

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday April 11, 2022 at 7:30pm in Penmarth Methodist Schoolroom.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Mrs S.Moyle (Chairman)	Cllr T.Law
	Cllr N.van den Berg	Cllr G.Looker
	Cllr R.Durkin	Cllr C.Mitchell
	Cllr Mrs K.Hampton	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the April meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Borman and Cllr Ferris 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 Durkin proposed, Cllr Looker seconded, Cllr Law who was absent from the last meeting abstained, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday March 14, 2022 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

## 4 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGENDA

Speaking on behalf of Members, the Chairman offered Cllr Law the Council's congratulations and thanks on securing the grant from the National Lottery for the costs involved in the creation of the Platinum Trail.

The Chairman reported that she had attended the recent virtual Community Network Panel meeting. Despite over-running this year's budget, all nine proposals, including Wendron's request for a footpath along the southern causeway of Stithians reservoir, were accepted by the panel.

## 5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- the Chairman had pre-empted her in reporting that the project to create a footpath along the causeway has been accepted by the Community Network Panel. She suggested that, next year, the Council might like to consider putting forward a raft of minor, long-standing issues that need resolving
- the Scrutiny Committee had asked Cornwall Council's Cabinet to reconsider its decision to close the Ships and Castles leisure centre in Falmouth. However, the original decision has since been ratified
- despite the fact that proposals have not been published, a full meeting of Cornwall Council will be asked tomorrow to approve a business plan which seeks to finance current and foreseeable issues until the year 2050
- Edgcumbe Methodist Church is experiencing problems with damage to the roof and the reluctance of its insurers to cover the cost of repairs. She suggested that, if the Church were to encourage community use, the

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Parish Council might like to consider offering the Trustees a grant.

Cllr Mrs Hampton asked quite what Cornwall Council is doing with the holiday park near Hayle, which it purchased some months ago to house homeless families and individuals. In particular, she reported anecdotal evidence that a homeless family, which had been living at the park when it had been purchased, had been evicted just as the purchase was being completed. CCllr Dr Jenkin stated that there are currently some 400 households living in temporary accommodation in Cornwall and that the Authority had purchased a number of holiday parks to house them (which raises the planning issue of a change of use). She was unable to comment on the park at Hayle.

## **6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

## **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.

### **Housing Statement**

Members considered a proposal from Cllr Looker to support the adoption of a Housing Statement. Following considerable discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Moyle, seconded by Cllr Law that Wendron Parish Council should adopt a Housing Policy along the lines of that written by Bude Stratton Town Council. It was further agreed that Cllr Looker would draft a document drawing particular attention to the lack of homes built and owned by Cornwall Council. That document will be circulated amongst Members and, if agreed, will be published both on the Parish Council's website and forwarded to MPs and others.

## **8 PARISH MATTERS**

### **Publicity**

Cllr Durkin reported that, during the course of the last month, three posts have been published on Wendron Parish Council's FaceBook page. Remarkably, the post concerning the Platinum Trail had been viewed 2,849 times and had attracted 681 comments.

### **A litter-bin for Porkellis**

Members noted that the Parish Council has now installed a litter-bin at the northern end of Halwin Lane and that Biffa has been contracted to empty it on a fortnightly basis. It has been suggested that the bin currently in the Community Garden might be put to better use at the bus-stop: the Clerk reported that he has contacted Cornwall about this proposal.

### **Internet access**

In the absence of Cllr Ferris, Cllr Looker undertook to take this matter further.

### **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Members noted that all communities within the Parish will be supported financially in their plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Community Garden in Porkellis (which will become the Parish Council's lasting memorial of the occasion) needs some work, notably gardening work as well as the repair of both the hedge and the concrete-ended bench. Otherwise, Cllr Law reported, there remains a considerable amount of work to be done in the creation of the Platinum Trail.

### **The Neighbourhood Development Plan**

In the absence of members of the advisory committee, there was no report.

