

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday September 25, 2008 at 7.10pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

Visitors: CCllr Hatton, KDClr Sadler, PC Cormack, PCSO Huddleston, Mrs Badger, Mr Kent and Mr Mynett.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that

- Ocean Housing Association appears unenthusiastic about the purchase of the Wheal Vyvyan site and that the owner, Mr Kent, will withdraw his offer to sell it to the Association in seven days
- a majority of residents living the year round in Port Navas support Mr Wright and are sympathetic to the work which is being done at the Oyster Farm. The Quay is a listed working quay, owned by the Duchy whose surveyor has stated that he does not want to see it “prettified”
- when the Youth Club was closed, its funds (£376.33) were entrusted to the care of the Parish Council
- as has been the case in the past, the use of the Recreation Ground by caravans on the night of the carnival was not formally authorised by the Parish Council acting in its capacity as the Management Trustee for the Alice Hext Charity. Nevertheless, the Parish Council is happy to allow it recognising that, unless this facility is made available, the owners of attractions will not attend what invariably proves to be one of the highlight of Constantine’s calendar.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R.J.Williams (prior engagement), Cllr N.J.Wiseman (on holiday), sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Boote seconded all in favour to accept these apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Just declared a personal interest in the request for financial help from the Constantine Enterprise Company (agenda item 11).

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 Gray proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded (Cllr Boote, Cllr Just and Cllr Nicholls being absent from the last meeting abstained), all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday July 17, 2008 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 included on the agenda

5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

KDCllr Sadler reported that

- he believes that the troubles surrounding the Oyster Farm are teething problems. He reminded Members that the quay at Port Navas is a working quay and reported that Mr Wright appears willing to accommodate local people
- there is funding available for affordable housing and that Cornwall recently received a large grant for this purpose from the Housing Corporation.

CCClr Hatton reported that

- a search of the County Archives and in particular those of the early 1960s shows that, at that time, Port Navas Quay had lapsed from being a working quay. The increase in activity over the past three years has been in marked contrast to the intervening forty years and has led to questions being asked. There are a number of agencies, in particular DEFRA, Natural England and Special Area Conservation groupings, who currently take an interest in the farm's activities and who, for example in the case of the positioning of the cages in protected areas, have insisted on changes in management strategy. Nevertheless, although it is under the sea, the Oysterage is legally a farm and one part of a living river which itself is open to all activities of which leisure is just one
- the planning application for Nans Avallon has been withdrawn
- against the officer's advice, the Planning Committee has refused permission for development at Barrans. There is likely to be an appeal
- the 20mph speed limit together with associated traffic calming measure through the village has been completed as has the resurfacing work along Trebarvah Road. Lines will be painted following receipt of the response to the consultation document on bus stops
- although the Boundary Committee is minded to accept the submission from the OneCornwall Implementation Executive that there should be 123 Councillors for the new Unitary Authority, it will not be able to complete the work necessary to implement the proposed changes before the elections scheduled for May or June 2009. These elections will be postponed so that initially the new authority will be composed of 82 Councillors with the same electoral divisions as the current County Council. The elections to the new authority will proceed once the report of the Boundary Committee is adopted. There is a probability that certain District Councillors will be invited to continue to serve on Planning Committees in the interim period
- he has called a meeting to examine the plans and aspirations of the new Unitary Authority on Monday at the Social Club
- Cornwall County Council has given its Councillors £3,000 each to spend on small community projects: using this money he proposes to help the Women's Institute, the Church Hall, the 1st Constantine Brownies and the Visually Impaired group

Finally, CCClr Hatton thanked Cllr Boote for instigating the earlier successful Public Meeting at which issues relating to policing in the village were aired. He further thanked PC Cormack and PCSO Huddlestone for attending that meeting. Replying, Cllr Boote added that he had been delighted not only to see a number of young people present but also to hear what they had to say.

6 POLICE REPORT

PC Cormack reported that in the last month there has been a single crime committed by someone living outside the parish. Speaking of the Public Meeting, PC Cormack added that he was pleased that the young people had attended and reminded all those present that when things go wrong he needs to be told.

Correspondence

Devon and Cornwall Constabulary acknowledgement of receipt of letter – *noted*

Devon and Cornwall Constabulary concerning the passage of potato lorries through the village – *noted*

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillors considered the manner in which future consultation with other Authorities over matters which affect the Parish of Constantine might be handled. It was agreed that Constantine Parish Council would like to be involved with proposed changes at a date earlier than had recently been the case with the 20mph speed limit.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Young people

Members agreed to invite the newly appointed KDC head of outreach, Claire Hardy, to a future meeting, preferably to the meeting in October.

Bowling Green

The Clerk reported that the PCC has considered the Parish Council's letter concerning problems relating to parking in Bowling Green and that a site-meeting will be arranged once Cllr Wiseman has returned from holiday.

Well Lane

Cllr Boote raised problems relating to parking at the top of Well Lane. It was agreed that he, CCCllr Hatton and CCC Divisional Surveyor should meet before the lines are painted in the village.

