

WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Wendron Parish Council held on Monday 9th March 2026 at 7:30p.m

Present: Cllr R. Durkin (Chairman), Cllr P Thorne, Cllr Mrs S Benney, Cllr R Benney, Cllr T Corpes, Cllr T Robins (to the point noted), Cllr S Dooley, Cllr Mrs K Hampton, Cllr K Dower, Cllr C Hinchey and the Clerk.

Also present: CCllr Loveday Jenkin and 4 members of public.

1. To Receive Apologies of Absence.

No apologies were received.

2. To receive declarations of Interest:

a) in items on the agenda:

Cllr T Robins declared an interest in Agenda Item 18.

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 P Thorne seconded Cllr R 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:

5. Cornwall Councillor's Comments

CCllr Loveday Jenkin briefed the Members on the following:

- Cornwall Council set the budget for 2026 /27.
- Community Welfare Strategy Meeting
- Conversations with South West Water, hoping to visit the Wendron Water Treatment Works.
- Emergency Planning – her surgery had gone well and was in the process of the responses being collated.
- Potholes getting worse, highways usually dealing with 500 reports at this time of year, currently standing at 5000.

Cllr Mrs K Hampton addressed Cllr Jenkin to ask if funding for pothole repairs comes from Council tax contributions, temporary repairs from council tax, capital expenditure (resurfacing etc) from government funding.

Cllr C Hinchey asked if Cornwall Council had any update regarding the air link from Newquay to London, following the withdrawal of funding, Cllr Jenkin advised that there was no update to date.

6. Public Participation

1 member of the public addressed the Members in relation to PA26/01446.

7 Planning

7.1 To note Planning Decisions received.

No planning decisions had been received.

7.2. To note planning decisions received after the publication of the Agenda.
No further planning decisions had been received.

7.3 To consider Planning Applications received.

7.3(a) **PA26/00924 – Mhens Plot, Calvadnack, Carnmenellis** – Application for an existing certificate of lawfulness to confirm the non-compliance/breach in relation to condition 3 attached to planning permission PA07/01795 (Agricultural use).

RESOLVED to support this application

Proposed by Cllr P Thorne seconded by Cllr S Dooley and carried unanimously.

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

7.4(a) **PA26/01739 – Hillcrest, Trewennack** – Construction of two storey side & rear extension with internal remodelling works.

RESOLVED to support this application

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

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7.4(b) **PA26/01446 – Land East of the Long Barn, Boquio Farm, Farms Common, Wendron** – Permission in Principle for the proposed erection of up to 1 dwelling (minimum 1, maximum 1)
RESOLVED to not support PA26/01446. The proposal is considered to represent a new residential dwelling in open countryside. Whilst it is noted that there are properties in the vicinity, these are barn conversions rather than new-build dwellings and therefore do not set a precedent for new development.

The site lies outside the curtilage of any village or hamlet, and the Council considers that permitting a new dwelling here would constitute inappropriate development in the countryside. For these reasons, the Parish Council recommends that Permission in Principle be refused.

Proposed by Cllr R Durkin seconded by Cllr C Hinchey and carried unanimously.

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7.5 To consider response in relation to Appeal Notifications:

7.5(a) **PA25/00282 - Land Adj To 6 Burras Row Burras** – Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for the construction of a dwelling.

RESOLVED to restate original comments in relation to the application

Proposed by Cllr R Durkin seconded by Cllr K Dower and carried unanimously.

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PA25/08915 – Land Opposite Rose Meadow, Carnkie – Permission in Principle for Construction of 6-9 dwellings

RESOLVED to restate original comments in relation to the application

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

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2 Members of the public left the meeting at the conclusion of this Item.

8. **Clerk / RFO's Report.**

8.1 To receive the accounts as of the 28th of February 2026.

RESOLVED to accept the accounts as of 28th February 2026.

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

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- 8.2 Authorisation of Accounts payable for March 2026.
RESOLVED that all invoices and regular payments due in March 2026, Voucher No's:92 - 97, totalling £2,291.00 (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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- 8.3 **Cllr J Gifford**
 The Clerk reported that Cllr J Gifford last attended a meeting of the Council on 14 July 2025. In accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, a councillor who fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority.
RESOLVED that the vacancy was noted and authorised the Clerk to inform Electoral Services at Cornwall Council
Proposed by Cllr R Durkin seconded by Cllr Mrs S Benney and carried unanimously.
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9. **New Website and Email:**
 Cllr C Hinchey briefed the Members on his initial enquiries. A meeting of the Parish Council Working Party be arranged.
 The content of the report was noted.
10. **Community Emergency Plan & Emergency Resilience Survey**
 The Members discussed the provision of an Emergency Plan; it was agreed that this would be deferred to a later date.
11. **Footpaths / Highways & Open Spaces.**
 Proposal to relocate Carnkie Play Park to Wendron Cricket Club
 Deferred until response received with regard to the lease at the current play ground in Carnkie.
12. **Neighbourhood Development Plan**
 Next Steering Group Meeting scheduled for Monday 16th March. The redesignation of the Parish Boundary has finally been approved. Next stage is to organise Public Consultation sessions.
 The content of the report was noted,
- 13 **Chairman & Councillor's Comments.**

 Cllr T Corpes – had initial discussions with Forest for Cornwall, was hoping to hear about funding opportunities by the end of March.

 Cllr K Hampton asked if there had been any response from Andrew George regarding the gritting routes, the Chairman confirmed that none had been received.
14. **Matters for Inclusion at the next Meeting.**
 None requested
15. **Confirmation of date and time of next Meeting**
 Confirmed that the next Meeting of the Council would be held on Monday 13th April 2026 at 7.30p.m. The meeting to be held at Penmarth Methodist Sunday School.

16. **To resolve that under the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act that the press and public be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.**
RESOLVED that under the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act that the press and public be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.
Proposed by Cllr R Durkin seconded by Cllr P Thorne and carried unanimously.
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Cllr L Jenkin and those members of the public present left the meeting.

17. **To receive Declarations of interest for items.**
 Cllr T Robins declared an interest and left the meeting.
18. **Clerk / RFO Vacancy**
 The Members considered the applications for the post of Clerk / RFO
RESOLVED that the shortlisted applicants be invited to attend an interview to be held on Tuesday 24th March 2026. The Interview Panel responsible for selection & appointment to consist of of: Cllr R Durkin (Chairman), Cllr P Thorne, Cllr C Hinchey and the Clerk as note taker.
Proposed by Cllr R Durkin seconded by Cllr P Thorne and carried unanimously.
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Meeting closed at 21:15 hrs.

Signed: Chairman

Date: 13/4/26