

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held in Penmarth Methodist Sunday School on Monday May 9, 2022 immediately following the end of the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs S.Moyle (Chairman) Cllr G.Looker  
Cllr R.Durkin Cllr T.Law  
Cllr Mrs K.Hampton Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the Annual Meeting.

## 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Durkin proposed, Cllr Looker seconded and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Moyle be elected to the Chair of Wendron Parish Council for the year 2022 – 2023.

## 2 CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Mrs Moyle read aloud, signed and dated the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman of Wendron Parish Council for the year 2022 – 2023 in the presence of the Council and Clerk.

## 3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Borman, Mr van den Berg and Mr Mitchell. Members noted that both Cllr van den Berg and Cllr Mitchell have resigned from the Council.

## 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

As a neighbour of the applicant, Cllr Durkin declared a disclosable interest in agenda item 16 (PA22/02978).

**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.

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Looker proposed, Cllr Law seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday April 11, 2022 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

Cllr Looker asked if the Housing Statement agreed at the last meeting had yet been forwarded. The Clerk replied that he had no recollection of so doing. He would check.

## 7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

## 8 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- she was pleased to note that the West Area Planning Committee had approved the planning application for a camping site at Boquio Veian in line with the Parish Council's comments, although contrary to the Planning Officer's recommendation
- she continues to field adverse comments about the virtual footpath at Rame. She noted that the agreed bollards are still not in place
- there are continuing issues with homelessness in Cornwall. Large families, requiring four bedroom-ed accommodation in particular, have problems with some being offered homes in distant locations

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remote from their support groups. In the intervening period they are offered accommodation in caravans and Travel Lodges (where the need for school transport is not being met). The Service as a whole appears to be geared towards single people

- the date for the meeting of the Community Governance Review Panel, which will determine the boundary between Helston and Wendron, has yet to be set, but is expected before the end of July
- a Public Meeting to discuss the future of the Ships and Castles Leisure Centre in Falmouth is scheduled for Tuesday in the Princess Pavilions.

## **9 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Law seconded and it was agreed that Cllr Durkin be elected to the post of Vice-Chairman for the year 2022 – 2023.

## **10 STANDING ORDERS**

The Chairman proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council should re-adopt Standing Orders as reviewed in June 2018.

## **10 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The Chairman proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council should re-adopt Financial Regulations as revised in February 2016.

## **12 RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Chairman proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that Wendron Parish Council should re-adopt the Risk Assessment document as reviewed in September 2018.

## **13 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO POSTS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

Following discussion, it was agreed that the following posts should be the responsibility of the Councillors noted beside them

- Bank signatories – Cllr Mrs Moyle, Cllr Ferris, C.F.P.Chapman (Clerk)
- Neighbourhood Plans – Cllr Mrs Borman, Cllr Ferris, Cllr Law
- Notice-boards –  
Cllr Mrs Hampton (Porkellis); Cllr Mrs Borman (Burras, Carnkie); Cllr Looker (Wendron); Mr Mitchell has offered to look after the boards at Rame and Edgcumbe; Mr van den Berg has offered to look after the boards at Trewennack and Trevenen Bal and Mr Gibson has offered to look after the board at Penmarth.
- Wendron Lawn Cemetery – Cllr Mrs Moyle
- Footpaths and bridleways – Cllr Mrs Hampton, Cllr Durkin, Cllr Law
- Carnkie/Wendron Hall – Cllr Mrs Borman
- Community Network Panel – Cllr Mrs Moyle, Cllr Durkin, Cllr Looker
- Planning – Cllr Mrs Moyle
- Highways and Public Transport – Cllr Durkin
- Wendron Leats and Helston Kennels – Cllr Durkin and Cllr Looker

## **14 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

### **Co-opted members**

Members noted the resignation of both Cllr van den Berg and Cllr Mitchell and agreed to publish the vacancies on the Parish Council's Facebook pages inviting expressions of interest.