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. The Clerk added that he had written to Rev'd Stevens asking for his help in the matter. The Clerk was asked to organise a meeting with Mr Humphreys towards the end of October in order to progress the matter.

The Chairman reported that Nigel Pascoe hopes to fell the two dangerous trees within the next week.

Falmouth – Helston Buses (Routes 2 and T4)

Members considered a consultation document on improved facilities at various bus stop locations throughout the village. It was agreed to reply stating that Councillors welcomed the proposed raised access kerbing at the stop opposite the Spar Shop; but that the proposed improvements at the top of Trebarvah Road (near the school) and at the bottom of Fore Street (near the butcher's) are unnecessary. Councillors additionally considered that white BUS STOP markings painted on the road would be an eyesore and therefore inappropriate in the village. No comment was made concerning the posts with flags and time-table cases.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Members noted the following observations made in August using delegated powers

PA08/01265/F Mr A Berry – Conversion of existing barn into a dwelling, erection of an extension and installation of a septic tank – Lower Treglidgwith, Ponjeravah. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Councillors strongly support this application.*

PA08/01451/F Mr G.Wrapson and Miss S.Hitchcox – Erection of an agricultural dwelling and installation of a septic tank – Fir Tree Farm Nursery, Tresahor. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA08/01473/F Mr W.Palfrey – Erection of a dwelling – 2, Brillwater Cottages, Brillwater. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Councillors urge the Planning Committee to refuse permission for development. They believe the application represents an overdevelopment of the site and additionally draw planners' attention to problems relating to access.*

Applications

PA08/01467/F Mr C.Brewer – Erection of an extension to dwelling – Portmerryn, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA08/01505/F Mr D.S.Eddershaw – Erection of a verandah extension, replacement facia, rain goods, vertical boarding, windows and doors, amendments of windows to form doors and installation of five roof-lights to dwelling – Rocky Waters, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Cavanagh seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

To note the following decisions

PA08/00147/F Mr & Mrs C.Brewer – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a shed) – Portmerryn, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

PA08/00628/F Messrs D.Thomas and P.Skerrett – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extension and alterations to dwelling) – Inow Barn, Port Navas – *noted*

PA08/00742/F Mr K.Aldridge – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an extension to dwelling) – 18 Wheal Vyvyan, Constantine – *noted*

PA08/00847/TPO Mr & Mrs Meadows – Notice of consent for the felling, topping or lopping of trees and woodlands (topping and lopping of various trees) – Poltoge, Port Navas – *noted*

PA08/00851/F Mr C.J.S.Martin – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an agricultural building for the storage of hay, straw, machinery and livestock) – 1, Seworgan Farm, Constantine – *noted*

PA08/00897/F Mr & Mrs S.Wickham – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extensions including dormers to dwelling and erection of a double domestic garage with a covered link to dwelling) – Treviades Bungalow, High Cross – *noted*

PA08/00950/F Mrs E.White – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a replacement dwelling) – 2, Brillwater Road, Constantine – *noted*

PA08/01032/F Mr & Mrs R.J.Beeman – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a pole barn and conversion of existing structure to house a biomass boiler) – Lower Goongilling, Polwheveral – *noted*

PA08/01034/F Mr & Mrs R.J.Beeman – Listed Building Consent for the conversion of existing structure to house a biomass boiler – Lower Goongilling, Polwheveral – *noted*

PA08/001173/F Mr C.Lawrance – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an extension to dwelling) – Porthkres, Trebarvah Lane – *noted*

Correspondence

KDC PA08/00816 erection of three dwellings at Nans Avallon application withdrawn – *noted*

KDC reply to letter concerning observations made by Constantine Parish Council – *noted*

KDC Notification that the planning application in respect of Barrans, Port Navas will be decided at the Planning Committee meeting on September 2, 2008 at 2:00pm – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

PostWatch Post Office closure programme – *noted*

CCC Cornwall Electoral Review – draft scheme for 123 Councillors – *noted*

OneCornwall Newsletter number 11 – *noted*

Rowe Farming reply to letter concerning potato wagons – *noted*

Rev'd Stevens reply to letter concerning parking notice – *noted*

CPRE Newsletter – *noted*

Kerrier Old People's Forum advertisements – *noted*

CCC acknowledgement of response to consultation document (20mph Trebarvah Road) – *noted*

Home Start West Cornwall Annual Report – *noted*

Mr R.J.Mynett copy of letter to CCC concerning speed cushions in Fore Street – *noted*

CCC Landscape survey comments invited – *noted*

Cornwall County Training Partnership training events 2008/2009 – *noted*

Clean Cornwall Week www.cleancornwall.org September 20 – 28 – *noted*

CCClr Hatton copy of letter from CCC concerning ownership and rights over Port Navas Quay – *noted*

