

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday March 20, 2008 at 7.15pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

Visitors: CCCLlr N.Hatton, PC Cormack, PCSO Huddleston, Mr T.Dawson, Mr D.Down and Mr B.Mynett.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that

- Cornwall Highways' proposals for a 20mph speed limit through the village and in particular the associated speed cushions and no waiting restrictions have not been popularly received
- villagers may like to be offered the opportunity to comment on the proposed extensions to the car-park
- the Parish Council invariably asks for the County Forester to be consulted over planning applications relating to Tree Preservation Orders
- there is a wish within certain sections of the village that people attending the Church and the Social Club should be encouraged to park their cars outside the Recreation Ground

Support from the Parish Council was sought for both the Brass on Grass event and the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust. Whilst Parish Councillors were broadly supportive, it was agreed that, in order to comply with legal requirements, the matter should be the subject of an agenda item and accordingly that it would be discussed at the next meeting.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

KDCLlr Sadler, sent his apologies for absence. Cllr Wiseman sent his apologies for absence. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Just seconded all in favour to accept Cllr Wiseman's apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Nicholls declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning applications PA08/00416/F and PA08/00417/LBC in that he is one of the applicants.

All Councillors present declared a personal interest in planning applications PA08/0.0416/F and PA08/00417/LBC in that one of the applicants, Mr E Nicholls, is a fellow Parish Councillor.

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 Williams proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Cavanagh being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendments, the minutes of

the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday February 21, 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 reported that, as requested at the informal meeting of Parish Councillors on Tuesday evening, he had returned the consultation document concerning the proposed 20mph Speed Limit throughout the village and the associated Traffic Calming measures marked as follows *In common with residents, Constantine Parish Councillors would support any measures to restrict speed within the village boundary. However, the proposals outlined in this document do not wholly meet the wishes and expectations of residents for a long-term solution to the problem of speeding vehicles and for this reason Parish Councillors request that the work described is not carried out. In particular the use of Speed Cushions and associated parking limitations causes widespread alarm. Constantine Parish Councillors would welcome an opportunity to discuss measures aimed at reducing speed through the village with Highway Engineers. Their aim would be to draw up a scheme which would be both effective at reducing speed and satisfactory to residents and which ultimately may prove to be less expensive to implement than the one proposed.*

It was noted that the Police precept for the coming year represents a rise of 7.94%

The questions raised by Cllr Just relating to the disposal of Kerrier's housing stock and the use to which the resultant funds had been put were addressed in an e-mail from KDCllr Sadler which was read to members.

5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

CCClr Hatton reported that, in respect of the proposals relating to 20mph Speed Limit throughout the village and the associated Traffic Calming measures, there is very little room for manoeuvre. Once the consultation period is over, he will discuss any objections to the scheme which have been received with the officer concerned, but only minor changes will be considered at that time. Cllr Williams stated that consultation may be defined as being a dialogue between interested parties and further that this can only be achieved by face-to-face communication. He asserted that being presented with a *fait accompli* does not therefore represent consultation.

Speaking of the Boundary Committee, CCCllr Hatton stressed that, although comments from organisations and individuals are invited (before April 21), the process is required to be thoroughly independent.

CCClr Hatton reported that last year Cornwall County Council Education Committee heard 300 appeals from parents whose children had been refused a place in their first choice of school and that this figure was expected to rise this year.

6 POLICE REPORT

PC Cormack reported that there has been one crime (of opportunistic burglary) in the last month compared to three in the same period last year. He mentioned the problem of dog fouling and the attention given it by two independent poster campaigns, by the *Gweder Myras* and by Kerrier District Council. It was noted that PCSO Andy Huddleston continues his work with local youngsters.

7 PARISH PLANS

It was noted that Parish Plans are now at the printers and that a formal decision to ratify its findings should be made at a later date.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Recreation Ground

Wheelchair ramp

The Clerk reported that he has received a breakdown form D.A.Giles for the two aspects of this project (the creation of an access path suitable for wheel-chairs from the parking area to the Social Club and the creation of a surfaced parking area opposite The Vicarage). Cllr Cavanagh reported that he has asked a second contractor to quote for the work. It was noted that the Territorial Army may be interested in undertaking this work and the Clerk was asked to contact both them and other contractors.

