

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday October 10, 2022 at 7:30pm in Penmarth Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Mr Armstrong, Mr Green, Mr Thorne, Mr and Mrs Titheridge.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no 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

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 Law seconded (Cllr Mrs Borman, Cllr Mrs Hampton and Cllr Ferris who were absent from the last meeting abstained) and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on July 11, 2022 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.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- there are grave concerns about a proposal to outsource fire control: a recent meeting of interested parties appears keen to keep the department within the county not least because of the wealth of local knowledge
- there are very large numbers of residents being housed in temporary accommodation. The increase in Universal Credit has not kept pace with the increase in rents
- Cornwall Council's predicted overspend is possibly more the result of the absence of predicted savings than uncontrolled spending. Health alone has an overspend of some £13m but it is reflective of increasing demand
- work to set up 'Warm Hubs' during the coming winter is on-going. Rural communities where there is an increasing need has been left to communities
- there has been no Central Government announcement concerning funding for oil and bottled-gas as there has been for electricity and gas. She suggested that individuals might like to lobby their MP about this inequality

In answering questions, CCllr Dr Jenkin stated that

- she had no further news about the refurbishment of the now empty, temporary housing units at Hayle
- Cornwall Council has not bought any houses, preferring to leave that to the Registered providers of Social Housing not least because the Right to Buy regulations do not apply to social housing (though there is a rumour that this may be about to change)
- both the Coast Guard and the Ambulance Service use out-of-county systems, so there is a precedent as far as

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fire control is concerned

- the Warm Hubs initiative might be better received in rural areas if wi-fi was freely available. Cllr Law and Cllr Ferris agreed to make every effort to take the matter further
- the proposed change to Cornwall Council's governance model is of concern. The Leader of the Council and Cornish MPs, have asked central government for permission for the Authority to seek and secure a Level 3 devolution deal without the requirement for governance change
- the boundary review meetings have re-started, but the question of the Wendron/Helston border has yet to be considered.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Green stated that he was present to seek the Parish Council's support for his clients' application (PA22/08211) to build a house in their garden on land presently being used for a summerhouse and garage. He described the application as being infill on previously developed land.

Similarly, Mr Armstrong sought support for his wife's application (PA22/08121) for a dwelling on previously developed land for use initially by family members.

Mr Thorne stated that National Grid has advanced plans in hand to lay an underground feeder cable from Rame Cross all the way through to Camborne. He also outlined his intention at some time in the future to develop his field in Rame Cross with dwellings that are visually pleasing.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-option of members

The Clerk reported that a single letter of interest in co-option as a Parish Councillor had been received. He will contact the person concerned.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Publicity

Cllr Durkin reported that Wendron Parish Council's FaceBook page has attracted 425 individual views and that 68% of those viewers had been women.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan

Members noted that the completed questionnaires are beginning to be returned and that the results will need to be collated. Cllr Ferris proposed, Cllr Looker seconded and it was agreed to employ a temporary member of staff to do the necessary work. Once this is done, it will be time to engage a company with experience of writing Neighbourhood Plans to take the matter further. Members further noted that, regrettably, the recent questionnaire had, without the necessary further assent, included those collection points within the Parish which had been used for the original questionnaire.

Creation of a footpath over the causeway at Penmarth

The Clerk reported that he had met with Rupert Spencer of Cornwall Highways to discuss the creation of a footpath over the southern causeway of Stithians Lake thereby completing the round-the-lake-walk. There is not sufficient space to enable a path as such, but if the verge is levelled it means that walkers will be able to step off the road without fear of turning an ankle. If the Parish will undertake responsibility for the day-to-day cost of maintaining a levelled verge, then Cornwall Council will undertake to spend the necessary sum levelling it. Cllr Law proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded all others in favour to maintain the verge over the causeway once it has been levelled.

Litter-bins

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from Mrs Langton the Stewardess of Wendron Cricket Club to site a litter-bin near the Club's property. Evidently, at present, bags of dog faeces are being left on the Club's property. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Cornwall with a view to re-siting the redundant bin from Porkellis somewhere on the roadside verge near the Cricket Club. Should that request fail, Cllr Law proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed to purchase and site a litter bin on the roadside verge near the Cricket Club and to ask Biffa to empty it on a fortnightly basis.

The garden in Porkellis

The Clerk reported that Wendron Parish Council is now the lessee of the garden – and will be for the next 999 years at which time it will revert to the Enys Estate!

