

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday September 11, 2007 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present: Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman) Cllr K.Cavanagh
 Cllr E.Nicholls (Vice-Chairman) Cllr R.J.Williams
 Cllr H.Bolt
 Cllr J.E.G.Boote Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCCLlr N.Hatton, PCSO A.Huddleston, Mr D.Reynolds, Mr D.Thomson and Mr Murch.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Thomson introduced himself as the applicant for the work proposed in PA07/01298/F. He outlined the thinking behind the plans and asked for the Parish Council's support in the matter.

It was noted that

- there is a great deal of concern about the development at the Falmouth end of the village. The consensus of opinion amongst Councillors was that they had not supported what is being done and that it had been a waste of their time making observations on the application
- recent thoughtless parking at the top of Well Lane meant that neither the refuse lorry nor South West Water had been able to gain access. Concerns were expressed that emergency vehicles would have had similar problems, but it was agreed that those responsible were probably unaware of the problem
- a caravan has been parked in the lay-by at Ponjeravah for some while: concerns were expressed that it may be a target for vandalism
- a development on the other side of the creek in Mawnan Smith prompted a reminder that Mawnan Parish Council had agreed to let Constantine Parish Council know of developments on the boundary which might affect Constantine's parishioners
- youths had created problems at Scott's Quay, but this has been dealt with.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from KDCllr R.Sadler, Cllr C.Gray, Cllr R.E.Just and Cllr Wiseman.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Boote declared a personal interest in Planning Application PA07/01298/F (his son is a neighbour of the applicant).

of gifts (received as a result of being a member of the Council) of a value greater than £25

There were no declarations of gifts of a value greater than £25.

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Cavanagh seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Thursday July 19, 2007 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES BUT NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA

The Clerk reported that there has been no response from either Kerrier District Council or Restormel Borough Council concerning the use of redundant barns for affordable housing.

The Chairman read a copy of Inspector Eccles' letter to a parishioner concerning incidents on the roads in the parish. Inspector Eccles had asked that local people should report all such incidents to the Police. PCSO Huddlestone reported that matters have since been resolved with the contractor agreeing to make good all the damage caused by his vehicles.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Traffic Working Party should be held before the end of October. The Clerk to make arrangements.

Cllr Williams reported that a parishioner had disagreed with the assertion that 'Affordable Homes should be built to a very high standard and should be eco-friendly': she had suggested that, to avoid a drain on Council Tax expense, mobile homes might be used more widely. Parish Councillors strongly disagreed with her contention.

5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Kerrier District and Cornwall County Councillor Hatton reported that

- affordable housing is, in the main, grant funded although limited funding is available through the Council Tax collected from second home owners. Moreover, affordable housing has to be built to Nationally agreed standards
- he is concerned about Government Policy PPS3 which specifies the number of houses which may be built per hectare. In country areas he believes this number to be so high as to represent over-development of sites. He is additionally concerned about the Government Policy which describes gardens as being brown-field sites – which again can lead to over-development of a site.
- the affordable housing surgery held at The Tolmen Centre recently had been very useful. Preferred sites within the village for affordable housing had been identified and Kerrier District Council can now move ahead. However, it is his opinion that the Camborne-Pool-Redruth conglomeration features more prominently on Kerrier's affordable housing list than rural villages
- during the course of the summer, he had received forty-eight hours' notice of Cornwall Highways' intention to remove privately placed signs and, on the whole, had been able to contact the owners.
- all being well, the road between High Cross and Nancenoy will be resurfaced in November
- he is frustrated by the apparent lack of urgency to complete agreed Highway projects
- the County Land Agent has said that there is no requirement for residential need for the use of the land at Chy-An, so Planning Enforcement measures can now be taken. However, it appears that people are leaving of their own accord
- Unitary Status for Cornwall has been accepted by Central Government (although Penwith has asked for a Judicial Review). The date of the elections, either May 2008 or 2009 is to be resolved.

In answer to a question Cllr Hatton agreed to ask Kerrier's planners whether or not the plans for the new development at the Falmouth end of the village had been correctly followed.

6 POLICE REPORT

Correspondence

Inspector Mark Eccles response to letter expressing concerns about the non-attendance of police officers at Parish Council meetings – *noted*

The Clerk apologised for misleading Councillors at the July meeting concerning receipt of a report from the police: one had been e-mailed to him, but had been identified by his computer as 'spam'. This error of judgment has been rectified.

