

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday 15th April 2026 at 7:30p.m

Present: Cllr R. Durkin (Chairman), Cllr P Thorne, Cllr Mrs S Benney, Cllr T Robins, Cllr S Dooley, Cllr Mrs K Hampton, Cllr K Dower, Cllr C Hinchey, outgoing Clerk, and incoming Clerk.

Also present: CCllr Loveday Jenkin and 2 members of public.

1. To Receive Apologies of Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from. Cllr R Benney and Cllr T Corpes

2. To receive declarations of Interest:

a) in items on the agenda:

Cllr P Thorne declared an interest in Agenda Item 8.3(b) – PA26/00053.

b) Consideration of written requests for dispensation to speak at the meeting.

No written requests had been received.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meetings:

RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of Meeting held on the 9th March 2026 as a true record of the proceedings.

Proposed: Cllr S Dooley seconded Cllr Mrs S Benney, carried unanimously.

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4. Matters Arising from Meeting held on the 9th March 2026, not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

The following Matters were raised:

Cllr R Durkin asked if there was any update regarding the lease for Carnkie Play Park, Clerk advised that no formal response to the letter had been received.

5. Co-option of Parish Councillor.

One application had been received; however, the applicant was unable to attend the meeting, the Chairman ruled that this would be deferred to the May meeting.

6. Cornwall Councillor's Comments

CCllr Loveday Jenkin briefed the Members on the following:

- South West Water – campaign to put forward a 'vote of no confidence' in South West Water.
- Cornwall Council's plan to reintroduce weed treatment in the Parish
- Lack of dentistry in rural areas.

7. Public Participation

The members of public present were invited to address the meeting; One member spoke briefly to outline proposal for PA26/00053.

8 Planning

8.1 To note Planning Decisions received.

PA26/00281 – REFUSED – Land at Higher Halwin, Porkellis – Application for Permission in Principle for one single storey timber frame dwelling and associated works (minimum 1, maximum 1). *(Wendron Parish Council did NOT Support)*

8.2 To note planning decisions received after the publication of the Agenda.

PA26/01577 – Not Acceptable as an amendment – The Old Vicarage, Penmarth, Carnmenellis. Non Material Amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA23/00809 dated 9th April 2025 (allowed on Appeal Ref. APP/D0840/D/24/3355536), namely, ground floor external stone cladding replaced with painted render with stone Quoins; timber garage doors replaced with aluminium up and over doors. garage door removed on north elevation; garage door width reduced on south elevation and window design altered on east elevation.

PA26/00924 – REFUSED - Mhens Plot, Calvadnack, Carnmenellis – Application for existing certificate of lawfulness to confirm the non/compliance/ breach in relation to condition 3 attached to planning permission PA07/0195.

8.3 To consider Planning Applications received.

8.3(a) **PA26/00638 – Bodilly Mill, Crelly, Trenear, Helston –** Proposed four car garage with loft and undercroft storage.

RESOLVED to support this application.

Proposed: Cllr S Dooley seconded: Cllr P Thorne, carried unanimously.

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Cllr P Thorne left the meeting

8.3(b) **PA26/00053 – Wendron Cricket Club, Underlane, Helston –** Replacement of main pitch fence barrier and siting of storage containers.

RESOLVED to support this application.

Proposed: Cllr R Durkin seconded: Cllr C Hinchey, carried unanimously.

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Cllr P Thorne returned to the meeting on conclusion of this item.

8.3(c) **PA26/01701 – The Barn, Polrosa Farm, Medlyn –** The proposed conversion and extension of the existing building to form a self-build agricultural workers dwelling.

RESOLVED to support this application.

Proposed: Cllr S Dooley seconded :Cllr Mrs S Benney, carried unanimously.

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8.3(d) **PA26/02003 – Helston Golf And Lesure Centre, Redruth Road, Wendron -** Construction of a golf range and associated covered bays building with cafe, together with a new 18 hole footgolf / rugbygolf course, new maintenance shed and water storage lagoon and extensive native planting scheme . Ground modelling to be undertaken using imported inert materials with variation of condition 2 of decision notice PA24/03864 17.12.2024.

RESOLVED to support this application.

Proposed: Cllr R Durkin seconded: Cllr P Thorne, carried unanimously.

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8.4 To consider Planning Applications received since the publication of the Agenda.