The Queen's Green Canopy Project

Further to the earlier decision to purchase trees under the Queen's Green Canopy tree planting initiative (created to mark Her late Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022) for distribution to individual households and organisations within the parish, Cllr Law proposed Cllr Looker seconded and it was agreed to purchase four varieties of trees (Sessile Oak,

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Rowan, Holly and Crab Apple) each in bundles of sixty for distribution to individual households and organisations.

The Platinum Jubilee Trail

Cllr Law reported that way-markers had been placed along the route of the Platinum Jubilee Trail with the help both of Cllr Durkin and of his wife. There remain twenty locations where a stake will be necessary. The stakes have been supplied by Mr Hayman from The Old Carpenter's Workshop at Laity; the sites have been identified and Bob Sanders has been asked to put the stakes in place. Once that is done the route of the path will be clearly marked. In the meanwhile leaflets showing the route are freely available at the garden in Porkellis, in the bus shelter at Penmarth and in the telephone box at Medlyn. Disappointingly, the rear of the information-board on Porkellis Moor has already been vandalised: this has been reported to the Police.

9 FINANCE

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

Members noted receipt of the notice of completion of the audit for the year ended March 31, 2022. The external auditor, PKF Littlejohn, had made no comment.

Members considered a request from the Carol Lay Memorial Fund for financial help towards the cost of its work in supporting children with a life-limiting condition. Following discussion, Cllr Law proposed, Cllr Mrs Borman seconded and it was agreed to forward the sum of £500 to the Children's Hospice South West.

Members noted the following payments made during August using delegated powers

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Sustainable Furniture (picnic table in Penmarth)		£ 475.00	£ 395.83	£ 79.17
Mrs Eathorne (Penmarth Jubilee celebrations)		£ 285.30	£ 265.52	£ 19.78
Mr R.Ferris (Penmarth Jubilee celebrations)		£ 113.48	£ 105.14	£ 8.34
PKF Littlejohn LLP (audit)		£ 300.00	£ 300.00	£ 60.00
Quay Design and One-Stop Printers		£ 105.00		
R,Sanders				
Churchyard and cemetery	£ 240.00			
Open areas	£ 175.00			
Boundary stone	£ 70.00			
Trelill Well	£ 40.00			
	total	£ 630.00	£ 525.00	£ 105.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (July)	£ 1,149.26			
telephone	£ 25.13			
office expenses	£ 41.50			
travelling	£ 15.60			
HostPresto	£ 19.89			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 1,273.37		

Members noted the following payments made during September using delegated powers

		GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC		£ 1,164.33		
St Austell Printing Company (questionnaire)		£ 1,402.96	£ 1,169.13	£ 233.83
R.Sanders (PROWs maintenance)		£ 6,486.19	£ 5,405.16	£ 1,081.03
Fritzs Entertainments (Penmarth Jubilee)		£ 70.00		
ParcSigns Ltd		£ 3,005.44	£ 2,504.53	£ 500.91
ParcSigns Ltd		£ 4,329.80	£ 3,608.17	£ 721.63
Tim Law (repayment for sundries)		£ 12.25	£ 10.40	£ 1.85
South West Playground Safety Inspections		£ 36.00	£ 30.00	£ 6.00
R.Sanders				
Picnic bench at Penmarth	£ 180.00			
Prowse's Patch	£ 250.00			
Bank outside play area	£ 95.00			
Church and cemetery	£ 240.00			
Trelill Well	£ 40.00			

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Grass cutting	£ 175.00			
Boundary stones	£ 70.00			
	total	£ 1,260.00	£ 1,050.00	£ 210.00
Colin Chapman				
salary (August)	£ 1,146.26			
telephone	£ 28.96			
office expenses	£ 11.08			
travelling	£ 58.50			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 1,269.80		

The following accounts were presented for consideration

		GROSS	NET	VAT
HostPresto (domain name 4 years)		£ 31.20	£ 26.00	£ 5.20
South West Playground Safety Inspections		£ 36.00	£ 30.00	£ 6.00
Eric and Jeff Bray				
Cemetery	£ 218.34			
Jubilee Garden	£ 20.83			
	total	£ 287.00	£ 239.17	£ 47.83
R.Sanders				
Church and cemetery	£ 320.00			
Trelill Well	£ 80.00			
Grass cutting	£ 175.00			
Boundary stones	£ 70.00			
	total	£ 774.00	£ 645.00	£ 129.00
R.Sanders (second cut Gold paths and stiles)		£ 1,328.64	£ 1,107.20	£ 221.44
Colin Chapman				
salary (September)	£ 1,146.26			
telephone	£ 25.60			
office expenses	£ 22.99			
travelling	£ 50.70			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 1,270.55		

