

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman) Cllr M.J.Reynolds
 Cllr A.H.Bolt Cllr R.J.Williams
 Cllr K.Cavanagh Cllr N.J.Wiseman
 Cllr D.Cummins
 Cllr C.Gray Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCCLlr N.Hatton, KDCllr Sadler, Mr B.Mynett and Mr D.Thompson.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that

- vehicles thoughtlessly parked near the Church entrance in Bowling Green Road may cause an obstruction which, in the case of an emergency, may prove fatal. It was agreed that the Parish Council should place a 'No Parking' notice on the wall opposite
- vehicles are being parked at right-angles to the kerb at the top of Well Lane which can be hazardous: it was thought that a better solution might be to park in a herring-bone fashion. The Clerk was asked to liaise with County Highways about the matter
- there is considerable alarm about proposals to repair Port Navas Quay which is a listed building. A persistent rumour suggests that the surface will be repaired using concrete rather than replacing the stone sets. It was noted that any repair will need Listed Building Consent
- the speed of potato lorries through the village and the recent accident was the cause of much concern. A list of damage done in the past two years was presented to the Parish Council together with two letters, one (a copy) from Mr Mynett addressed to County Highways and the other from Mrs Sinclair whose son had been fortunate not to have been involved in the recent accident. It was agreed to discuss this matter further under agenda item 13
- the Bier House doors need painting. Cllr Cavanagh reported that the Carnival Committee has this matter in hand, but that new hinges (to the original pattern) have had to be ordered from the Anvil Trust in Mawnan Smith. Once these are fitted, the doors will be repainted in brown as before.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Boote (prior engagement), Cllr Nicholls (pressure of work), PC Cormack and PCSO Huddlestone sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all in favour to accept these apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Carter declared a personal interest in agenda item 11 (request for help with funding from the Constantine Agricultural Association). Cllr Reynolds declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 9 (application PA08/01207/F)

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 Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray seconded (Cllr Cavanagh, Cllr Williams and Cllr Wiseman 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 Meeting held on Thursday June 12, 2007 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

The Clerk was asked whether or not the Parish had received a reply to the letter concerning the recent planning decision in respect of 4, Valley View. In the absence of a reply, the Clerk was asked to request one and KDCllr Sadler agreed to investigate the matter further.

It was noted that, in the absence of a response from KDC Planning Enforcement over the matter of the illegal residential site at the end of Anna Maria Creek, the Helford River Association and Mawnan Parish Council have submitted an official complaint

5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Having thanked Cllr Hatton for standing in for him during his recent ill-health, KDCllr Sadler commended the Saltash submission to the Boundary Committee to members of the Parish Council. He further advised that a new submission from the Implementation Executive had recommended a Council comprising 123 members.

CCCllr Hatton reported that

- there are questions concerning covenants and ownership of the Port Navas Quay about which he is seeking answers from Cornwall County Council
- oyster cages belonging to the Oyster Farm have been placed in an SSSI where prior permission should have been sought and would have been withheld
- although the Duchy of Cornwall is not subject to local decision making an Enforcement file referring to matters at the Oyster Farm has nevertheless been opened
- no decision has yet been made about the planning application at Nans Avallon
- the planning application for Barrans was returned to the applicants with a request to reduce the size of the proposed development: it was returned it without amendment. The Planning Committee will meet to make a decision about it on September 2, 2008. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Committee repeating the Parish Council's observations
- the work to install the speed humps and signage relating to the 20mph speed limit through the village will commence on July 28 and is expected to last for a week. The road will be resurfaced at the same time
- the question of the number of Councillors who will comprise the new Unitary Authority will be decided by the Boundary Committee in October: what is now certain is that six districts and 249 District Councillors will be lost to the electorate on April 30, 2009
- the nearest Post Office to face closure will be the one at Budock Water. The impact of the loss of Post Offices in Cornwall will be the subject of a County response
- the two-day national strike called by Unison hit Kerrier District Council very badly
- 'Your Cornwall', the new County Council newspaper, has been published and will be delivered to householders by the Royal Mail.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Cormack reported that since the last meeting there have been two reported crimes when, in the same period last year, there had been four. As both crimes had involved breaking into garages he asked residents to be more careful with security.

He sympathised with the frustration and anger which is caused on an annual basis by the passage of potato wagons through the village. He reminded members and residents that the imposition of a weight restriction would also relate to other large vehicles such as removal and brewery lorries.

He stated that he is disappointed by complaints from the public that the Police "do nothing" and are "never about" when, in fact, he and PCSO Huddlestone spend more time in Constantine than in any of the other eight villages they cover. He emphasised that every matter which is reported to the Police is dealt with robustly and in context with what has actually taken place. He reminded residents of the Parish that the Police cannot be omnipresent.

