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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday January 9, 2023 at 7:30pm in Penmarth Methodist Schoolroom.

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

Visitors to the meeting: CCllr Dr Jenkin, PCSO J.Berry, Mr Bowden and Miss Turner, Mrs Hearn and Mr Timmils, Mr Routley and Mrs McShane and two further members of the public.

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

Before the meeting proper began, PCSO Julia Berry reported that

- the incidence of crime in the area remains very low
- the local Force has a new sergeant, Sgt Kelly, in Helston and a new Inspector in Falmouth, Insp. Evans (who is on a two year tenure)
- she drew Members' attention to a number of initiatives promoted by the Police Force and aimed at helping the community. These will be detailed on the FaceBook page, but include a nominated Key Holder (should an incident occur at your address and you are unavailable), the Herbert Protocol (to assist someone who has dementia and who may go missing) and the Devon and Cornwall Alert scheme (a two-way community messaging system)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Law sent his 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 Durkin proposed, Cllr Looker seconded, Cllr Mrs Borman, Cllr Ferris and Cllr Mrs Hampton, who were absent from the last meeting, abstained and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on December 12, 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 is a consultation paper out concerning devolution to the Unitary Authority from Central Government. It is her opinion that the financial package offered is insufficient and that the deal does not represent a true devolution of powers

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- a service celebrating the life of John Pollard, who led a joint Independent and Liberal administration for Cornwall Council from 2013 through to May 2017, will be held at Truro Cathedral tomorrow
- a drop-in information session concerning the proposed geo-thermal power project at Manhay will be held at Wendron School on Tuesday January 10 from 3.45pm to 7.45pm
- Central Government has published plans to move recovering patients out of hospital beds and into care homes: this will be problematic in Cornwall, where bed-spaces in care homes are at a premium
- sadly, ambulance waiting times are again very high: the problem is a shortage of acute hospital beds
- there is a Health and Social Care Committee meeting on Monday.

In answer to a question, CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that, possibly, the only thing that can be classified as being ‘good news’ is the fact that communities are working well together.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

As the applicants’ agent, Mr Bowden outlined the proposals for the construction of a stable building and of a sand-school at Lower Crahan Farm (PA22/10486). He stated that the buildings are designed to fit into the landscape and that there are no plans for external lighting. He sought the Parish Council’s support.

Mr Routley sought the Council’s support for his retrospective application for the retention of a swimming pool at Tree House, Penmarth (PA22/11391). In answer to a question concerning the siting of the ‘pool house’, he stated that the noise from the pumps will be minimal and therefore hardly noticeable by neighbours. He urged Councillors to note the figures contained in the submitted noise assessment document.

Mrs Hearn sought the Council’s support for the construction of a new dwelling and associated works at 3 Chapel Terrace, Edgumbe (PA22/10981).

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-option of members

The Clerk reported that no further expressions of interest in co-option as a Parish Councillor have been received.

Devolution from Central Government and a Mayor for Cornwall

Following some discussion, the following statement was proposed by Cllr Looker, seconded by Cllr Ferris, Cllr Durkin against, but supported by all other Councillors: ‘Wendron Parish Council believes that the way Cornwall is governed is extremely important to our local residents. We note the emerging proposals for a possible change to a powerful Mayor of Cornwall with his/her own staff, budget and choice of Cabinet. We believe that such a system should only be implemented if the people of Cornwall support it. We call on Cornwall Council and our local Cornwall Councillor to ensure that there is a referendum of all voters in Cornwall on whether to introduce this significant change, as set out in the relevant legislation.’ It was agreed that this statement should be forwarded to Cornwall Council for its consideration.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Publicity

Cllr Durkin reported that two recent FaceBook posts (one of which concerned the completion of the Jubilee Trail) had had attracted 1,223 views:

The Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Ferris reported that all the responses (some 200 in all) had been entered onto an Excel sheet and that he will forward the results to members. The next step is to appoint a Consultant to take the matter further.

The Coronation of HM King Charles III (Saturday May 6, 2023)

Following some discussion, Cllr Looker proposed, the Chairman seconded and it was agreed to present the children at Wendron and Halwin Schools with a commemorative mug to celebrate the occasion. The mugs are to include the words ‘Presented by Wendron Parish Council to commemorate the occasion of the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III’. Further ideas will be discussed at the meeting in February.

9 FINANCE

Members were presented with a statement of Wendron Parish Council’s financial position as at January 9, 2023. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for consideration

	GROSS	NET	VAT
South West Playground Safety Inspections	£ 36.00	£ 30.00	£ 6.00
Mr S.Cruikshanks (Carnkie play area)	£ 5.00		
Penmarth Free Church (hall hire)	£ 220.00		

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Members noted the following receipt	
CC Closed Churchyard grant	£ 586.07

To consider observations concerning the following planning applications

PA22/11419 Robertson Developments – Non material amendment in relation to decision notice PA20/07774 dated 18.03.2021– Park an Daras, Trewennack. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Ferris seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council cannot support this application. In particular, the proposed substitution of building materials (from granite to brick) is a break from tradition and means that there will be little to distinguish the design of these estate houses from others throughout the country.*

PA22/08186 APPROVED – Retrospective planning permission for the erection of a shed on pre existing concrete platform to be used for the repair and servicing of motor vehicles, to provide a dry working environment, the yard the shed has been erected in had been used as a service and repair area for the previous ten years – The Gables Filling Station, Trevenen – *noted*

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PA22/09375 APPROVED – Demolition of existing redundant former agricultural barn, with Prior approval to convert to form a single dwelling unit, and construction of a dwelling [amended design following withdrawal of PA22/00798], alterations to existing vehicle access and installation of a domestic packaged sewage treatment plant – Daracott Barn, Lezerea – *noted*

PA22/09697 APPROVED – Conversion of two barns to form two self-contained residential units (to remove holiday-let only condition attached to PA21/08024) – Chenhall Farm, Crelly, Trenear – *noted*

PA22/09785 APPROVED – Re-roofing of front and rear extensions and some alterations to windows and doors – Penty Kel, Porkellis – *noted*

PA22/10690 APPROVED – Proposed ground bearing solar array (17 panels) located towards the north of the site – Bowling Green Cottage, Wendron – *noted*

11 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported receipt of an e-mail from Mr Fern suggesting again that Wendron Parish Council might like to consider declaring a climate emergency. Following considerable discussion, it was agreed to consider the matter at the meeting in February. Cllr Looker's offer to prepare a document for consideration by members at that meeting was gratefully accepted.

12 CHAIRMAN'S AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

It was agreed that an Expression of Interest in seeking funding from the Community Network Highways Scheme to underwrite the cost of creating gateways and traffic calming measures in Penmarth should be submitted.

There are a number of dangerous potholes in the stretch of road between The Star Inn and Ian Paull's garage

13 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Other than the items already noted no matters for inclusion at future meetings were tabled.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday February 13, 2023 at 7:30pm in **Penmarth Methodist Schoolroom**

Signed Chairman

Date

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