It was proposed by Cllr Durkin, seconded by Cllr Mrs Borman and agreed that the above six accounts should be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

Santander deposit account interest	£ 9.14
Frederick Wearne and Sons (Mr Gilbert)	£ 400.00
CC CTS grant (2 nd instalment)	£ 128.28
CC Precept (2 nd instalment)	£ 18,500.00
Frederick Wearne and Sons (Mr & Mrs Noy)	£ 320.00

10 PLANNING

Members noted the following planning applications received during August and September and returned using delegated powers with the attached observations

PA22/05040 Ms Sophie Burden – Retention of kennel building, whelping shed and use of land for siting a mobile home (to be used as a crib room and welfare base washing, food and administration) –Tre Gwynsac, Crelly. This application was returned marked *Wendron Parish Council does not support this application. It is most unlikely that an application for development of this sort in this particular location would have been given planning permission before construction. The existing development is highly visible and represents an intrusion into the countryside contrary to policies 12 and 23 of the Cornwall Local Plan. Wendron Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA22/06185 Mr D.Simm – Application for a lawful development certificate for existing use of the building as a residential dwelling – The Tree House Crasken Farm Helston Relief Road. This application was returned marked *Wendron Parish Council can neither confirm nor refute the statements made in this application.*

PA22/06259 Mr Routley and Mrs McShane – Proposed replacement of timber stable with home office/gym. Construction of external staircase to west of existing dwelling. Change of use of agricultural land to west of dwelling to garden land and installation of swimming pool – Tree House, Penmarth. This application was returned marked

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Wendron Parish Council supports this application.

PA22/06268 Mr C.King – Application for a lawful development certificate for existing use of land as residential garden incidental to the associated dwelling house – The Cottage, Trevenen Bal. This application was returned marked *Wendron Parish Council can neither confirm nor refute the statements made in this application.*

PA22/06330 Mr and Mrs B.Millington – Construction of dwelling – land to the rear of 2 Chapel Terrace Edgcombe. This application was returned marked *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/06361 Mr S.King – Proposing to erect a garden shed at the end of my garden – Carvosa, Carnkie. This application was returned marked *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/06742 Mrs H.Fresson – Conversion of old barns into workshop including repointing and repair works to existing walls, new roof to 2 storey section and single storey section; new roof extension to main dwelling with internal alterations to improve head height at first floor level in previous extension; drainage to new soakaway – Lower Retanna Farm, Road From Tanglewood Cottage To Junction At Penrose. This application was returned marked *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/06780 Harper – Construction of rear first floor extension and front porch – Willow Barn, Northwest Polmarth Farm, Carnmenellis. This application was returned marked *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/07014 Mr and Mrs S.Lobb – Retention and completion of existing detached pool house in variation with the drawings approved under W2/PA08/00985/F – Greenacres, Trevenen Bal. This application was returned marked *Wendron Parish Council supports this application subject to a condition limiting use for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling now known as Greenacres.*

PA22/07156 Mr and Mrs N.Fenton – 20 ground-mounted solar panels on 1 frame of panels and 2 frames of 6 panels – land east of West Halabezack Farm, Porkellis. This application was returned marked *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/07352 Mr and Mrs M.Hoskins – Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for an Affordable Led Residential Development – land off Halwin Crescent, Porkellis. This application was returned marked *Wendron Parish Council notes that the site lies outside of the built form of the village and that therefore the only form of development that can be considered is an exceptions scheme under the terms of policy 9 of the Cornwall Local Plan. However, the Council has concerns that the provision of any dwellings on this parcel of land will detract from the undeveloped nature of the area and encourage encroachment of the built form into the countryside contrary to policies 12 and 23 of the Cornwall Local Plan. The Parish Council does not support an affordable-led scheme on this site, but might give further consideration to a development of social-rented housing.*

PA22/07559 Mr C.Jeffery – Proposed small extension to dwelling, replacing existing porch with larger kitchen extension – Coldwinds Barn, Burras. This application was returned marked *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/07823 Mr Jenkin – Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order. Various management works to trees including the coppicing of willow woodland over 5 year period – Moorview, Medlyn. This application was returned marked *Subject to the County Tree Officer's agreement, Wendron Parish Council will support this application.*

PA22/07831 Mr and Mrs L.Dodds – Single storey, lean to side extension to existing dwelling – Old Carriage House, Lodge Farm, Calvadnack. This application was returned marked *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

