Estate the sum of £3,000 for the property and to pay the Estate's fees.

9 FINANCE

Members were presented with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at January 10, 2022. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr R.Ferris (Penmarth community)	£ 178.63	£ 153.86	£ 24.77
South West Playground Safety Inspections	£ 30.00	£ 25.00	£ 5.00
TSOHost (website)	£ 42.00	£ 35.00	£ 7.00
R.Sanders			
Church and cemetery	£ 225.00		
Trelill Well	£ 35.00		
Grass cutting	£ 165.00		
Boundary stones	£ 65.00		
total	£ 588.00	£ 490.00	£ 98.00

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Colin Chapman			
salary (December)	£	1,126.30	
telephone	£	27.82	
office expenses	£	39.98	
travelling	£	15.60	
use of home	£	25.00	
		total	£ 1,234.70

It was proposed by Cllr Durkin, seconded by Cllr van den Berg and agreed that the above five accounts should be paid.

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

12 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

The Chairman suggested that Members might like to consider identifying a suitable site for development for affordable, rented housing, much as had been done some while ago at Park Pedrek in Rame.

Members noted that with the dumping of waste on the yard at Poldark Mine, the site is becoming increasingly untidy.

Members noted that the recent OFSTED report on Halwin School had classified the school as being ‘Good’.

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday February 14, 2022 at 7:30pm in **Penmarth Methodist Schoolroom**

Signed Chairman Date

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