Port Navas Village Hall newsletter – *noted*

CCC acknowledgement of receipt of claim for payment under LMP – *noted*

Audit Commission change of address – *noted*

KDC Consultation on Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Methodology Scoping Report and request for information on other sites that might be suitable for a housing scheme of five or more dwellings – *noted*

OneCornwall and **The Boundary Committee** notification that, although the Boundary Committee is minded to accept the submission from the OneCornwall Implementation Executive that there should be 123 Councillors for the new Unitary Authority, it will not be able to complete the work necessary to implement the proposed changes before the elections scheduled for May or June 2009. This means that the elections will proceed on the basis of 82 Councillors for the new Authority with the same electoral divisions as the current County Council – *noted*

Mrs A.Badger copy of letter to CCClr Hatton concerning the Oyster Farm – *noted*

Cornwall Countryside Access Forum Annual Report – *noted*

OneCornwall location of One-Stop-Shops – *noted*

Situate (Environmental Planning Consultancy) advertisement – *noted*

Tony Mogford Associates Ltd Recreation Ground quarterly inspection report – *noted*

OneCornwall Newsletter number 12 – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

CPRE Fieldwork newsletter – *noted*

Standards Board Newsletter number 3 – *noted*

Communities and Local Government Consultation document The making and enforcement of byelaws – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at September 25, 2008. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

As Chairman of the Constantine Enterprise Company, Cllr Just declared a personal interest in the following request. He remained in the room but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

Members considered a request from the Constantine Enterprise Company for help with funding. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, 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 Enterprise Company. An amendment that the sum of £400.00 should be forwarded to the Constantine Enterprise Company was proposed by Cllr Boote and seconded by Cllr Cummins. There were four votes in favour of the amendment and three against with the Chairman abstaining and the amendment was therefore carried.

Members considered a request from Vitalise for help with funding. Following discussion, it was agreed that Constantine Parish Council cannot support this charity.

Members noted the conclusion of the Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2008 and the report of the External Auditor who has observed, *The Council must ensure that it treats transactions relating to the Alice Hext Charity correctly. Balances and transactions relating to the charity must be excluded from the Annual Return as they should be reported separately to the Charities Commission. Where the Council is deciding to fund the shortfall in the Charity's funds (£3,485 in 2007/08) this should be separately approved and minuted as contributions to the Charity rather than being treated as normal parish expenditure.* It was agreed to address this matter when the accounts are presented at the end of the financial year.

Members noted and approved the following payments (made in August using delegated powers)

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 259.43		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 55.20		
Tolmen Centre (Hall Hire)	£ 560.00		
W.B.Bowden & Sons (sand for play area)	£ 141.00	£ 120.00	£ 21.00
Gweek Garage	£ 45.69	£ 38.89	£ 6.80
South West Water (public toilets)	£ 49.69		
South West Water (cemetery)	£ 11.33		
Veolia (July)	£ 65.69	£ 55.91	£ 9.78
W.B.Bowden & Sons (Glyphosate)	£ 22.33	£ 19.00	£ 3.33
Viv Beckerleg (painting public toilets)	£ 465.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (July)	£ 321.73		
telephone	£ 12.28		
office expenses	£ 36.32		
travelling	£ 18.56		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 413.89	

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 319.23		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 44.16		
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 230.80		
Travis Perkins (brush and padlock)	£ 11.96	£ 10.13	£ 1.78
W.B.Bowden & Sons (hedgetrimming)	£ 45.83	£ 39.00	£ 6.83
JFC Monro (Bowling Club)	£ 312.55	£ 266.00	£ 56.55

Constantine Stores	£ 42.20	£ 35.91	£ 6.29
Veolia Environmental Services (August)	£ 46.22	£ 39.34	£ 6.88
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (carpark)	£ 220.00		
SEC Ltd (public lighting maintenance)	£ 245.30	£ 208.77	£ 36.53
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (cemetery)	£1,075.12	£ 915.00	£ 160.12
Gweek Garage	£ 45.50	£ 38.72	£ 6.78
EDF Energy Ltd (Church Square)	£ 3.40	£ 3.24	£ 0.16
Social Club (room hire)	£ 15.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (August)	£ 321.73		
telephone	£ 6.64		
office expenses	£ 19.03		
travelling	£ 22.54		
use of home	£ 25.00		
		total	£ 394.94

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

The following receipts were noted

Keith Penrose (Mrs Bray)	£ 184.00
Constantine Recreation Social Club	£ 568.75
Barclays Bank interest	£ 69.27
CCC LMP repayment	£2,034.00
Mrs Bennett	£ 184.00
Mrs Combellack Memorial	£ 98.00
Mrs Montgomery Memorial	£ 27.00
Western Power Distribution (Wayleave)	£ 34.28
F.Wearne & Sons (Mr Blatherwick)	£ 27.00
Keith Penrose (Mrs McLeod)	£ 184.00
Keith Penrose (Mr Vingoe)	£ 184.00

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no comments from Councillors.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday October 23, 2008 in The Vestry, Constantine commencing at 7:00pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:08

Signed.....

Dated.....