PCSO Huddlestone reported that between July 19 and September 11 there have been six crimes reported. These have been of burglary, theft and criminal damage. Figures for the same period last year record five crimes.

Outlining his duties, PCSO Huddlestone said that his is the visible presence of the police on the streets, whereas PC Cormack is more involved in crime and investigation.

A 'Neighbourhood letter box' has been installed at the Post Office Counter. Parishioners' concerns may be written on a postcard and posted in this box and the Police will then act upon them. Since August 9 four postcards have been received: these express concerns about nuisance children and damage to motor vehicles.

PCSO Huddlestone is now qualified as a Cyclewise Instructor and anticipates that he will start courses for primary schoolchildren in the near future. There are places available for training as a Cyclewise Instructor and adults who would like to undergo this training are invited to contact PCSO Huddlestone.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that because of the sensitive nature of this item members of the public should be required to withdraw from the meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had received an application for the vacant place on Constantine Parish Council from Mr Reynolds and Mrs Rishworth. Following discussion, Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Nicholls seconded all others in agreement that Mr Reynolds should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Members of the public were invited to return to the meeting.

The Chairman announced the result of the vote.

Cllr Reynolds read aloud his individual declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Constantine Parish Council, the Proper Officer. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Reynolds as a member of Constantine Parish Council.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Constantine Cemeteries

The Clerk read a letter from Rev'd Stevens proposing the provision of further burial plots in the "new" cemetery. Following discussion, it was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

(this item was discussed following agenda item 4)

Cllr Williams proposed the establishment of informal meetings to view planning applications before observations are formulated at Meetings of the Parish Council. It was agreed to hold these meetings on a three months' trial basis at 7:30pm on the Monday evening preceding the Parish Council Meeting.

Applications

PA07/01101/F Mr & Mrs J Meadows – Erection of an extension and formation of two balconies to dwelling (amended scheme) – Poltoge, Port Navas – *to be returned marked 'No objections'.*

PA07/01237/F Mr D Morris - Erection of a replacement dwelling – Barrans, Port Navas – *to be returned with the following observation 'Constantine Parish Councillors do not believe this application complies with Policy H15: Replacement of Dwellinghouses in the Countryside and therefore recommend refusal of permission. In particular, they would draw attention to the proposed replacement dwelling's bulk, its height, the extensive use of glass (which on a sunny day will cause a nuisance) and the visual aspect from the river.'*

PA07/01238/F Mrs L Foulger – Erection of a conservatory extension to dwelling – Golden Eye, Port Navas, Constantine – *to be returned marked 'No objections'.*

PA07/01263/F Mr & Mrs J Spooner – - Retention of replacement patio and supporting structure – Bosryn, Port Navas – *to be returned marked 'No objections'.*

PA07/01290/F Mr D Cross – Conversion of redundant agricultural barn into a dwelling and erection of a carport – Treviades Wollas, Treviades, Constantine – *to be returned marked 'No objections'.*

PA07/01298/F Mr D Thomson - Erection of extensions to dwelling – Polwheveral House, Polwheveral – *to be returned marked 'No objections'.*

PA07/01413/LBC Mrs B.Hargreaves – Addition of new timber sash window and double doors (amended design) – Trecombe Farm, Trecombe, Mawnan Smith – *to be returned marked 'No objections'.*

Decisions

PA07/00320/F Mr S.Kent – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a local needs dwelling and installation of a septic tank) – off Trebarvah Road, Constantine – *noted*

PA07/00542/RM Mr J.Kent – Notice of Matters Reserved by Outline Permission (erection of twelve local needs dwellings) – Wheal Vyvyan, Constantine – *noted*

PA07/00705/F Mr J.H.Kitto – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extensions to dwelling and erection of a domestic garage) – Brill Bungalow, Brill – *noted*

PA07/00728/TPO Messrs Acorn Tree Services – Notice of Consent for the felling, topping or lopping of trees and woodlands (felling of one Cupressus Macrocarpa tree and lopping of one Oak tree) – Ponsaverran, Port Navas – *noted*

PA07/00786/F Mrs K. Atkins – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a replacement conservatory extension and installation of two solar roof tunnels to dwelling) – Comfort Cottage, Well Lane, Constantine – *noted*

PA07/00846/F Mr & Mrs N. Rogers – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a conservatory extension to dwelling) – 22 Brillwater Road, Constantine – *noted*

