

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday May 22, 2008 following the Annual Parish Meeting 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, PCSO Huddlestone and Mrs Garrard.

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that

- regulations require that, in residential areas, bonfires should not be lit before 7:30pm and should not be within fifty feet of a public highway
- in general, work on a development for which permission has been granted must be commenced within three years
- there is a large and dangerous pothole in a passing space on the road near Trevaney Farm
- the gates at the Church Hall have again been vandalised.

Mrs Garrard congratulated the team who had produced the Constantine Parish Plan and asked how matters would be taken forward. The Vice-Chairman stated that the Parish Council has several of the aspirations detailed in Parish Plans in hand, as has the Constantine Enterprises Company. Cllr Just, who is Chairman of the CEC, reported that the Enterprises Company has decided to prioritise these aspirations. In particular he mentioned a proposal to create a self-build co-operative for the construction of affordable housing (rather than making use of a Housing Association), the development of a granite heritage trail and museum, the search for suitable sites within the Parish for the production of alternative energy supplies and the employment of a Parish Ranger. Cllr Just acknowledged that with all these aspirations there are financial implications, but stated that Parish Plans are a tool with which funds can be accessed. It was further noted that there are some matters such as an increase in policing, traffic management and the expansion of the car-park which are either already well-advanced or in hand.

Mr Axe sent a letter concerning his planning application for extensions to his home at Carloggas, which stated that he has done his best to allay the concerns of his neighbour concerning the drainage of storm water. He emphasised that he, his builder and the Planning Regulations Officers at Kerrier District Council are all fully aware of the potential problem and will work together to ensure it is properly resolved.

The Chairman entered the room during the course of Public Question Time.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Just seconded, all others in favour that Cllr Paul Carter be elected to the Chair of Constantine Parish Council for the year 2008 – 2009.

2 CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Carter read aloud, signed and dated the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman of Constantine Parish Council for the year 2008 – 2009 in the presence of the Clerk and the Council.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wiseman (on holiday), KDCllr Sadler and PC Cormack.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Just declared a personal interest in planning application PA08/00782/F (agenda item 12).

There were no declarations of gifts (received as a result of being a member of the Council) of a value greater than £25

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday April 17, 2008 are a true record.

6 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Cavanagh reported that the shop will be closed for a maximum of two weeks from June 9, but that some service will be available from Mr Hayson's home.

7 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

CCClr Hatton reported that

- at Kerrier District Council's final AGM, Cllr Walter Sanger had been appointed Chairman and Cllr Ronnie Williams the Vice-Chairman
- the proposals submitted by Coastline to build a dozen affordable homes in Camborne have been rejected and that there is a possibility that Ocean Housing Trust will be awarded the grant money set aside for this project to build fifteen homes at Wheal Vyvyan (although he noted that planning permission had only been granted for twelve homes)
- he is concerned by the proliferation of plans submitted for the demolition of existing homes and for the re-building of much larger dwellings along the Helford most of which fall outside Planning Policy H15 (replacement dwellinghouses in the countryside)
- at Goonhilly, planning permission has been granted for the replacement of the existing fourteen wind turbines with six that are twice the height of the present turbines. All the communications' dishes will eventually be removed with the exception of 'Arthur', which is listed
- there is continuing uncertainty about the future Unitary Authority and in particular about the number of Councillors who will sit on this Council. The Boundary Committee will make a decision on the matter by October, which will allow six months before elections in May (or possibly in June when it will coincide with the Euro elections and consequently save money)
- he hopes that, in the interests of economy, Cornwall Highways will dovetail the resurfacing of Trebarvah Road, the re-kerbing near the school and the installation of traffic control measures through the village.

Councillors noted that the road between Trengilly Wartha and High Cross badly needs resurfacing and that, as at Trevaney Farm (and between High Cross and the garage), there are a number of dangerous potholes at passing places along this road. CCCllr Hatton undertook to look at these issues with the Highways Area Surveyor and to report back to members.

8 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Huddleston reported that in the year to date there have been forty-four crimes reported and that this represents a drop of 12% on the previous year.

In the last month, there have been three crimes: one of criminal damage to a vehicle at Part Navas, an assault and a theft from an insecure vehicle.

Together with Mrs Moore, he is seeking funding to organise a project for local youngsters, possibly a visit to the Bishop's Forum Activity Centre.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Election of vice-chairman

Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour that Cllr Nicholls be elected to the position of Vice-Chairman of Constantine Parish Council for the year 2008 – 2009.

Standing Orders

Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Cavanagh seconded all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council should re-adopt Standing Orders as revised in April 2006

Financial Regulations

Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Just seconded all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council should re-adopt Financial Regulations as revised in April 2006

Election of Councillors to posts of responsibility and committees

It was agreed that the following Councillors will undertake the following duties in the coming year

- a) Bank signatories – Cllr Carter, Cllr Nicholls
- b) Planning – Cllr Boote, Cllr Cummins, Cllr Gray, Cllr Just, Cllr Wiseman
- a) Emergencies – Cllr Bolt, Cllr Cavanagh, Cllr Cummins, Cllr Gray
- b) Finance – Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wiseman
- e) Burial Ground – Cllr Bolt, Cllr Wiseman
- f) Footpaths Co-ordinator – Cllr Williams
- g) Housing – Cllr Boote, Cllr Wiseman
- h) Recreation Ground Users Group – Cllr Bolt, Cllr Cavanagh, Cllr Gray
- i) Port Navas Village Hall representative – Cllr Boote

10 PARISH PLANS

Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Cavanagh seconded, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council should adopt *The Constantine Parish Plan* as written by the Constantine Parish Plan Committee and published in Spring 2008. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to members of the Committee who it was agreed have worked exceptionally hard to produce this document. Members agreed that Constantine Parish Council should consider making a financial contribution to promote activities resulting from Parish Plans.

11 PARISH MATTERS

Recreation Ground

Wheelchair ramp – it was agreed to defer a decision on this matter to a later date.

Replacement of springer – the Clerk reported that he still hoped that this would be done before the end of the month.

The Sand Pit – the Clerk reported that people from the Community Service Organisation will dig this out on Friday June 6, 2008. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all others in favour that delegated powers should be given to the Clerk to purchase fresh sand to a maximum sum of £400

Car park

Repair and extension – the Chairman reported that he had again telephoned the Glebe Committee's Land Agent about this matter, but that no response had, as yet, been forthcoming.

The Clerk reported that Cornwall County Council's Tree Officer has described the sycamore tree on the hedge of the car-park and the beech tree in the adjoining field as being dangerous and that the Highways Act 1980 (154) requires the removal of the hazard to the highway. It was agreed to give notice to Kerrier District Council that these trees will be felled and to ask the forestry department of the Duchy College if their students would fell these trees as part of their education. Failing that the Clerk was asked to seek a quotation for their felling. It was further agreed to advertise the fact that they will be felled on the parish notice-boards, by notice pinned to the trees and in Gweder Myras.

Correspondence

Charles Pugh The Tolmen Centre copy of letter to Chairman concerning extending the car-park – *noted*

The Wheeled Bier

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Mr Hattswell-Burt of the Penryn and Falmouth Funeral Directors about both the restoration and future housing of the hand-drawn Parish Bier. Following discussion Cllr Carter proposed, Cllr Cavanagh seconded all in favour to accept Penryn and Falmouth Funeral Directors' offer to renovate and house the Parish bier with the provisos that the bier remains the property of Constantine Parish Council, that it is sufficiently insured and that it may be used by any other funeral director for the burial of a resident of the parish.

12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA08/00515/F Mr R.Wickins – Erection of an extension to dwelling (amended plans) – Habaska, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Reynolds seconded all in favour to return this application marked

“Constantine Parish Councillors support this application and are pleased to note the addition of a pitched roof on this the amended plan.”

PA08/00742/F Mr K.Aldridge – Erection of an extension to dwelling – 18, Wheal Vyvyan, Constantine. Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Cummins seconded all in favour to return this application marked *“Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.”*

As a friend of the applicants, Cllr Just declared a personal interest in the following application. He remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.

PA08/00782/F Mr & Mrs J.T.Axe – Erection of extensions to dwelling – Carloggas, Trebarvah Voon, Constantine. Cllr Reynolds proposed, Cllr Boote seconded all in favour to return this application 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

PA08/00071/LD Mr & Mrs M.Bennett – Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Use or Development (removal of a Cornish hedge and formation of a parking area) – 1, Brillwater Road, Constantine – *noted*

PA07/02042/TPO Mrs C.J.Scobie-Allin – Notice of consent for the felling, topping or lopping of trees or woodlands (felling of one sycamore tree) – Green Valley, Seworgan – *noted*

PA08/00186/LD Mr R.Daly – Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Use or Development (erection of a timber-framed garage) – 10, Brillwater Road, Constantine – *noted*

PA08/00376/F Mr A.Birchall – Conditional Permission for Development (proposed 25m2 natural pool, involving alterations to the existing curtilage - relocation and extension of an existing Cornish hedge – and change of use to the client’s land – part of existing horses’ field changed to extended family garden) – Trecrobben, Trecombe, Mawnan Smith – *noted*

PA08/00493/F Mr & Mrs P.Garrard – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extensions to dwelling and erection of a replacement shed and store) – 4, Valley View, Bowling Green – *noted*

Correspondence

KDC Planning Enforcement reports (complaints received) – *noted*

KDC notification of approval (contrary to Constantine Parish Council’s observations) for PA08/00493/F – *Councillors agreed to write to Mrs Stinson (Kerrier District Council’s Planning Service Manager) rejecting her reasons for granting approval*

KDC PA08/00489/F Erection of extensions to dwelling at Carloggas application withdrawn – *noted*

13 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

Cornish Granite our Heritage notification of intention to create a permanent display – *noted*

Fields in Trust Trustees’ Report and accounts for the year ended December 31, 2008 – *noted*

CCC copy of correspondence to Cllr Hatton concerning the proposed 20mph speed limit – *noted*

CCC SIP recommendation that “a study be commissioned to fully explore the potential of introducing concessionary bus travel for residents of Cornwall aged 19 years and under” – *noted*

Veolia Environmental Services notification of price increase – *the Clerk reported that he had spoken to Veolia about charging for services which have not been received*

CCC Are you Linked? Having your say on Health and Social Care in Cornwall – *noted*

CCC Sustainable Community Strategy for Cornwall – Consultation – *noted*

KDC Out There: Things to do Places to Go April – June 2008 – *noted*

One Cornwall Newsletter Issue 8: End of April 2008 – *noted*

CCC Dangerous trees adjacent to highway – *noted*

Constantine Enterprises Company invitation to attend the AGM – *noted*

CCC Cornwall Minerals Development Framework

Constantine Cottage Garden Society acknowledgement of receipt of booking and grant – *noted*

CPRE Newsletter and notification of farm tour – *noted*

CCC invitation to a discussion on Minerals Planning – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter – *noted*

KDC Dog control Order: Dogs on leads by direction Order 01/2008 – *noted*

N.J.Wiseman apologies for absence and concerns about the road surface of Bowling Green – *noted*

Fields in Trust Annual Review 2007 and invitation to AGM – *noted*

14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered a request from the Campaign to Protect Rural England to renew membership in the minimum sum of £28.00. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Just seconded, all others in favour that membership should be renewed in the sum of £28.00

Members considered a request from the West Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Rural Transport Partnership for help with funding. It was agreed that Constantine Parish Council is unable to accede to this request

Members reviewed rates of pay for employees of the Parish Council other than the Clerk. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Just seconded, Cllr Williams against, all others in favour that Mr Jorey's rates of pay should be increased by 3% with effect from April 1, 2008. It was noted that Mrs Jennings' pay will be increased in October in line with the increase in the minimum wage.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Prokill (moles in the Recreation Ground)	£ 229.13	£ 195.00	£ 34.14
W.B.Bowden & Sons (diesel)	£ 15.04	£ 12.80	£ 2.24
Constantine Stores	£ 10.10	£ 8.60	£ 1.50
South West Water (Churchyard)	£ 7.77		
South West Water (Public toilets)	£ 13.07		
Viv Beckerleg	£ 149.00		
Gweek Garage	£ 25.90	£ 22.04	£ 3.86
J.P.Richards (audit fee)	£ 246.05		
Southern Electric Contracting (replacement lamp)	£ 31.04	£ 26.42	£ 4.62
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 44.16		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 252.80		
Constantine Stores Ltd	£ 23.45	£ 19.96	£ 3.49
Travis Perkins (Fencing car-park, paint pavilion)	£ 103.07	£ 87.72	£ 15.35
KDC (non-domestic rates)			
Vestry	181.92		
Cemetery	10.63		
	total	£ 192.55	
Colin Chapman			
Salary (April)	£ 321.73		
telephone	£ 6.44		
office expenses	£ 46.78		
travelling	£ 44.20		
use of home (December)	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 444.15	

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

The following receipts were noted

HM Revenue and Customs (VAT refund)	£ 853.90
Constantine Football Club	£ 50.00
Constantine Social Club	£ 568.75
Constantine Bowling Club	£ 38.32
D.J. & M.A.Stevens (Mrs Soutl)	£ 74.00

16 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

17 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday June 12, 2008 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:36pm

Signed.....

Dated.....