Replacement of springer

The Clerk reported that he is still awaiting a response from Kerrier's Community Grants Committee which, he understands, is considering whether or not requests for funding for play equipment fall within its remit.

Safety surface under swings

The Clerk reported that Mr Brian Jorey has repaired the woodwork of the Multi-Play equipment but that the recently received Health and Safety Report identifies problems with the trick ladder. It was noted that this is considered an unacceptable risk under Health and Safety guidance and Cllr Nicholls offered to have it repaired – an offer which was gratefully accepted.

Car park

The Clerk reported that he has written to Mr Humphreys (the Land Agent for the Glebe Committee) to prompt him for a response, and has received a reply from his secretary stating that Mr Humphreys will reply on his return from holiday.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

Cllr Nicholls declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following two applications in that he is one of the applicants and left the room.

All the other councillors present declared a personal interest in the following two applications in that one of the applicants is a fellow Councillor.

PA08/00416/F Mr & Mrs E Nicholls – Erection of a first floor extension to dwelling – Napheane Farm, Constantine. All Councillors present, having declared a personal interest, Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Just seconded all in favour to return this application marked “*No observations.*”

PA08/00417/LBC Mr & Mrs E Nicholls – Listed Building Consent for the erection of a first floor extension to dwelling – Napheane Farm, Constantine. All Councillors present, having declared a personal interest, Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Just seconded all in favour to return this application marked “*No observations.*”

Cllr Nicholls returned to the room.

PA08/00276/F Mr R.Grant-Sturgis – Change of use of lakes and ponds to coarse fishery and erection of an amenities block – ponds at High Cross. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour that the plans be returned with the following observations “*Constantine Parish Councillors have no objections in principle to this development. However they have concerns about*

- *the very narrow County approach road to this property and the increase in traffic the proposed development would create*
- *the proposed number of visitors (as referred to in answer to question 10 FDA1 – they suggest that a maximum of ten at any one time would be more appropriate)*
- *the size, bulk and design of the amenities block*

They note also that the site is adjacent to part of the Cornwall AONB.”

PA08/00257/F Mr D.Cross – Conversion of redundant agricultural barn into a dwelling and erection of a car port and installation of a septic tank (amended design) – Treviades Wollas, Constantine. Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Cavanagh seconded all in favour that the plans be returned with the following observations “*Constantine Parish Councillors strongly support this application.*”

PA08/00376/F Mr A.Birchall – proposed 25m² natural pool, involving alterations to the existing curtilage, (relocation and extension of an existing Cornish hedge) and change of use of the client’s land (part of existing horses’ field changed to extended family garden) – Trecobben Farm, Trecombe. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Just seconded all in favour that the plans be returned marked “*No objections.*”

PA08/00489/F Mr & Mrs J.T.Axe – Erection of extensions to dwelling – Carloggas, Constantine. Cllr Cummins proposed, Cllr Cavanagh seconded all in favour that the plans be returned marked “*Constantine Parish Councillors support this application in principle. However, they would draw the Planning Authority’s attention to potential problems relating to the drainage of rain-water on the northern side of the proposed extension and the adverse effect this may have on the neighbouring property.*”

Decisions

PA07/01949/F Mr & Mrs P.Leighton – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extensions to existing dwelling, including annexe for dependent relative and link to existing ancillary outbuilding) – Tresahor Vean, Constantine – *noted*

PA07/02045/F Mr D.Thomson – Refusal of Permission for Development (change of use of workshop to holiday cottage and installation of a septic tank) – Polwheveral House Farm, Constantine – *noted*

PA07/02111/F Mr & Mrs K.Haysom – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a two-storey extension and alterations to shop) – Spar Stores, 1 Fore Street, Constantine – *noted*

Members agreed to continue the practice of holding an informal meeting to discuss Planning Applications a few days before the advertised formal meeting of the Parish Council. The next informal meeting will be on Tuesday April 15 at 7:00 in The Vestry

Apologising to members and citing a prior commitment, Cllr Just left the room at 8:05pm

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that he had attended a meeting at the Brookdale Hotel in Truro entitled *Preparing for Local Government Review – One Cornwall* and had prepared a written report. This was circulated to members.

