

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday October 23, 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 C.Gray	
Cllr R.E.Just	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CC Cllr Hatton, KDC Cllr Sadler, Mrs C.Hardy (KDC Head of Outreach), Mr A.Bowers, Mr S.Cooper, Mr A.Dawson, Mrs G.Davies (West Briton), Miss M.George, Mr Kent, Mr Mynett and Mr V.White.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that

- there is a requirement under a European WEEE Directive for used batteries, which contain highly toxic waste, to be recycled. Central Government has not yet arranged for this to be done, but a voluntary scheme is being operated by Cornwall County Council through SITA. A tube to collect used batteries (which Mr Haysom has agreed may be placed in the SPAR shop) is available from Cornwall at a cost of £36. It was agreed to discuss the matter further during the meeting
- Ocean Housing appears to have been given a monopoly by the Planning Authority on the construction of Local Needs/Affordable Housing in the Parish of Constantine. KDC Cllr Sadler and KDC Cllr Hatton both agreed to look into the matter.

Mrs Claire Hardy (KDC Head of Outreach) was welcomed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council. She outlined her rôle with children and young people, stating that she and her team of five deliver activities both during the term-time and in the holidays. She has organised programmes containing a number of different activities (surfing, mountain boarding, mountain biking, dance, creative activities, all ball games, cooking) for other parishes and would be keen to do the same in Constantine. Her team, all of whom are CRB accredited, has the use of two mini-buses, the sports centres, all open spaces in Kerrier and some Forestry Commission land. Great interest was expressed in what might be done for the younger people in the village and, in order to take the matter further, Mrs Hardy agreed to continue her visit to Constantine by talking informally in the Church Vestry with the four younger residents who were present at the meeting.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC Cormack, PCSO Huddleston, Cllr J.E.G.Boote (on holiday), Cllr D.Cummins (on holiday), Cllr E.Nicholls (on holiday) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Cavanagh 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 Just proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded (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 Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday September 25, 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 and KDCllr Hatton had been absent from the Planning Committee meeting earlier in October when the application for Barrans had been approved with conditions. He was disappointed with this decision, not least because the comments made in September, particularly those concerning the AONB, were equally valid in October and because, unusually, the debate had been started afresh rather than endorsing the decision made in October
- transition costs for OneCornwall had risen from an estimated £13m to £43m
- he would enquire about the money available from the Youth Opportunities Fund.

CCClr Hatton reported that

- surprisingly, OneCornwall's Budget Scrutiny Committee can only scrutinise those matters which are authorised by the Implementation Executive
- like KDCllr Sadler, he too had been surprised by the Barrans' decision: the reasons for refusal given in September had been lawful and it is not considered good practice to re-open a debate
- the procedure which previously had allowed Local Members to require a planning application to be decided by the Planning Committee has been withdrawn. In effect, this means that the Officers concerned decide matters and that, in the event of a difference of opinion between them and statutory consultants, there is no appeal process. However, applicants continue to have the right of appeal against any decision. He will be bringing this matter (which he believes to be contrary to the democratic process) to the attention of the Planning Implementation Group at their next meeting
- the proposed improvements at various bus stop locations along the T2 and T4 routes had been rejected by each of the five parishes through which the buses travel
- there is a proposal that some of the current members of Kerrier's Planning Committee may continue to decide applications in the period following the demise of the District Council and the elections for the new Unitary Authority
- successful applicants for funding from the Community Grant Scheme should be receiving their cheques within the next few days
- a Bill is scheduled to go before Parliament on November 7 which seeks to ratify a delay of local elections until June 4, 2009 – the date of the European elections. An amendment to delay local elections in Cornwall until the Boundary Commission has reported its findings will also be tabled.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Cormack reported that in the last month there have been six crimes committed within the parish: specifically, damage to a water pipe, two assaults, criminal damage, theft of oil and theft of a trailer. In relation to the last crime, PC Cormack reports that there has been an increase in such crimes in West Cornwall and asks members of the public to bear security in mind – and to report any suspicious behaviour immediately.

Following information received, a Stage 1 Anti-Social Behaviour warning has been served on a young man which has been reinforced by an officer from the Housing Association concerned.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillors considered an invitation from the Royal British Legion to lay a wreath on the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday and agreed to accept. Following discussion Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all in favour and using the Parish Council's powers under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make a donation of £50 towards the work of the Royal British Legion.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Young people

Following the presentation from KDC Head of Outreach, Claire Hardy, members asked Cllr Just and he agreed to act as the liaison between Kerrier, the young people of the village and the Parish Council.

Constantine's Public Wells

Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Williams, Cllr Reynolds and Cllr Wiseman should identify and report on the condition of the public wells and water taps in the parish of Constantine. It was also agreed that the granite public lighting posts should form part of this report.

Bowling Green

Cllr Wiseman reported a request from Rev'd Stevens for a site meeting between representatives of the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council to discuss the issues of parking in Bowling Green. It was agreed that such a meeting should be arranged and that Cllr Wiseman, Cllr Gray and Cllr Cavanagh should attend. They will report the findings at a future Parish Council meeting.

