

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday January 17, 2008 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

**Present:**

Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman)	Cllr C.Gray
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, PC Cormack, PCSO Huddlestone, Mr Hayson and Mr Thomson.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Thomson outlined his planning application for a change of use of a workshop to a holiday cottage and the installation of a septic tank at Polwheveral House Farm and answered Councillors' ensuing questions.

Mr Hayson outlined his planning application for the erection of a two storey extension to the Spar Stores in Constantine and answered Councillors' ensuing questions.

Concerns were expressed about dog fouling on the grass verge near the pre-school.

## **1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Through CCCLlr Hatton, KDCILr Sadler presented his apologies for absence. Cllr E.Nicholls (away on business) and Cllr Just (ill) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour to accept Parish Councillors' apologies.

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **in items on the agenda**

Cllr Cavanagh declared a personal interest in planning application PA07/02111/F in that his daughter is employed by Mr Hayson and he employs Mr Hayson's son.

### **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 Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday December 13, 2007 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

There were no matters arising which are not included elsewhere on the agenda..

## **5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

CCCLlr Hatton reported that

- the potholes along Bowling Green have been filled by County Highways
- studies to observe the effect of rainwater run-off from fields have been initiated at Nancenoy by Officers from the Environment Agency's South West Catchment Sensitive Farming Unit

- his member budget will cease in April 2009, by which date all schemes in progress must be completed. With this in mind, the 20mph scheme through the village from Brill Cottages to the Penbothidno Estate (with speed cushions being installed outside the primary school) is about to enter the consultation stage. Additionally, proposals are in hand for the introduction of parking restrictions at the Doctors Lane junction
- provision of a replica historic fingerpost at Nancenoy is on course
- he has applied for Community Grants from Kerrier both for the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust and (to help cover the cost of *Brass on Grass*) for the Silver Band
- representatives of the media were present at the recent meeting of Kerrier's Planning Committee to record the experiment of allowing the public to speak. He believes the experiment is proving a success
- Kerrier is actively pursuing the provision of affordable housing within the parish.

In answer to a question concerning the difficulty of driving through Mabe because of parked cars, CCllr Hatton noted that a Truronian bus had recently been unable to access the village. It appears that the problem arises because of the University's policy of permitting little or no parking on the campus. However, this policy is having an adverse effect on neighbouring parishes and the College must address it.

## **6 POLICE REPORT**

PC Cormack said that in the last month there have been two crimes reported, that of a drink driving offence and the theft of a road fund licence. This compares well with the six crimes reported in the same period last year. He warned that there has been an attempt by what is believed to have been an unscrupulous tarmac-ing company to do some gardening work for a pensioner. However, the pensioner concerned had failed to note the vehicle number plate and the police had been unable to take the matter further. Cllr Boote stressed that the comparative absence of crime in the village is the result of the police presence and that he hoped that, having examined the statistics, PC Cormack's superiors would not be tempted to move him elsewhere.

Incidents involving children and young people playing "chicken" with the traffic in Well Lane and under-age drinking at and around the bus stop were noted by PC Cormack.

## **7 PARISH MATTERS**

### **Bowling Green Road**

It was noted that repairs have been effected to the larger potholes.

### **Constantine Lawn Cemetery**

The Clerk reported that, as required by law, he has signed the Annual Waste Transfer Notice on behalf of Constantine Parish Council. He further reported that as a result of his observations he has asked Veolia to collect the rubbish from the cemetery on a fortnightly rather than a weekly basis: this will save the Parish Council nearly £350.00 per annum but may be revised at short notice.

### **Recreation Ground**

#### **Wheelchair ramp**

Following discussion, it was agreed to ask both Derek Giles and Richard Mann to draw up a specification and quote for a concreted access path from the road and along the back of the Social Club. Cllr Cavanagh, Cllr Cummins and Cllr Reynolds will meet the companies' representatives on site to explain what is required.

#### **Replacement of springer**

The Clerk reported that he has applied for a grant in the sum of £1,166.00 for the springer from Kerrier's Community Grants Fund. This will leave a shortfall in the quoted price of £365.00. Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour that Constantine Parish Council should finance a new springer in the sum of £365.00 in the event that funding in the sum of £1,166.00 is offered by Kerrier District Council.

#### **Safety surface under swings**

The Clerk reported that the weather had been against the repair of the area under the swings, but that he had received assurances from Mr Jorey that the work would be done as soon as is practicable.