### **The Community Garden in Porkellis**

The Clerk reported that, in conversation with the Enys Estate agent and later with the Parish Council's solicitor, it had become apparent that the conditions attached to the sale make for problems. In the circumstances, a 999 year lease (where the seller can better enforce any conditions that may form part of the contract) would seem to be a more satisfactory arrangement and, on behalf of the Council, he had provisionally given the go-ahead for this to be drawn up. Members supported this course of action.

### **CIL Funding**

Members noted that the Expression of Interest in the CIL funding available for the creation of a sustainable link (footpath/cycleway) between Trewennack and Helston must be returned before June 23. The Clerk undertook to do this.

## **9 FINANCE**

Members were presented with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at April 11, 2022. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

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The Clerk reported that Mr Peter Richards, Wendron Parish Council's Internal Auditor, has approved the Annual Return for the year to March 31, 2022 making no comments, observations or suggestions.

Parish Councillors considered the Annual Governance Statement required for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2022. Cllr Durkin proposed, the Chairman 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, 2022.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022. Cllr Durkin proposed, the Chairman seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council accepts and approves the accounts for the year April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022.

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 2023.

**The following accounts were presented for consideration**

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	£ 13,845.10	£ 11,537.58	£ 2,307.52
Eric and Jeff Bray garden Services	£ 100.00	£ 83.33	£ 16.67
South West Play Ltd	£ 5,298.00	£ 4,415.00	£ 883.00
Information Commissioner	£ 40.00		
Biffa (collection from Carnkie)	£ 72.38	£ 60.32	£ 12.06
J.P,Richards	£ 290.00		
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
South West Playground Safety Inspections	£ 30.00	£ 25.00	£ 5.00
Colin Chapman			
salary (March)	£ 1,385.90		
telephone	£ 38.68		
office expenses	£ 34.25		
travelling	£ 54.60		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 1,538.43		

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

Members noted the following receipts

CC Community Chest	£ 120.00
CIL	£ 5,872.62
CTS grant	£ 128.28
Precept 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment	£ 18,500.00

## 10 PLANNING

### Applications

PA22/01777 Mr B.Harris – Placing of a static caravan for holiday accommodation and associated septic tank installation – Carnmenellis House, Calvadnack . The Chairman proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded Cllr Mrs Hampton abstained and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council does not support the proposed development of this site for holiday accommodation. It is located in the open countryside, is divorced from nearby services, facilities and amenities and represents unsustainable new residential development for which no special justification has been adequately demonstrated. The Parish Council believes it would be harmful to the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside at this location and would neither conserve nor enhance the area. With the above issues in mind, Wendron Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

### To note the receipt of planning application decisions

PA21/12447 APPROVED – Reserved Matters application for the construction of a dwelling (details following outline consent PA21/02899 dated 17.06.2021) – Holy Well Barn, Trewennack – *noted*

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PA22/00191 APPROVED – Proposed extension to provide swimming pool, living room and additional bedroom – Moorland View House, Penmarth – *noted*

**11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that the play equipment for the play area in Carnkie has been delivered and will be installed in the week commencing May 23rd

**12 CHAIRMAN’S AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS**

The Chairman reported that she had accepted an invitation to attend a reception at Culdrose Royal Navy Air Station and had had an enjoyable and instructive evening.

Cllr Looker reported that, in his position as a Helston Town Councillor he had attended the Ordinary Meeting in Helston at which Helston’s proposals for extending its boundary into what is currently the Parish of Wendron had been discussed. He had suggested to Town Councillors that its proposals might be considered antagonistic and that Wendron feels intimidated by them. He had further suggested that the Town Council might fare better working with rather than against Wendron. Nevertheless Helston had agreed to continue with its bid to extend its boundary as shown in map 1.2 of the documents being considered by the Governance Committee.

**13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

No matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday May 9, 2021 at 7:30pm in **Penmarth Methodist Schoolroom**  
Annual Meeting – Monday May 9, 2021 following the Annual Parish Meeting in **Penmarth Methodist Schoolroom**

Signed ..... Chairman                      Date .....

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