

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday October 18, 2007 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present:	Cllr E.Nicholls (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr R.E.Just
	Cllr A.H.Bolt	Cllr M.J.Reynolds
	Cllr J.E.G.Boote	Cllr R.J.Williams
	Cllr K.Cavanagh	Cllr N.J.Wiseman
	Cllr D.Cummins	
	Cllr C.Gray	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: PCSO A.Huddleston and Mr Mynett.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Nicholls, assumed the chair and welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that

- the provision of Christmas trees and lights should be considered at the next meeting
- noise outside the pub, following events such as the Rugby World Cup semi-final last Saturday, caused annoyance to local residents
- there is a need for a safe 'pavement' for pedestrians at the corner of Vicarage Terrace
- a stream is flowing over the road from the new development at the Falmouth end of the village
- the trees and bushes in the cemetery need trimming
- with Armistice Day approaching, the War Memorial needs cleaning
- the bottle and can banks need emptying
- the litter-bin in the Recreation Ground needs emptying

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from CCllr N.Hatton, KDCllr R.Sadler, and Cllr P.C.Carter. Cllr Cavanagh proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour to accept the apologies given for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

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, Cllr Cummins, Cllr Gray, Cllr Just and Cllr Wiseman being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that, subject to the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on Thursday September 11, 2007 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

In answer to a question, the Clerk confirmed that he is still awaiting a reply from Kerrier District Council concerning the conversion of redundant barns in the countryside into dwellings.

In consultation with the Chairman, Cllr Wiseman and Cllr Boote will call a meeting of the Traffic Working Party and report back to the next meeting.

5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

There were no members of County or District Councils present.

Cllr Wiseman drew members' attention to parishioners' concerns about alleged cuts in the Social Services budget which, if correct, will result in hardship, especially to those who depend on carers coming to their homes. The Clerk was asked to clarify the position and, if appropriate, to write to Cornwall County Council expressing Councillors' dismay.

6 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Huddlestone reported that between September 12 and October 15 there has been one crime of assault reported. This represents an encouraging drop in the crime rate, which has been replicated throughout the district.

In answer to a question concerning a police presence in the village this coming Saturday when the final of the Rugby World Cup will be played, PCSO Huddlestone said that none had been scheduled. However, if there is a disturbance those affected should report it immediately to the Police using either the 08452 777444 number or by simply dialling 999.

Speaking of the Neighbourhood Watch Committees, PCSO Huddlestone said it was recognised that the scheme had largely fallen by the wayside, but that there are moves afoot to rejuvenate it. He agreed to send a list of Co-ordinators to Cllr Williams, who, speaking as a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, asked Councillors if it would be appropriate for him to include Port Navas residents in his mailings. There were no objections.

PCSO Huddlestone asked if thought had been given to appointing a Councillor to act as a Police Liaison contact. The Chairman replied that this has not as yet been considered.

Correspondence

Devon and Cornwall Constabulary attendance of Officers at Parish Council meetings – *noted*

Devon and Cornwall Constabulary trial webcast of Police Authority meetings – *noted*

7 PARISH MATTERS

Constantine Cemeteries

The Clerk read a letter from Rev'd Stevens proposing the provision of further burial plots in the New Cemetery. Members were in general agreement that they would be disappointed to see the removal of the bushes at the top end of the cemetery simply in order to squeeze in a few more graves when there are so many spaces available in the Lawn Cemetery. It was noted that the contractor had pointed out that he would experience difficulty manoeuvring his machinery should this space be taken. It was similarly noted that use of the benches would also be restricted. Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all in favour that the Parish Clerk should write to Rev'd Stevens expressing the Parish Council's view that the proposal to provide further burial plots in the New Cemetery is unacceptable.

Recreation Ground

Correspondence

Tony Mogford Associates Ltd Dangerous Defect notice served on the safety area under the swings – *noted*

In view of the Dangerous Defect notice which has been served on the safety matting under the swings, the Clerk was asked to arrange a date for a meeting of the Recreation Ground Users Committee with Mrs Moore at the earliest possible opportunity. Cllr Williams proposed and it was agreed to instruct Mr Jorey to remove the swings from the frame immediately. It was noted that there are a number of maintenance issues on the Recreation Ground that also need attention and further that perhaps the time has come when some of the existing play equipment needs replacing.