### **Appointment of the Internal Auditor for the year to March 31, 2023**

Cllr Law proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that Mr J.P.Richards (formerly Kerrier District Council's Senior Auditor) should continue to act as Wendron Parish Council's internal auditor.

### **Renewal of Insurance Policy**

Members reviewed the terms of Wendron Parish Council's Insurance Policy which, with a maximum policy excess of £250, covers the follow risks

#### *Negotiated minimum cover under this policy*

Public liability	£10,000,000
Employers Liability	£10,000,000
Money	
negotiable	£ 2,500
Employee dishonesty	£ 250,000
Commercial legal protection	£ 250,000

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Officials' indemnity	£ 500,000
Libel and slander	£ 250,000

**Optional cover**

Street furniture £ 72,000,000

Bus Shelters

Carnkie East

Carnkie Village

Penmarth

Crelly

Trewennack

Wheal Dream

Wendron

Burras

Porkellis

Rame Cross

Edgcumbe

Celtic Cross

Rame Cross

Wendron Cross

4 Boundary stones

Defibrillators £ 9.000

Playground open spaces £ 90.000

1 slide

1 set swings

1 horse rocker

1 double zig-zac twister

1 pendulum swing with basket seat

1 sputnik roundabout

Additionally, when on Parish Council business, all volunteers are automatically covered

Cllr Law proposed Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed to insure Wendron Parish Council through Aviva and to pay the premium demanded of £675.86

**16 FINANCE**

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at May 9, 2022. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Porkellis Village Hall Committee for a financial contribution towards the cost of celebrating HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Law, seconded by Cllr Durkin, all others in favour that the sum of £400.00 be forwarded to the Porkellis Village Hall Committee under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Eric and Jeff Bray	£ 92.00	£ 76.67	£ 15.33
Randle Thomas (Mining Search & Land Registry)	£ 144.79		
SW Playground Safety Inspections (and repair)	£ 36.00	£ 30.00	£ 6.00
R.Sanders			
Churchyards (05/04 and 25/04)	£ 320.00		
Trelill Well	£ 80.00		
Boundary Stones	£ 140.00		
Open Spaces	£ 350.00		
Moles	£ 150.00		
Refurbish Porkellis bench	£ 245.00		
total	£ 1,542.00	£ 1,285.00	£ 257.00

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Colin Chapman		
Salary (April)	£ 1,146.34	
(error last month)	£ 180.00	
telephone	£ 32.55	
office expenses	£ 67.74	
travelling	£ 94.90	
use of home	£ 25.00	
	total	£ 1,546.53

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Durkin and agreed that the above five accounts be paid.

## 17 PLANNING

### Applications

PA22/02704 Mr Jones – Proposed Extension and Conversion of Garage – Roselidden House Rowes Lane Trevenen Bal. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

*Having declared a disclosable interest in the following application Cllr Durkin left the room*

PA22/02978 Mr and Mrs Corpes – Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for single infill dwelling – land west of School House, Halwin, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Looker seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

*Cllr Durkin returned to the room*

PA22/03207 Mr V.Merrick – Conversion of detached former barn within curtilage of Little Salena Farmhouse to annexe/holiday accommodation (resubmission of application PA21/10376) – Little Salena Wendron. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Looker seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/03209 Mr V.Merrick – Listed Building Consent: Conversion of detached former barn within curtilage of Little Salena Farmhouse to annexe/holiday accommodation (resubmission of application PA21/10376) – Little Salena Wendron. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Looker seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/03589 Mr I.Mann – Construction of a home office and store over an existing domestic garage/store – Chenhall Farm, Trenear. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Looker seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/03800 Mr and Mrs Giles – Barn conversion to form dwelling – Boquio Vean, road from Farms Common to access to Lower Bolitho Farm, Farms Common. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Law seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/03855 Mr P.Care – New agricultural vehicular access – Lancarrow Farm, Four Lanes. Cllr Durkin proposed, Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/03885 Mrs N.Allen – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use: Material change in the use of land for stationing of two caravans used for residential purposes, including the building of a raised decking platform and a timber shed – Redundant barn and land West Halabezack Farm, Porkellis. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council can neither confirm nor deny any of the statements that may accompany this application.*