### **Car park**

The Clerk reported that, as yet, he had heard nothing from James Humphreys (who acts as Land Agent for the Glebe Committee). The Chairman agreed to pursue this matter.

## 8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

It was agreed to defer discussion of a possible change to Standing Orders (which would allow planning applicants to speak before observations from the Parish Council are made) to the next meeting.

### Applications

*Having earlier declared a personal interest in the following application for planning permission, Cllr Cavanagh remained in the room but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.*

PA07/02111/F Mr & Mrs K.Hayson – Erection of two storey extension to shop – Spar Stores, Church Square, Constantine. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Cummins seconded all others in favour that Constantine Parish Councillors strongly support this application.

PA07/02045/F Mr D Thomson – Change of use of workshop to holiday cottage and installation of a septic tank – Polwheveral House Farm, Polwheveral. Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all others in favour that Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.

PA07/02042/TPO Mrs C J Scobie-Allin – Felling of three Sycamore trees – Green Valley, Seworgan. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Boote seconded all others in favour that Constantine Parish Councillors support this application subject to the approval of the County Forestry Officer.

PA07/01949/F Mr & Mrs P.Leighton – Extensions to existing dwelling including annex for dependent relative and link to existing ancillary outbuildings – Tresahor Vean, Constantine. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Boote seconded all others in favour that Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.

### Decisions

PA07/01767/F Mr & Mrs H.Kozlowski – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extensions to dwelling) – Cedar Cottage, Trewince Lane, Porth Navas – *noted*

PA07/01826/F Mr & Mrs Collins – Conditional Permission for Development (conversion of barn to form a dwelling and construction of a septic tank) – Calamansack Farm, Port Navas – *noted*

### Correspondence

**Mrs Logan** copy of letter to KDC concerning PA07/02018/F – *noted*

**KDC** Planning Enforcement allegations – *noted*

**KDC** Planning – changes to Delegated Powers – *noted*

**KDC** Planning – changes to Delegated Powers Information Briefing Sessions at 4:00pm in Camborne on January 28 and in Helston on February 6 – *Cllr Cummins and Cllr Wiseman will attend the session being held in Helston.*

## 9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

**CPRE** Fieldwork magazine – *noted*

**CCC OneCornwall** Newsletter Issue 4 – *noted*

**Julia Goldsworthy MP** Christmas Card and a request to attend a meeting of the Parish Council – *the Clerk to reply inviting Ms Goldsworthy to attend a meeting of her choice*

**Environment Agency** Calendar (Don't ignore the risk. Be prepared for flooding) – *noted*

**KDC** Kerrier's Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year award – *noted*

**KDC** Changes to the Council's Management Structure – *noted*

**CALC** Annual Meeting, Finance Update and County Bulletin – *noted*

**KDC** brochure Out There – Things to Do, Places to Go – *noted*

**Clerks and Councils Direct** Newsletter – *noted*

**KDC** Preparing for Local Government Review seminar 9:00am – 4:30pm at the Penventon Hotel, Redruth – *Councillors to contact the Clerk at the earliest opportunity should they wish to attend*

**CALC** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference County Hall Truro Saturday February 9 – *noted*

**KDC** appointment of Parish and Town Council Support Officer – *noted*

## 10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at January 17, 2008. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
SLCC subscription	£ 43.00		
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd	£ 457.50		
Gweek Garage	£ 20.00		
Veolia Environmental Services	£ 69.56	£ 59.20	£ 10.36
Travis Perkins	£ 26.42	£ 22.49	£ 3.93
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 46.98	£ 39.98	£ 7.00
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd	£ 257.50		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (December)	£ 313.69		
telephone	£ 33.79		
office expenses	£ 30.35		
travelling	£ 19.89		
use of home (December)	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 422.72	

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

The following receipts were noted

Keith Penrose (Mrs Montgomery)	£ 216.00
Keith Penrose (Mrs Hall)	£ 184.00

#### **11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

Speaking on behalf of the Traffic Working Party which had met recently, Cllr Wiseman said that, judging by what CCCllr Hatton had reported, some progress has been made with the findings detailed in the paper published in January 2007. However, it was noted that a number of the recommendations formulated in this document had been dismissed. He proposed and it was agreed that the Parish Council should revisit the document once both the 20mph speed limit through the village and the parking restrictions at the junction of Doctors Lane have been implemented.

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

#### **12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Councillors made no further comments.

#### **13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday February 21, 2008 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:02pm

Signed.....

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