

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday December 13, 2007 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present:	Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman)	Cllr C.Gray
	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	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCCLlr N.Hatton, KDCllr R.Sadler and Mrs Bolt.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Concerns were expressed about

- inconsiderate parking on the road to Bowling Green, opposite the Spar Shop (where the pavement is lowered to allow wheel-chair access) and at Well Lane (where vehicles park on the pavement overnight). Councillors were particularly concerned that emergency vehicles might find their way impeded
- the potentially dangerous use of mini-motor bikes by youngsters during the dark evenings (the bikes have no lights and the riders no safety helmets)
- the present state of the footpath from Well Lane to Bosahan Woods
- the overgrown state of the well in Well Lane

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies 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 Wiseman proposed, Cllr Boote seconded, Cllr Carter and Cllr Nicholls (both being absent from the last meeting) abstained, all others in favour that, subject to the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday November 22, 2007 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

Cllr Wiseman reported that the proposed meeting of the Traffic Working Party had again been postponed and would now be held before the January meeting.

In the light of the experiment undertaken by Kerrier District Council, Cllr Boote questioned whether public participation during discussion of planning applications should be considered by Constantine Parish Council. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for the January meeting.

Following discussion, it was agreed to return the OneCornwall questionnaire, having completed Section 1, with a covering letter stating that Constantine Parish Council's aspirations for the future are entirely dependent on full funding accompanying services and management tasks delivered by the Parish Council on behalf of the principal authority. Further, that without safeguards ensuring that such funding is in place, comment on the Parish Council's willingness or otherwise to undertake any task would be unproductive.

5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS *this item was taken following Agenda Item 1 – Apologies for Absence*

CCCLlr Hatton reported that

- a great deal of work presently being undertaken at County level is concentrated upon the demands of the Unitary Authority
- County Council elections will next be held in May 2009
- an experiment which allows members of the public to speak at meetings of Kerrier's Planning Authority is currently undergoing evaluation
- new fingerposts will be sited at Nancenoy and at Carwynthenack
- he has in the past relayed concerns about the state of the road to Bowling Green both to Highways and to the Countryside Service, but that each in turn had referred him to the other. He undertook to try again
- the pot-holes have been filled at Brillwater

KDCllr Sadler reported that

- Kerrier District Council has indicated that its demand for Council Tax for the year 2008/2009 will be increased by 1.5%
- enforcement action at 28 Fore Street has been overtaken by the planning application on which Constantine Parish Councillors made observations at the last meeting.

In answer to questions, KDCllr Sadler

- said that, of the £30 million realised when its housing stock was sold, £6 million had been spent on new housing and that the surplus had been held as capital by Kerrier and that the resultant interest had helped to keep its demand for Council Tax low
- undertook to ask if surplus funds held by Kerrier might be returned to Parish and Town Councils rather than passing to the new Unitary Authority

6 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Christmas at Constantine

Cllr Wiseman reported that, on behalf of the Parish Council, he had purchased Christmas trees for the village at a net cost of £238.30 He paid tribute to all those who had helped with them and in particular to Mr Blatter and Mr Nicholls who had lent both their time and their vehicles. In turn, Cllr Williams thanked Cllr Wiseman for devoting his time and energy towards this project, noting that it had engendered a very pleasant community spirit – sentiments which were echo-ed by all Councillors present.

It was noted that the Christmas Carol Service will be on Friday December 21, 2007

Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that the two safety mats have been delivered and that repairs to the safety surface beneath the swings will be commenced as soon as is practicable.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA07/01890/TPO Mr & Mrs C.Brewer – Felling of Oak tree – Portmerryn, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *to be returned marked 'Constantine Parish Councillors request that the opinion of the County Forester be sought before permission to fell this tree is granted'*

PA07/01906/F Mr Andy Birchall – Erection of a garden room extension to dwelling – Trecobben Farm, Trecombe, Mawnan Smith – *to be returned marked 'No objections'*

