

# 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 15, 2023 immediately following the end of the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs S.Moyle (Chairman) Cllr G.Looker  
Cllr R.Durkin  
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 Mrs Moyle proposed and it was agreed that Cllr Durkin be elected to the Chair of Wendron Parish Council for the year 2023 – 2024.

## 2 CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Durkin read aloud, signed and dated the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman of Wendron Parish Council for the year 2023 – 2024 in the presence of the Council and Clerk. The Chairman thanked members for electing him to the Chair and paid tribute to the departing Chair, Cllr Mrs Moyle, stating that she had led the Council ably over a number of years.

## 3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Law.

## 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

Cllr Looker declared a non-disclosable interest in Agenda item 17 PA23/01149.

**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 and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday April 17, 2023 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

It was agreed that the comments made by Mr Shaw during the course of the Annual Parish Meeting should again be reported here

Mr Shaw stated that he can no longer tolerate the route through his property, Garlidna Farm, being advertised as part of the Jubilee Trail.

In the past year he, his family and his business have been subjected to continuing harm: people have not kept to the path, they have treated his fields as open-access land, they have walked straight through his farm-yard (and some of those included a group of ten plus members of the Ramblers' Association who had insisted, wrongly, they were keeping to the path), they have left stock gates open, they have allowed their dogs to run freely, two lambs have been attacked and injured within the past fortnight resulting in considerable distress and unnecessary expense, he had found an intruder in his barn with his (Mr Shaw's) dog on a lead (although he acknowledged that this had happened before the Trail had come into being).

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The increase in footfall had further resulted in picnickers leaving litter, soiled nappies, disposable barbecues and glass strewn on fields on which he grazes his stock. He feels his farm is being treated much as a park. The consequential increased work-load is causing him and his family untold stress.

He had been promised that notices would be posted insisting that dogs must be kept on a lead, that walkers must keep to the marked path and that indicate that people are walking through a working farm. He was angry that those promises, made by the Parish Council had not been kept, and further that the Parish Council had trespassed onto his land and erected two way-markers (one of which is crooked).

He reminded Members that the Definitive Map route of PROW 126 shows that it goes though mine workings and past a very deep mine shaft and that the consequential informal diversion over part of his land is not on the line of the lawful route. He repeated his request that the Parish Council ceases to advertise his farm.

The Chairman, together with other members, apologised to Mr Shaw for the Council's clumsiness in dealing with the matter of notices and way-markers and said how shocked she was to learn of the way in which his business had been affected within the past year. She agreed with him that walkers should keep to the route of the footpath, that dogs should be kept on a lead, that gates should be closed and litter should be taken home. Members noted that a landowner is within his rights to shoot a dog that is worrying livestock and it was suggested that notices stating simply that dogs not on a lead will be shot might have a salutary effect.

The Clerk undertook to contact Mr Shaw in an effort to take the matter forward.

It was agreed to review the situation on a monthly basis for the time being.

## **7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

## **8 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS**

CCllr Dr Jenkin reported that

- although it has not been a particularly busy month at County Hall, she has kept occupied herself with various matters locally including Coronation celebrations
- expressions of interest in accessing CIL funding are now invited and, because the fund aims to support capital funding for young people, it might be worth re-submitting the earlier bid for funding towards the creation of a footpath/cycle-way between Trewennack and Helston. It will give young people safe access to schools and to Helston
- the Cornwall Councillors sitting on the Helston and South Kerrier Area Community Network Panel have given the nod under the Community Networks Highways Scheme to Wendron's project to introduce a 30mph speed limit through Penmarth which may lead to the imposition of a 20mph limit in the not-too-distant future. The question of gateways, however, is proving somewhat problematic because of the lack of space on the Highway verge. In passing, CCllr Dr Jenkin noted that the footpath across the causeway, although approved, has not as yet been started.

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

Following some discussion, it was agreed to leave the question of a Vice-Chairman to a later date.