PA07/01040/TPO Mr R. Clowes – Notice of consent for the felling, topping or lopping of trees and woodlands (removal of lower branches from nine oak, three beech and one sycamore tree) – The Gazebo & Bridge House, Bridge, Constantine – *noted*

PA07/01069/F Mr D. Cummins – Conditional Permission for Development (conversion of existing domestic garage into ancillary accommodation, erection of a dormer extension and erection of a new domestic garage) – Iddlesleigh, Penbothidno, Constantine – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Mr Bowden letter of thanks – *noted*

Mrs Evans letter of thanks – *noted*

CALC The County Bulletin Newsletter – *noted*

KDC paid opportunities for people to make house-to-house enquiries re Electoral Roll – *noted*

South West Regional Assembly public consultation gypsies and travellers additional pitch requirements – *noted*

Cornwall Countryside Access Forum Annual Report – *noted*

CCC One Cornwall, One Council chosen by Government – *noted*

Constantine Cottage Garden Society acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Creative Crafting letter of introduction – *noted*

Mrs Rishworth notification of interest in serving as a Parish Councillor – *noted*

CPRE Fieldwork Newsletter – *noted*

Communities and Local Government Councils' Proposals for Unitary Local Government 'An Approach to Implementation' – *noted*

KDC Audit of Fitness Classes around South Kerrier – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter – *noted*

CCC One Cornwall consultation meeting invitation to two representatives Wednesday October 10 at Falmouth Town Council Offices – *noted*

CCC Engaging Communities Truro Cathedral September 22 10:30 – 2:30 – *noted*

Interlink Cornwall magazine – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at September 11, 2007. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Victim Support Cornwall for financial help. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Boote seconded all others in favour that a cheque for £25.00 should be forwarded to Victim Support Cornwall under the terms of Section 142(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members considered a request from the Constantine Silver Band for financial help. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all others in favour that a cheque for £200.00 should be forwarded to the Constantine Silver Band under the terms of Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members considered a request from Mullion Youth and Community Centre for financial help to wards the provision of a dedicated Youth Worker and Youth Support worker to work with young people in the community during the Easter and the Summer Holidays in 2008. It was agreed to invite a representative from the Mullion Youth and Community Centre to speak about this work at the next meeting, but to warn them that Councillors are unlikely to agree to the funding requested.

Members noted the following payments made in August (the Chairman and the Clerk signing the cheques)

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs F.Evans (gratuity)	£1,667.65		
Cllr P. Carter (reimbursement)	£ 30.00		
Mr G.Jorey (salary)	£ 250.10		
Gweek Garage	£ 65.80	£ 56.00	£ 9.80
South West Water (cemetery)	£ 11.27		
South West Water (public toilets)	£ 60.17		
Newsquest (advertisement)	£ 8.23	£ 7.00	£ 1.23
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 89.32	£ 76.01	£ 13.31
Mrs J.Jennings (casual wages)	£ 42.80		
Colin Chapman (salary)	£ 313.69		

The following accounts were presented for payment.

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Veolia	£ 69.56	£ 59.20	£ 10.36
Audit Commission	£ 334.88	£285.00	£ 49.88
Mr G.Jorey	£ 250.20		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 53.50		
HM Revenue & Customs	£ 232.08		
Constantine Stores Ltd	£ 54.04	£ 45.99	£ 8.05
Gweek Garage	£ 65.50	£ 55.74	£ 9.76
Truro Diocesan Board (tenancy)	£ 220.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (August)	£ 313.69		
telephone	£ 9.56		
office expenses	£ 14.54		
travelling	£ 26.52		
use of home (August)	£ 25.00		
total	£ 389.31		

Proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Cavanagh, all others in favour that the above nine accounts be paid.

The following receipts were noted

Constantine Recreation & Social Club	£ 631.24
Lloyds TSB (account closed)	£ 22.30
Keith Penrose (Mrs Watson)	£ 168.00
Mrs Battersby (Graham Battersby)	£ 27.00
Penryn & Falmouth Funeral Directors (Mrs Bowden)	£ 168.00
HM Revenue & Customs (over-payment)	£ 134.20
Constantine Football Club	£ 50.00

At this point, Cllr Boote apologised to Members and left the meeting.

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports tabled.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillors made no comments or observations.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday October 18, 2007 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:25pm

Signed.....

Dated.....