

Wendron Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Wendron Parish held on Monday May 15, 2023 at 7.00pm Penmarth Methodist Sunday School. Chairman of the Council, Cllr Mrs Moyle, presiding, Mr C Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

Present: CCllr Dr Jenkin, Cllr Durkin, Cllr Mrs Hampton, Cllr Looker and Mr Shaw.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from, Cllr Mrs Borman, Cllr Ferris and Cllr Law.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday, May 9, 2022 were a true record at the meeting on June 13, 2022 when the Chairman signed them as such. Cllr Durkin proposed, Cllr Looker seconded and it was agreed to adopt these minutes formally.

3 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Moyle, said

“This seems to have been a busy year for the council. It began with the completion of the purchase of a lease for the little walled garden in Porkellis now the Platinum Jubilee Garden, from Enys Estates and the creation of the Jubilee Trail. Monies were given to the three village halls and a small community group at Retanna to allow them to celebrate and we also made a supply of young trees available to the people of the parish as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

“Visitors to the meetings included PSCO Julia Berry who talked about the policing of the area and Mrs Lee from the National Trust who talked about the clearing of part of Porkellis Moor and work currently being done around Tyacks Shaft.

“The Neighbourhood Development Plan has been brought forward by the sub-committee. A questionnaire was produced, printed and distributed and about 200 answers were received and collated. Mr Besford-Foster is to oversee the next stage to carry the plan forward.

We have commented on 82 planning applications as a statutory consultee, none was more contentious than the Geothermal application at Manay, I attended, via Zoom, the meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee and spoke on behalf of the council.

“Our Facebook page is proving very successful. It is ably managed by Cllr Durkin and keeps local folk informed as to what is going on within the parish.

“A Climate Emergency Statement has been prepared and published and will be reviewed on a regular basis as required.

“In February we received the good news that the Park an Daras Estate is to remain within Wendron Parish, we fought hard to keep this boundary and not to lose any more of the parish to Helston so it was a pleasing result. The roads on the Estate have now been named, Gwel Trelulla, Park Pella, Park Skiber, An Gew and Park Gres. Recently we have heard from the managers there, Brooke Estates, who have expressed a wish to work with the Parish Council in providing amenities for the residents.

“I have represented the parish at the meetings of the Helston and South Kerrier Community Network, via Zoom, the Renembrance Day Service at Wendron Church and I had the pleasure of being asked to open the Carnkie Christmas Fayre.

“Sadly, in September, our Queen died and we were pleased to welcome our new King. The junior school children

have all been given Coronation mugs to celebrate the occasion and we are going to repeat the offer of a free tree to all the people in the parish in the Autumn.

“Going forward we are hoping for funding towards a footpath on the causeway by the reservoir and a 30 mile an hour speed limit through Penmarth.

“I would like to thank all of the councillors for their help and support over the last year and of course my thanks to Mr Chapman our clerk for his unenviable job of keeping us on the straight and narrow. I wish him well for the future, as he is leaving us in September after 20 years of sterling service. As this is my last year as Chairman my thanks and good wishes go to you all.”

4 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO MARCH 31, 2022

The Clerk presented the Financial Report for the year 2022 – 2023. In brief, this showed that Wendon Parish Council had started the year with a reserve of £50,736.82 and ended it with a reserve of £25,074.96 Our income amounted to £78,848.14 and expenditure was £104,510.00 The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor (Peter Richards, formerly KDC Chief Auditor) had signed off the accounts without comment.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by asking those parishioners present if they had any questions or views about the actions of the Parish Council.

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).

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.

There being no other comments, the Chairman closed the Annual Parish Meeting

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 12, 2023

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 13, 2024

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