Members itemised a number of recent incidents of wanton destruction which, in addition to events that have already been reported to the Police, included a man-hole cover being smashed and, once again, the doors being torn off the Church Hall. It was noted that there is a lack of an immediate response to complaints and

that, in order for the epidemic of vandalism to be controlled, the Police need to spend even more time in the village. It was also noted that every crime should be reported to the Police no matter how trivial in nature it might appear.

Correspondence

Devon and Cornwall Constabulary future plans – *noted*

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillors considered the delegation of authority to the Chairman and the Clerk to approve accounts for payment in the month before the next meeting. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded and it was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk should have delegated authority to approve accounts for payment in the month before the next meeting.

Correspondence

KDC request for information on premises suitable for use as Polling Stations – *the Clerk to reply*

8 PARISH MATTERS

Trebarvah Lane

Members considered a proposal from Cornwall County Council to include Trebarvah Lane within the 20mph speed limit order. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the proposal should be returned stating that Constantine Parish Council would prefer to see Trebarvah Lane included in the 20mph speed limit order thus eliminating the need to place terminal signage at the entrance to Trebarvah Lane from Trebarvah Road.

Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that Wicksteed Leisure has installed the new three-way springer and that it is in use. Councillors approved a press release referring to the financial help received from Kerrier District Council in respect of this project.

Car park

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

Cllr Wiseman proposed and it was agreed that, for reasons of Health and Safety, the two diseased trees marked by the Cornwall County Council Forester with a red cross as being dangerous (one on the hedge of the car-park and the other in the adjoining field) should be felled at the Parish Council's expense. The Chairman and the Clerk to progress this as a matter of urgency.

Public Toilets

Members considered repainting the public toilets. Following discussion, Cllr Cavanagh proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all others in favour that a quotation from Mr Viv Bekerleg in the sum of £465 for the painting of the ceilings, walls, windows and doors of the public toilets should be accepted.

Parish Council open spaces' equipment

Members noted the purchase of a leaf blower from Di-Mar Garden Machinery.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA08/00147/F Mr & Mrs C Brewer – Erection of a shed – Portmerryn, Trewince Lane, Porth Navas. Cllr Wiseman proposed and it was agreed to return this application marked "*With the proviso that use of the shed/stable is ancillary to the use of the dwelling, Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*"

PA08/00950/F Mrs E.White – Erection of a replacement dwelling – 2, Brillwater Road, Constantine. Cllr Wiseman proposed and it was agreed to return this application marked "*With the proviso that the applicant does not damage the listed well to the west of the proposed splayed gateway, Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*"

PA08/01032/F Mr & Mrs R.Beeman – Erection of a pole barn and conversion of existing structure to house a biomass boiler – Lower Goongilling, Polwheveral. Cllr Williams proposed and it was agreed to return this application marked "*Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*"

PA08/01034/LBC Mr & Mrs R.Beeman – Listed Building Consent for the conversion of existing structure to house a biomass boiler – Lower Goongilling, Polwheveral. Cllr Williams proposed and it was agreed to return this application marked "*Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*"

PA08/01173/F Mr C.Lawrance – Erection of an extension to dwelling – Porthkres, Trebarvah Lane. Cllr Cavanagh proposed and it was agreed to return this application marked “*With the proviso that provision is made for adequate parking within the curtilage of the property, Constantine Parish Councillors have no objection to this application.*”

As an employee of the building firm currently engaged in work at Portmerryn Cllr Reynolds declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application and left the room.

PA08/01207/F Mr D Thomson – Change of use of outbuilding/workshop to holiday dwelling – Polwheveral House Farm, Polwheveral. Cllr Williams proposed and it was agreed to return this application marked “*Constantine Parish Councillors believe that this building is worthy of retention and note that its development would be in line with at least two recent applications which have been approved. They therefore support this application.*”

Cllr Reynolds returned to the room.

Decisions

PA08/00416/F Mr & Mrs E.Nicholls – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of first floor extension to dwelling) – Napheane Farm, Constantine – *noted*

PA08/00417/LBC Mr & Mrs E.Nicholls – Listed Building Consent under Section 8 (erection of first floor extension to dwelling) – Napheane Farm, Constantine – *noted*

PA08/00782/F Mr & Mrs J.T.Axe – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extensions to dwelling) – Carloggas, Trebarvah Woon, Constantine – *noted*

Correspondence

KDC acknowledgement of letter concerning the felling of two trees – *noted*

10 CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Clerks & Councils Direct Newsletter – *noted*

OneCornwall Newsletter number 10 – *noted*

CPRE Countryside Voice magazine – *noted*

CCC Post Office Closures (Public Consultation ends on September 1) – *noted*

CCC Cornwall County Fire Brigade’s IRMP Service Plan – *noted*

KDC Invitation to Chairman and Guest to attend a Civic Parade and Service – *the Chairman had attended*