PA07/01926/F Mr & Mrs P Leighton – Change of use of existing studio to holiday accommodation – The Studio, Tresahor Vean, Constantine – *to be returned marked 'No objections'*

PA07/01965/F Mr & Mrs P.Zschiesche – Renewal of temporary permission for the retention of caravan whilst building – Little Lestraynes Barn, Rame – *to be returned marked 'No objections'*

PA07/02018/F Ms G.Matthias – Erection of a wooden shed in rear garden – 10 Glebe Terrace, Constantine – *to be returned marked 'Constantine Parish Councillors are not opposed in principle to the erection of a shed in the garden: however, they believe that sited in the position shown on the application it will, by reason of its size and bulk, take light from neighbouring properties. They would suggest that the applicant submits an amended plan siting the shed closer to the electricity sub-station and rotated by 90°'*

Decisions

PA07/01413/LBC Mrs B.Hargraves – Listed Building Consent (addition of new timber sash windows and double doors – amended design) – Trecombe Farm, Trecombe – *noted*

Correspondence

KDC Planning Enforcement complaints received – *noted*

KDC application withdrawn (PA07/01776/F Ms G.Matthias – erection of a shed – 10, Glebe Terrace, Constantine) – *noted*

KDC response to letter asking for clarification on the use of redundant agricultural barns – *noted*

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

OneCornwall Parish and Town Council communication Issue 3 – *noted*

KDC new opening hours 9:00am (Wednesday 10:00am) – 4:30pm Isaac House, Helston – *noted*

KDC Kerrier Coast to Coast and Improvement Update (Winter 2007) – *noted*

KDC Register of Electors – *noted*

Devon and Cornwall Police Authority acknowledgement of letter – *noted*

Cornwall County Fire Brigade IRMP Service Plan 2008/2009 Consultation (March 3, 2008) – *noted*

Tony Mogford Associates Ltd notification of an increase in fees – *noted*

CCC LMP request for final claims to be made as soon as is practicable – *noted*

Mike Cowley (Perranarworthal PC) a forum to discuss the impact of the Unitary Authority – *noted*

CPRE Cornwall Branch Newsletter – *noted*

Port Navas Village Hall Programme of Events January to August 2008 – *noted*

E-mails between Hazel Perham (Ramblers' Association), Hannah Bratley (CCC Countryside Access) and Cllr Williams concerning the boardwalk on footpath 7 which is reported as being in need of repair and also concerns about the route as it passes through the grounds of Drift House were noted

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at December 13, 2007. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The Finance Committee presented its recommendation to the Parish Council that the precept for the financial year 2008/2009 should be set at £20,000 which represents a charge on a Band D house of £27.82 per annum. This is an increase of 33p on last year. Following discussion Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Boote seconded all in favour that the precept for the financial year 2008/2009 should be set at £20,000.

It was noted that the following account had been paid since the last meeting

	GROSS	NET	VAT
E.Watts & Sons (Christmas Trees)	£ 280.00	£ 238.30	£ 41.70

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Veolia Environmental services	£ 69.56	£ 59.20	£ 10.36
Mrs Jennings	£ 55.20		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 250.20		
HM Revenue & Customs	£ 318.12		
SEC Ltd (Street light maintenance)	£ 240.76	£ 204.90	£ 35.86

Gweek Garage	£ 61.74	£ 52.54	£ 9.20
Wicksteed Leisure	£ 108.94	£ 92.72	£ 16.22
Veolia Environmental Services	£ 84.89	£ 72.25	£ 12.64

Colin Chapman

Salary (November)	£ 313.69
telephone	£ 3.93
office expenses	£ 27.66
travelling	£ 17.68
use of home (November)	£ 25.00

total £ 387.96

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

The following receipts were noted

CCC LMP payment	£2,250.00
Keith Penrose (Mr Hill)	£ 216.00

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Just reported that the draft copy of Parish Plans should be available for Councillors to read before the next meeting.

Cllr Cummins presented a paper detailing construction requirements for wheelchair ramps.

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillors made no further comments.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday January 17, 2008 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:19pm

Signed.....

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