PA26/00198 – Barn at 1 Little Treloar, Laity, Wendron – Proposed conversion of a barn to a dwelling.

RESOLVED to support this application.

Proposed: Cllr R Durkin seconded: Cllr C Hinchey, carried unanimously.

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PA26/01694 - Firstgate Lower Trewennack Farm Trewennack - Conversion and extension of an existing agricultural outbuilding, (previously approved under W2/PA07/00689/F) into a self/custom-build dwelling, and provision of a new bat roost.

RESOLVED to support this application.

Proposed: Cllr R Durkin seconded: Cllr C Hinchey, carried unanimously.

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The members of the public present left the meeting.

9. Clerk / RFO's Report.

9.1 To receive the accounts as of the 31st March 2026.

RESOLVED to accept the accounts as of 31st March 2026.

Proposed: Cllr R Durkin seconded: Cllr C Hinchey, carried unanimously.

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9.2 Authorisation of Accounts payable for April 2026.

RESOLVED that all invoices and regular payments due in April 2026, Voucher No's: 1 – 11, totalling £6096.71 (Net) are authorised for payment via BACS. Cllr R Durkin and Cllr Mrs S Benney signed the payment authorisation report.

Proposed by Cllr R Durkin seconded by Cllr Mrs S Benney and carried unanimously.

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9.3 To authorise the removal & addition of Bank Signatories to the Council Bank Account.

RESOLVED that:

1. Cllr Mrs Karen Hampton, be removed as a signatory from all Santander Bank Accounts held by the Council.
2. The new Clerk, Mrs Jessica Robins, be added as a 'Full Operator' with debit card and on-line Banking Access to the Council's Santander Bank Accounts.

The relevant Change of details and mandate form was subsequently signed.

Proposed by Cllr R Durkin, seconded by Cllr S Dooley, carried unanimously.

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9.4 Request from Carnmenellis Churchyard Preservation Trust for donation towards maintenance costs.

RESOLVED that a grant of £250 be awarded from the Grants Reserve.

Proposed by Cllr P Thorne seconded by Cllr R Durkin, carried unanimously.

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9.5 Request from Residents for the provision of an additional waste bin at Park an Daras.

RESOLVED that an additional waste bin be purchased & installed at Park an Daras, additional bin to be added to the Biffa Waste Contract.

Proposed by Cllr R Durkin seconded by Cllr Mrs S Benney, carried unanimously.

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10. New Website and Email:

Cllr C Hinchey briefed the Members; the inaugural meeting of the working party had been held. Review of current website and potential suppliers was now underway. The content of the report was noted.

11. Footpaths / Highways & Open Spaces.

Report from Cornwall Council on their Weed Treatment Plan for 2026

RESOLVED that Cllr C Hinchey draft a letter of concern to Cornwall Council, expressing strong concerns regarding their proposal and timescales. The Parish Council to remain 'opted-in' until the outcome of the Cornwall Council Meeting, scheduled for week commencing 20th April 2026, is known.

Proposed by Cllr R Durkin seconded by Cllr R Durkin, carried unanimously.

MINUTE: 12/04/26

12. Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Draft Plan has been published; Public Consultation events have been planned across the Parish starting on Thursday 16th April at Wendron Cricket Club.

The content of the report was noted,

13 Chairman & Councillor's Comments.

Cllr K Hampton asked once again if there had been any response from Andrew George regarding the gritting routes, the Chairman confirmed that none had been received. She had received some positive responses to her initial discussions regarding a Community Emergency Plan.

Cllr K Dower reported that some maintenance work had been carried out on the PRow's on Medlyn Moor, however, pieces of stone used to fill the uneven surface, were exceptionally large and concerns have been raised from both walkers and horse riders. Clerk would contact Countryside Access to clarify if they had carried out the work and if so, ask if remedial action could be taken.

Cllr P Thorne raised concerns regarding the suitability of the hall used for the Parish Council Meeting, lack of internet, limited parking and location were not ideal. An alternative location was proposed: Wendron Cricket Club, the Clerk advised that as this was a licensed premises, it would not be permitted. Chairman requested that the relevant legislation be checked.

14. Matters for Inclusion at the next Meeting.

None requested

15. Confirmation of date and time of next Meeting

Confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held at 7 p.m. on Monday 11th May, at the Penmarth Free Church Hall, this will be followed immediately by the Annual Meeting

Meeting closed at 20:50 hrs.

Signed: Chairman

Date: