

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday June 12, 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 D.Cummins	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCCLlr N.Hatton, Mrs Fairley and Mr B.Mynett.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that

- there has been no reply to the letter addressed to Kerrier District Council concerning the planning decision relating to 4 Valley View
- there has been no change concerning the illegal residential site at the end of Port Navas Creek

in relation to the Nans Avalon application

- rainwater run-off from the proposed site will have an adverse effect on neighbouring properties
- the motive power of water increases by a factor of six and that, in the event of a flash flood, the present proposals present a threat both to bridges and properties downstream
- access to the site is off a bridleway, not an adopted road as may have been assumed by the applicant
- there are a number of trees on the site that should be viewed by the County Forester before a decision is made
- there is widespread concern about this application and the effect it will have on neighbouring properties

in relation to the forestry work at Poltoge, Port Navas

- the proposed work is based on the advice of an arborist whose recommendations are aimed at maintaining and improving an important section of old woodland
- there is concern over excessive foliage removal on adjacent sites
- the advice of the County Forester should be sought.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

KDCllr Sadler, Cllr Just, Cllr Cavanagh, Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wiseman, PC Cormack and PCSO Huddleston sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all in favour to accept these apologies.

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 Bolt seconded all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 22, 2007 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday May 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

There were no matters arising which were not covered in this month's agenda.

5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Thanking CCCllr Hatton for his part in siting new fingerposts at Seworgan and Nancenoy, the Chairman commented that they enhance the parish.

CCCllr Hatton reported that

- Since the last meeting he has toured the Parish in the company of Cornwall Highways Area Surveyor and that the dangerous pothole at Trevanney had been noted
- the poor state of repair of the road from Highcross to Nancenoy means that it is now back on the maintenance schedule, although it is to be hoped repairs will be done after the summer season
- he is seeking an adaptation to Coastline's parking area at Penbothidno to allow for a single space for a disabled driver to park a vehicle
- the Boundary Committee's view on the proposed electoral divisions is that there is not enough evidence to make an informed decision: accordingly the period of consultation has been extended
- the breakdown of the new Area Networks appears to indicate that the position of Constantine within the context of the government of Cornwall will not be changed
- the article in the West Briton shows the entrenched position of both sides of the Oyster Farm dispute. Nevertheless, he is concerned that the enterprise is fast becoming an enormous factory
- there are doubts about the legality of parking tickets issued by County and District Parking Enforcement Officers
- concerns have been expressed about the road at Brillwater (which is unadopted) and the proposal to erect three new dwellings at Nans Avallon.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Cormack reported that there has been one crime reported since May 22 (that of domestic assault). (In the same period last year there had been 14 although many of those had been of thefts of car badges.) A warrant has been executed under the Misuse of Drugs Act and a search made of a property in Constantine. The police had been disappointed to receive reports of nuisance behaviour at a time when they were busy elsewhere. The unwelcome occupation of the quarry at Brill is in hand although, because its ownership is presently unknown, it is a task fraught with difficulties.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillors considered a consultation document concerning the date of the next Parish Council election. Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Gray seconded and it was agreed to make the following representation

It is Constantine Parish Council's opinion that the next Parish Council elections should be held in May 2013, as outlined in the Cornwall (Structural Change) Order. Further, Constantine Parish Council report that it is impossible to guess whether or not, in the event of an election, there would be competition for seats.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Recreation Ground

Members confirmed their approval of a recommendation from the Recreation Ground Sub-Users' Group which was originally given at the meeting in April to update the play area and to appoint Wickstead Leisure Ltd to co-ordinate the work necessary.

The Clerk reported that Community Services had dug out the sand-pit and that replacement sand from W.B.Bowden had been delivered.

Car park

The Chairman and the Clerk both reported that they are still awaiting a written response from the Glebe Committee's Land Agent, Mr Humphreys.

Public Toilets

Members considered repainting the public toilets. Following discussion, Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that Mr Geoff Jorey should be instructed to paint the public toilets.

Parish Council open spaces' equipment

Members considered a request from Mr Geoff Jorey to purchase a leaf blower. Following discussion, Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all others in favour that the Clerk be given delegated powers to purchase a leaf blower at a cost of no more than £150.00

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA08/00847/TPO Mr & Mrs Meadows – Topping, lopping and felling of various trees – Poltoge, Port Navas. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all in favour to return this application marked *“Constantine Parish Councillors note with concern that the site of the proposed work is in an AONB where, in the past, many trees have been felled simply to afford residents more open views. They consider the proposed work to be excessive and note that there is no mention made of replanting felled sycamore with indigenous species. They request that, before permission is given, the County Forester’s opinion is sought.”*

PA08/00897/F Mr & Mrs S Wickham – Erection of extensions (including dormers) to dwelling and erection of a double domestic garage with a covered link to dwelling – Treviades Bungalow, High Cross. Cllr Reynolds proposed, Cllr Boote seconded all in favour to return this application marked *“Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.”*

PA08/00851/F Mrs C S J Martin – Erection of an agricultural building for storage of hay, straw, machinery and livestock – 1 Seworgan Farm, Constantine. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour to return this application marked *“Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.”*