## **10 STANDING ORDERS**

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

## **10 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

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

## **12 RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Chairman proposed 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 individuals 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 –

Burras – Cllr Mrs Borman

Carnkie – Cllr Mrs Borman

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Edgcumbe – Mr C.Mitchell  
 Penmarth – Mr G.Gibson  
 Porkellis – Cllr Mrs Hampton  
 Rame Cross – Mr C.Mitchell  
 Trevenen Bal – Mr N.van den Berg  
 Trewennack – Mr N.van den Berg  
 Wendron – Cllr G.Looker

- Defibrillators – the defibrillators at Burras, Penmarth, Rame Cross and Trewennack will be checked by the Parish Clerk
- Wendron Lawn Cemetery – Cllr Mrs Moyle
- Footpaths and bridleways – Cllr Mrs Hampton, Cllr Durkin, Cllr Law
- Carnkie/Wendron Hall – Cllr Mrs Borman
- Helston and South Kerrier Area Partnership – Cllr Durkin, Cllr Looker (substitute)
- 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

The Clerk reported that he has received no expressions of interest in co-option onto the Council.

##### Appointment of the Internal Auditor for the year to March 31, 202

The Chairman proposed 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
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

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- 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 Durkin proposed Cllr Mrs Moyle seconded and it was agreed to insure Wendron Parish Council through Aviva and to pay the premium demanded of £710.85

## 15 PARISH MATTERS

### The Neighbourhood Development Plan

Members noted that Mr Besford-Foster will be communicating directly with the Councillors with responsibility for this project.

## 16 FINANCE

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Wendron Parish Council's financial position as at May 15, 2023. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members were asked to declare all conflicts of interest with BDO LLP (the external auditors). There were no such declarations.

The following accounts were presented for consideration:

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Eric and Jeff Bray	£ 366.00	£ 305.00	£ 61.00
SW Playground Safety Inspections (SWPSI)	£ 36.00	£ 30.00	£ 6.00
Frederick Wearne and Sons (WHS sign at Trenear)	£ 360.00	£ 300.00	£ 60.00
R.Sanders			
Churchyards (03/04 and 18/04 )	£ 345.00		
Trelill Well	£ 45.00		
Boundary Stones	£ 150.00		
Open Spaces	£ 360.00		
	total	£ 1,080.00	£ 180.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (April)	£ 1,146.34		
telephone	£ 36.53		
office expenses	£ 51.03		
travelling	£ 35.10		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 1,356.32	

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

## 17 PLANNING

### Applications

*Having declared a non-disclosable interest in the following application, Cllr Looker remained in the room but took no part in either the discussion or the voting'*

PA23/01149 – Mr B.Cowl – The conversion of two former agricultural barns into two dwelling – Gwel Grenvers, Redruth Road. 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.*

PA23/03292 Mr T.Pollard – Construction of domestic garage – Halwin House. Halwin. 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.*

PA23/03238 Mrs M.Armstrong – Creation of Off-Road Parking & Associated Works – Beardie Brook Farmhouse, Penmarth. Cllr Looker proposed and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Wendron Parish Council supports this application.*

### Decisions

PA23/00908 APPROVED – Conversion of a redundant agricultural barn to a single residential dwelling – Redundant Barn, Boquio Farm, Crelly – *noted*

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PA23/00928 APPROVED – Conversion of ruin to two storey dwelling – Heskenna, Wheal Rock, Porkellis – *noted*

PA22/10775 APPROVED – Extension of existing garage to provide parking space and storage to ground floor and accommodation over to create an extra bedroom with kitchen and bathroom facilities (occupancy only by family and non-paying guests) – Viscar Lodge, Carnkie – *noted*

PA23/00156 APPROVED – Proposed new double garage to the south of Higher Manhay Farm and change of use of land to additional domestic land – Higher Manhay Farm, Wendron – *noted*

PA22/10775 APPROVED – Extension of existing garage to provide parking space and storage to ground floor and accommodation over to create an extra bedroom with kitchen and bathroom facilities (occupancy only by family and non-paying guests) – Viscar Lodge, Carnkie – *noted*

PA23/01385 APPROVED – Construction of 2 no. residential dwellings and associated development without compliance with condition 2 in relation to decision notice PA21/00134 dated 15.07.2021 – land adj. to The Vicarage, Wendron – *noted*

PA23/02524 APPROVED – Proposed Garage and Garden Room with associated works – Jubilee Barn, Carnkie – *noted*

## **18 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk sought approval for the purchase and installation of a litter-bin on the Park an Daras Estate. This was given: there was no vote because the costs involved will be covered by the Brooks Estate Management team.

He further reported that the bus shelter at Burras was damaged in a Road Traffic Accident on May 9. He is following the matter through.

## **19 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman had no comments.

## **20 COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS**

Councillors present made no comments

## **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 12, 2023 at 7.30pm in Penmarth Methodist Sunday School.

Signed.....Chairman

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