Correspondence

KDC Parish and Town Council Liaison: questions and answers from the Penventon Hotel exercise: assets owned by Kerrier District Council in Constantine are the public toilets, land at Wheal Vyvyan Estate, land at Port Navas – *noted*

CCC acknowledgement of receipt of claim under the LMP scheme – *noted*

CCC Consultation document on the proposed 20mph speed limit throughout the village, on the associated speed calming measures and on the No Waiting restrictions – *the Parish Council's response to this document was noted in paragraph 4*

Information Commissioner notification of information available – *noted*

OneCornwall Parish and Town Council newsletter number 6 – *noted*

Cornwall County Playing Fields Association acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

KDC Full Council agenda for March 5, 2008 – *noted*

Devon & Cornwall Police Authority Chief Constable a vision for the future – *noted*

CPRE AGM, Annual Report and Newsletter number 3 – *noted*

Boundary Committee Electoral review for the new Cornwall Unitary Authority – *noted*

CC Cllr Hatton copy of correspondence addressed to Mr Miller of Antron Hill, Mabe – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter – *noted*

Scope request for help with house-to-house collection in April – *noted*

Matthew Taylor MP Affordable Housing survey report and request for information – *noted*

SLCC Regional one-day conference Plymouth May 14 – *noted*

Complete Weed Control advertisement – *noted*

Fieldwork CPRE Newsletter – *noted*

Mullion Youth and Community Centre Outreach Service 'The Sex Factor' – *noted*

CCC LMP 2008/09 offer of grant of £2,484.46 to be put towards the cost of cutting PROWs – *noted*

Mr John Green Calamansac House copy of letter concerning the felling of an oak tree – *noted*

Helford River Association copy of correspondence concerning a proposed mussel farm at the mouth of the Helford – *noted*

Mr Peter Blake copy of correspondence concerning a proposed referendum – *noted*

Mr John Green copy of correspondence concerning second homes and the new rates of Capital Gains Tax and the consequent effect upon affordable rural housing – *noted*

Audit Commission confirmation of appointment of external auditor – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at March 20, 2008. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Constantine Bowling Club for a temporary repair to be made to the Club House roof. Cllr Cummins reported that he had met a representative of the Club and that, having inspected the roof, it is his opinion that a temporary repair is necessary. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Osgood with a request for this work to be done, but to make a point of warning Mr Osgood that the roofing material may contain asbestos. The matter of a replacement roof will be considered at a future meeting.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre for help with funding. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Nicholls that the sum of £25.00 be forwarded to the Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre under the terms of Section 142(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972. An amendment that the sum of £50.00 should be forwarded proposed by Cllr Boote, seconded by Cllr Gray was lost and the original proposal was then voted upon. All Councillors were in favour that the sum of £25.00 be forwarded to the Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre under the terms of Section 142(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 250.20		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 55.20		
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 318.44		
Gweek Garage	£ 20.00	£ 17.02	£ 2.98
SEC Ltd (public lighting contract)	£ 240.76	£ 204.90	£ 35.86
Veolia (ES) Ltd	£ 37.95	£ 32.30	£ 5.65
Tony Mogford Associates Ltd	£ 123.38	£ 105.00	£ 18.38
Travis Perkins	£ 18.68	£ 15.90	£ 2.78
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (Cemetery maintenance)	£ 537.56	£ 457.50	£ 80.06
Colin Chapman			
Salary (February)	£ 313.47		
telephone	£ 3.06		
office expenses	£ 36.70		
travelling	£ 29.17		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 407.40	

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

The following receipts were noted

Pendle Funeral Directors (Mr Kuruber)	£ 184.00
Kerrier District Council (Parish Plans)	£1,500.00
Interest received	£ 106.45

The Clerk reported that he had received an invitation to renew Constantine Parish Council's insurance with Zurich Municipal. It was agreed to discuss this at a meeting of the Finance Sub-Group to be held on Wednesday April 2 at 7:00pm in The Vestry

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Cummins reported that he had attended a most informative Planning Training Session at Kerrier's offices in Camborne at which Cllr Hatton had been present. At this meeting it was reported that Central Government has declared a target of 68,000 net additional homes for the South-West of England by 2016 and also that 95% of planning decisions are expected to be made by officers using delegated powers.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillors made no further comments.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:58pm

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