PA08/00816/F Rawlingsend Ltd – Erection of three dwellings, two detached garages and one open car port – Nans Avallon, Brillwater Road. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Boote seconded all in favour to return this application marked *“Constantine Parish Councillors consider this application to be for a gross over-development of a water-logged site known to have year-round drainage problems. They believe the proposed dwellings are of an inappropriate design which is not in keeping with that of neighbouring existing properties. They consider the use of glazing to be excessive and believe that at certain times of the day it will have an undesirable impact on neighbours. They note that the proposed decking is set at such a height that it will lead to a loss of privacy for neighbouring properties. There are already problems in the area relating to access for emergency vehicles which these plans do not address. For these reasons they require that this application should be referred to the Planning Committee for decision together with a request that permission for development be refused.”*

Decisions

PA08/00257/F Conditional Permission for Development (conversion of redundant agricultural barn into a dwelling and erection of a car-port and installation of a septic tank) – Treviades Wollas – *noted*

PA08/00276/F Conditional Permission for Development (change of use of lakes and ponds to coarse fishery and erection of an amenities block) – Ponds at High Cross – *noted*

PA08/00508/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling, erection of a first floor extension to cottage and alterations to piggery building) – Mulberrys, Retallack Lane, Tresahor – *noted*

PA08/00515/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an extension to dwelling) – Habaska, Trewine Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

Correspondence

KDC Planning Enforcement complaints received – *noted*

KDC PA08/00355/F Erection of a replacement dwelling at 2, Brillwater Road (application withdrawn) – *noted*

10 CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Western Power Distribution Our Future...Your Future (request for views on their investment plan) – *noted*

SEC confirmation that the annual maintenance has been completed (this indicates that nine lanterns should be replaced within five years and three control units should be replaced within the next five years: there are no immediate concerns) – *noted*

OneCornwall invitation to a meeting with the Parish Liaison Officer Steven Ford on Tuesday July 8, 2008 from 1900 until 2100 at the Methodist Church, Coinagehall Street, Helston (limited to two representatives) – *it was agreed that two members should attend this meeting*

One Cornwall Newsletter no 9; executive summary of Parish & Town Council engagement events; Parish & Town Council survey results – *noted*

OneCornwall letter of introduction from Helen Couch Parish Council Liaison Officer – *noted*

Mr Small PA08/00816/F copy of letter to KDC Planning – *this letter was read in Public Question time*

Boundary Committee comments invited (before July 18) on how any proposed council size would allow for an appropriate model of political management balanced by effective local representation – *it was agreed to reply stating that Constantine Parish Council believes that, for reasons of representation and accountability, the new Unitary Authority should be composed of a greater number of elected members than the present Cornwall County Council and in line with that proposed by the Implementation Executive*

Mrs Carol Daly petition signed by 36 regular users of the bus service to Falmouth requesting that consideration be given to increasing the number of services per day – *it was agreed that the Parish Council should actively support Mrs Day and those who had signed the petition*

Mr Meadows PA08/00847/TPO background to his application – *this letter was read in Public Question time*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at June 12, 2008. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted the findings of the Internal Auditor following his inspection of the accounts for the year April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008 This concludes: *Satisfactory assurance can be provided that proper practices are in place within internal audit in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice 2006*

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Clerk should have delegated powers to complete a Customer Satisfaction Survey in respect of the Internal Audit.

In the light of a request from the Audit Commission, Members considered the amendment of Paragraph 10 (Trusts) of Constantine Parish Council's accounts for the year to March 31, 2008. It was proposed by Cllr Boote, seconded by Cllr Gray all in favour that paragraph 10 (Trusts) of the Accounts for the year to March 31, 2008 should be amended in line with the Clerk's recommendation.

Members considered a request from Constantine Pre-School for help with funding. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Cummins, seconded by Cllr Gray that, under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £300.00 be forwarded to Constantine Pre-School.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow Mr Mynett to speak.

Mr Mynett stated that the figure relating to the number of victims of crime to whom Victim Support offers advice does not reflect the number of recipients of such advice.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to resume Standing Orders.

Members considered a request from Victim Support Cornwall for help with funding. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Gray, seconded by Cllr Cummins that, under the terms of Section 142(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £25.00 be forwarded to Victim Support Cornwall.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 272.29		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 55.20		
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 290.60		
Gweek Garage	£ 67.00	£ 57.02	£ 9.98
Veolia (May)	£ 46.22	£ 39.34	£ 6.88
Di-Mar Garden Machinery (pressure washer hire)	£ 64.63	£ 55.00	£ 9.63
Colin Chapman			
Salary (May)	£ 321.73		
telephone	£ 5.08		
office expenses	£ 46.20		
travelling	£ 24.75		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 422.76	

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

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to defer to the meeting in July an invitation from CALC to renew membership.

The following receipts were noted

Western Power Distribution (Wayleave)	£ 34.28
F.Wearne & Sons (Mr Blatherwick)	£ 27.00
Keith Penrose (Mrs McLeod)	£ 184.00

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports tabled

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillors made no further comments.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday July 17, 2008 in The Vestry, Constantine commencing at 7:00pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:40pm

Signed.....

Dated.....