CPRE Fieldwork newsletter – *noted*

Matthew Taylor MP request to support a call for a Public Enquiry into the planned waste incinerator in St Dennis – *noted*

CCC Launch of Our Money Your Dream 2008 Fund (initiative for children and young people) – *the Clerk was asked to forward this correspondence to the Parish Plan Committee with copies to the Scouts and Guides*

CCCLlr Neil Hatton copy of letter to CCC concerning the expansion of the Oyster Farm – *noted*

SLCC invitation to the 34th National Conference at Reading – *noted*

KDC New By-Laws adopted to cover all skin piercing activities – *noted*

Saltash Town Council copy of response to the Boundary Commission – *noted*

CCC acknowledgement of letter concerning the proposed 20mph speed limit, associated traffic calming measures and No Waiting restrictions – *noted*

Cornish Granite – Our Heritage notice of Open Meeting – *noted*

A.S.Parking Car Park Management (advertisement) – *noted*

Victim Support Cornwall acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

First response to concerns about the T4 service Falmouth to Helston – *noted*

KDC letter introducing Claire Hardy Outreach Manager – *noted*

Tony Mogford Associates Quarterly Inspection report – *noted*

CCCLlr Neil Hatton copy of reply from CCC concerning Port Navas Quay – *noted*

KDC Area Action Plan for Camborne, Pool, Illogan and Redruth – *noted*

Duchy of Cornwall Oyster Farm & Fishery update on Oyster Farm activities July 2008 – *noted*

KDC concerning rates payable on the Public Convenience – *noted*

KDC Out there, Things to do Places to go – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

As a member of the Constantine Agricultural Association, the Chairman declared a personal interest in the following request and relinquished the Chair. He remained in the room but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

Cllr Williams proposed and it was agreed that Cllr Wiseman should assume the Chair.

Cllr Wiseman, assumed the Chair

Members considered a request from the Constantine Agricultural Association for help with sponsorship funding of the 2008 Show. 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 £200.00 be forwarded to the Constantine Agricultural Association.

Cllr Wiseman relinquished the Chair.

The Chairman, Cllr Carter, resumed the chair.

Members considered a request from Constantine Football Club for help with funding the refurbishment of the changing rooms. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr Cummins that, under the terms of Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the sum of £100.00 be forwarded to Constantine Football Club.

Members noted and approved the following payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (cemetery)	£ 1,075.12	£ 915.00	£ 160.12

The following accounts were presented for payment

	Gross	Net	VAT
CALC (subscription)	£ 309.52	£ 281.61	£ 27.91
Mr G.Jorey	£ 259.23		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 44.16		
Veolia Environmental Services (April)	£ 26.52	£ 22.57	£ 3.95
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 213.45	£ 181.66	£ 31.79
Wicksteed Leisure (Springer)	£ 1,285.69	£ 1094.21	£ 191.48
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 70.24	£ 59.78	£ 10.46
Veolia Environmental Services (June)	£ 45.99	£ 39.14	£ 6.85
Southern Electric Contracting	£ 240.76	£ 204.90	£ 35.86
Wicksteed Leisure (Springer installation)	£ 513.22	£ 436.79	£ 76.43
J.J.Gyll-Murray (footpaths)	£ 2,260.00		
Constantine Stores	£ 37.35	£ 31.79	£ 5.56
Gweek Garage	£ 46.50	£ 39.58	£ 6.92
KDC (Public Convenience rates)	£ 300.30		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (June)	£ 321.73		
telephone	£ 39.76		
office expenses	£ 37.24		
travelling	£ 37.13		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 460.86	

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

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

Speaking on behalf of the Burial Committee, Cllr Wiseman stated that it is time to cut down the growth on the internal hedges both of the New Cemetery and the Lawn Cemetery. The Clerk was asked to contact Bob Sanders and John Gyll-Murray with a view to obtaining a quotation for the work necessary.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

It was noted that a number of large slates are stored in the Bier House and the Clerk was asked to contact Frederick Wearne and Sons with a view to selling them on.

The Clerk was asked to make a formal request to Kerrier’s Dog Wardens to visit the Recreation Ground on a regular basis: a number of irresponsible owners are ignoring the ‘No Dogs’ notice and there have been complaints.

In the light of the earlier concerns expressed about the speed and weight of the potato wagons and the apparent lack of care exhibited by their drivers, the Clerk was asked to write to the contractors requesting a more circumspect approach to driving through the village and to the police with a request that traffic police adopt a more robust view towards the laws relating to driving without due care.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday September 25, 2008 in The Vestry, Constantine commencing at 7:00pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:50

Signed.....

Dated.....