PA22/03940 Mr and Mrs Pruen – Proposed use of holiday units as unfettered dwellings, along with an extension to the internal access road – Manhay Farm. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Looker seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/03971 Mr P.Symes – Extension to existing dwelling and conversion of garage to dwelling to meet growing family needs, including accessibility considerations – Higher Manhay Barn, Wendron. Cllr Mrs Moyle proposed, Cllr Law seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

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**Decisions**

PA22/00915 APPROVED – Construction of link extension and conversion of garage to create Ancillary accommodation – Whitegates, Retanna – *noted*

PA21/12553 APPROVED – Proposed construction of a dwelling-house – land South of Ponderosa Trevenen Bal – *noted*

**18 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from Edgcumbe Methodist Chapel for financial help towards the repair of the roof. Considerable discussion followed, during the course of which it was agreed that the Parish Council is not against helping the Chapel in this way. However, there are concerns that, if the Chapel were to fail through lack of members, the money donated by the Parish Council would, through the sale of the building, be lost to Church House. It was noted that a paragraph could be added to the deeds requiring the Chapel to repay all money donated by the Parish Council if, within five years of the donation, the Chapel ceased to be accessible to members of the community. It was also suggested that the Parish Council might stand as guarantor for payment of invoices for the repair of the roof, but noted that any payment made under this provision would have to be re-paid by the Chapel. The Clerk undertook to contact the Treasurer of Edgcumbe Methodist Chapel to explain both these ideas. There is a meeting at the Chapel on Thursday evening to discuss ways forward.

**19 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman thanked members for re-electing her to the Chair, adding that she was looking forward to whatever the year held for the Council.

**20 COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS**

Cllr Law reported that the Platinum Jubilee projects have and are taking a great deal of his time

- a great deal of work has been done on the Jubilee Garden in Porkellis. Jeff Bray has already made a real difference to the garden itself and Ian Moyle has made an excellent start with the repair of the wall
- we await delivery of the plaque and need to think about ways of mounting it
- all being well, the litter-bin will be moved to a position near the bus stop
- the Jubilee Garden at Porkellis is due to be opened by CCllr Dr Loveday Jenkin on Friday June 3 at 2.00pm
- this will be followed by a walk along a section of the Platinum Jubilee Trail led by Cllr Tim Law
- the owner of Firewood Supplies has very kindly donated the poles to display the way-marker signs for the Platinum Jubilee Trail
- the National Trust has given provisional permission for boards to be sited on its property, but is awaiting the nod from Natural England, which has an interest in the land
- there is currently a problem with the proposed siting of the information panel at Fleur de Lys
- all of which means that not everything will be in place by June 3. However, this is the Jubilee Year and is not limited to the first weekend in June
- Cornwall Council has not responded to a request to upgrade to Gold status those footpaths which together make up the Trail
- there may be an added benefit to the Trail in that walkers using the road between Calvadnack and the turn to Fleur de Lys will face traffic travelling notionally at the national speed limit (which may mean that Cornwall will consider imposing a lower speed limit).

Cllr Mrs Hampton again drew attention to the increasing number of deer in the Parish which present a real hazard to drivers using the B3297. An undertaking from an Officer at Cornwall Highways to contact Cllr Mrs Hampton about this issue has been conspicuous by its absence.

Cllr Looker stated that, having spoken to Cllr Ferris about the matter and in view of the uncertainty about the future of the Sunday School at Penmarth, he would suggest that the installation of a Broad Band hub should be put on hold for the moment.

The Chairman reported that Prowse's Patch is looking particularly pretty at the moment

**21 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

No further matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday June 13, 2022 at 7.30pm in Penmarth Methodist Sunday Schoo

Signed.....Chairman

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