Applications

PA22/06259 – Mr Routley and Mrs McShane – Proposed replacement of timber stable with home office/gym. Construction of external staircase to west of existing dwelling. Change of use of agricultural land to west of dwelling to garden land and installation of swimming pool – Tree House, Penmarth. Cllr Law proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council has strong reservations about the proposed siting of the heat pump believing that the noise it generates will be a continuing irritant to the close neighbouring properties and therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA22/06595 Mr M.Webster – Demolition of barns and construction of two dwellings – Little Rame Farm, road from Little Trewince to Rame Cross. Cllr Durkin proposed, Cllr Mrs Borman seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/07973 Robertson Developments – Proposed mains electrical substation building, associated with approved residential development – Park An Daras Housing Development. Cllr Law proposed, Cllr Durkin seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this*

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application.

PA22/08121 Ms M.Armstrong – Proposed construction of a dwelling – Beardie Brook Farmhouse Penmarth 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.*

PA22/08211 Mr and Mrs Titheridge – Proposed demolition of existing summerhouse and domestic garage, construction of a detached self-build infill dwelling and installation of a domestic packaged sewage treatment plant with soakaway to replace existing septic tank – Summerhouse adj to Seaview Cottage, Trevenen Bal. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Mrs Borman seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/08542 Ms J.Grace – Proposed two-storey rear extension and replacement of existing front porch – Pol Arghans, Carnkie. 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.*

To note the receipt of planning application decisions

PA20/09950 APPROVED – Outline application with all matters reserved for affordable housing led development of up to 4 dwellings – land adj to Ritino, Carnkie – *noted*

PA22/03800 APPROVED – Barn conversion to form dwelling – land North West of Boquio Vean, Farms Common – *noted*

PA22/03971 REFUSED – Extension to existing dwelling and conversion of garage to dwelling with improved accessibility – Higher Manhay Farm, Higher Manhay Barn, Wendron – *noted*

PA22/05292 APPROVED – Change of use of Trewennack Chapel into a live/work residential dwelling with associated workspace and garden amenity – Methodist Church, Trewennack – *noted*

PA22/05293 APPROVED – Listed Building Consent for alterations to facilitate the change of use of Trewennack Chapel into a live/work residential dwelling with associated workspace and garden amenity – Methodist Church, Trewennack – *noted*

PA22/06185 GRANTED – Application for a lawful development certificate for existing use of the building as a residential dwelling – The Tree House, Crasken Farm – *noted*

PA22/06268 REFUSED – Application for a lawful development certificate for existing use of land as residential garden incidental to the associated dwelling house – The Cottage, Trevenen Bal – *noted*

PA22/06330 APPROVED – Construction of dwelling | Land To The Rear Of 2 Chapel Terrace Edgcumbe – *noted*

PA22/06361 APPROVED – Proposal to erect a garden shed at the end of my garden – Carvosa, Carnkie – *noted*

PA22/06780 APPROVED – Construction of rear first floor extension and front porch – Willow Barn, Northwest Polmarth Farm, Carnmenellis – *noted*

PA22/07823 APPROVED – Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order. Various management works to trees including the coppicing of willow woodland over 5 year period – Moorview, Medlyn – *noted*

PA22/07831 APPROVED – Single storey, lean to side extension to existing dwelling – Old Carriage House, Lodge Farm, Calvadnack

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that it may be necessary to replace one of the defibrillator cabinets in the not-too-distant future,.

12 CHAIRMAN'S AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

The Chairman reported that she had attended the AGM of the Community Network Panel. CCllr John Keeling had again been elected Chairman; there had been a report from the police with the emphasis on rural crime and underscoring the necessity to report all instances of criminal activity; the 20's Plenty scheme is slowly being rolled out throughout the county (Wendron is scheduled for review in 2024/25)

Members noted that

- ways in which the forthcoming coronation should be noted within the Parish should be addressed
- Cllr Mrs Borman had attended the recent Carnkie Wendron Village Hall committee meeting; Jane Stanley has resigned, Ruth Styles has joined and Lyn Smith will take over as treasurer with effect from April; a Christmas Fair is being organised
- Penmarth is the only village in the Parish that is not subject to a speed limit: possibly the purchase of Gateways should be considered

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- there are trees down over the PRoW through Porkellis Moor on land owned by the National Trust
- water from Stithians Lake is being piped to the Argal Reservoir to the detriment of business at the Golden Lion and the South West Lakes Trust

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Litter bin near the Cricket Club
Village Halls and wi-fi
The Queen's Green Canopy
The coronation of HM King Charles III

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

Signed Chairman Date

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