The provision of wheel chair access to the Recreation Ground having been considered and agreed at an earlier meeting, the Clerk was asked to seek quotations from contractors capable of doing this work.

A request from Mr David Williams for permission to hold a firework display on the recreation ground on December 19 (to which the entire community would be invited) in memory of his mother, Mrs Amanda Dash

was considered. Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all others in favour that subject to proper insurance provision being provided (a copy of which must be given to the Parish Clerk before the event) Constantine Parish Council will permit this event.

Street Lighting

Cllr Cavanagh asked members to consider the provision of further street lighting within the village and in particular in Church Square. It was agreed to seek a quotation for this from Southern Electric Contracting.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

The Clerk reported that Constantine Parish Council has received no correspondence relating either to planning applications or to planning decisions since the last meeting

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

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

CCC temporary prohibition of traffic from Lower Treleggan to Trengove Cross October 8th-12th – *noted*

KDC review of Polling Districts and Polling Places Parliamentary Elections – *noted*

Standards Board Newsletter – *noted*

KDC training on the new Code of Conduct – *it was agreed to reply, stating that Councillors would be grateful if training might be given in The Vestry on Monday November 19 at 7:00 pm*

KDC minutes of the proceedings of the Council, Cabinet and Committees – *noted*

CCC OneCornwall newsletter – *noted*

Victim Support Cornwall invitation to visit the new offices and to learn about the work they do – *noted*

Defra Ways to tackle climate change Act on CO₂ – *noted*

KDC Preparation for Local Government Review special meetings for Parish Councils on November 26 at Camborne and on November 29 at Helston, both events scheduled to start at 6:30pm – *noted*

KDC Volunteer Centre 50+ Community Fair October 26 – *noted*

South Kerrier Alliance Newsletter – *noted*

HM Revenue & Customs Employer Bulletin Issue 27 – *noted*

ActNow Broadband and IT grants – *noted*

Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday Poppy Wreath – *Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour to send a cheque for £40 to the Royal British Legion as payment for the poppy wreath. The Clerk was asked to ascertain from the Royal British Legion whether or not the Parish Council should undertake the cleaning of the War Memorial this year.*

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at October 18, 2007. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Kerrier District Citizens' Advice Bureau for financial help. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all others in favour that a cheque for £50.00 should be forwarded to Kerrier District Citizens' Advice Bureau under the terms of Section 142(2A) 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. In the absence of the guest speaker, Mrs Boase, it was agreed to defer a decision to the next meeting.

The following accounts were presented for payment.

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Veolia	£ 85.12	£ 72.45	£ 12.67
Falstream Ahead	£ 220.00		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 250.20		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 42.80		
TDBF (Glebe Account)	£ 150.00		
J.J.Gyll-Murray (footpaths)	£2,500.00		
Gweek Garage	£ 20.00	£ 17.02	£ 2.98
W.B.Bowden & Sons	£ 44.65	£ 38.00	£ 6.65

Southern Electric Contracting	£ 240.76	£ 204.90	£ 35.86
EDF Energy	£ 247.43	£ 235.65	£ 11.78
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd	£ 762.50		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (September)	£ 313.69		
telephone	£ 1.76		
office expenses	£ 35.72		
travelling	£ 13.26		
use of home (August)	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 389.43	

Proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Gray, all others in favour that the above twelve accounts be paid.

The following receipts were noted

Constantine Football Club	£ 50.00
Constantine Bowling Club	£ 35.00

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Just reported that the Parish Plan Steering Committee is in the process of producing the first draft of the document and hopes to have it ready for comment by early January at the latest. The Hog Roast was well attended, the surgeries during the following week not quite as well, but one of the outcomes had been that the school children had asked for a map of the Parish to be made available to them. This is currently in hand. Cllr Just noted that a number of parishioners' concerns about traffic matters are being overtaken by events. Speaking of housing, he stated that Kerrier District Council has written to the Steering Group to say that the current thinking is that redundant barns should be used as dwellings. Kerrier District Council has identified a need for twenty-two Affordable Homes which should be scattered throughout the Parish rather than all built on a single estate. He concluded by saying that the Steering Group believes the cost of producing Parish Plans will come well within budget and moreover that there are some funds immediately available to be spent in the interests of young people.

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

It was noted formally that, thanks to the efforts of all those involved, Constantine had won the Business Category for the West of England in the Calor Village of the Year Competition.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday November 22, 2007 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:25pm

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