Well Lane

In Cllr Boote's absence, CCCLr Hatton reported that the area at the top of Well Lane has been inspected and it had been agreed that there is room for cars to park at 90° to the kerb. The proposal is that it will be marked out at the same time as the work necessary in Fore Street is done.

Car park

The Chairman reported that Nigel Pascoe has felled the tree on the car-park hedge and that the one in the field will be felled shortly.

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 reported that he had arranged a meeting with Mr Humphreys at 11:30pm on Tuesday October 28 in order to progress the matter.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA08/01644/TPO Professor P Scot – Felling of four Lawson Cypress trees, three Oak trees, three Sycamore trees and one Scots Pine tree – Kinloss, Port Navas. Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA08/01654/F Mr M.Taylor – Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling and annex and installation of a septic tank – The Oyster House, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors believe that the proposed development for reasons of its design, size, bulk and visual appearance would have a significant and adverse impact on the landscape character of the area, which is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. They therefore strongly urge the Planning Committee to refuse permission for development.*

PA08/01679/F Mr J Kent – Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling and formation of a tennis court – Trewarne, High Cross. Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Cavanagh seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA08/01623/F Mr John Richards – Erection of an agricultural storage barn – Ponjeravah Cottage, Ponjeravah. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Gray seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors note that the applicant's description for the construction of "a barn to be used as a storage facility" differs from Kerrier's description of the proposed development "the erection of an agricultural storage barn". If the barn is intended solely for agricultural use, Constantine Parish Councillors support the application: if however it is to be used for commercial purposes, Constantine Parish Councillors strongly urge the Planning Committee to refuse permission for development.*

To note the following decisions

PA08/01265/F Mr A.Berry – Refusal of Permission for Development (conversion of existing barn into a dwelling, erection of an extension and installation of a septic tank) – Lower Treglidgwith, Ponjeravah. – *noted*

Correspondence

KDC Erection of a replacement dwelling at Barrans notification that a final decision on this application will be made on October 7 – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

CCllr Julian German a petition to retain the traditional Cornish emblem – *it was agreed to write to CCllr German stating Constantine Parish Council's wish to retain the traditional Cornish emblem*

OneCornwall Newsletter number 13 – *noted*

Chyan Community Field Newsletter – *noted*

KDC Out There October to December 2008 – *noted*

CCC Parish Tree Warden Scheme and the Cornwall Great Tree Hunt – *noted*

Prokill report on moles in the Recreation Ground – *noted*

Constantine Social Club disabled access to the Social Club – *it was agreed that the provision of a level access to the Social Club should be the subject of an agenda item at the next meeting*

Mr Graham Hart concerning the matter of the proposed new logo for Cornwall – *noted*

Carn to Cove calendar of events in the autumn – *noted*

Fields in Trust FIT Focus newsletter – *noted*

KDC Blue Box and Bag Kerbside Collection – *noted*

Vicky Turner re funding for the Recreation Ground scheme – *noted*

Ginette Davies (West Briton) request for copies of draft minutes – *Cllr Wiseman proposed and it was agreed that draft minutes should not be published prior to approval by the Parish Council*

Mr V.White recycling batteries scheme – *it was noted that Mr Haysom has agreed to site a battery recycling tube in the SPAR shop and agreed that Constantine Parish Council supports this scheme. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Cavanagh seconded all in favour that in view of the public interest in this matter the sum of £36 should immediately be forwarded to Cornwall County Council to purchase the required tube. Additionally, Mr Mynett agreed to publish information relating to the scheme in Gweder Myras*

Constantine Enterprises Company acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *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 a relation of a member of the Brownies, Cllr Cavanagh declared a personal interest in the following item. He remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

Members considered a request from the 1st Constantine Brownies for help with funding. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Just, Cllr Cavanagh abstaining, all others in favour that, under the terms of Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the sum of £100.00 be forwarded to the 1st Constantine Brownies.

The following accounts were presented for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey		£ 269.23		
Mrs J.Jennings		£ 45.84		
TDBF Glebe Account (public toilets)		£ 150.00		
Allianz Insurance plc		£ 274.65		
Gweek Garage		£ 90.50	£ 77.02	£ 13.48
Veolia Environmental Services		£ 45.99	£ 39.14	£ 6.85
SEC Ltd		£ 32.01	£ 27.24	£ 4.77
EDF Energy (Church Square)		£ 4.11	£ 3.91	£ 0.20
Prokill (moles in Recreation Ground)		£ 229.13	£ 195.00	£ 34.13
Audit Commission		£ 334.88	£285.00	£ 49.88
John Gyll Murray				
Cemetery	£ 45.00			
Footpaths	£ 359.00	£ 404.00		
Colin Chapman				
Salary (September)	£ 321.73			
telephone	£ 36.58			
office expenses	£ 52.16			
travelling	£ 26.52			
use of home	£ 25.00			
		total	£ 461.99	

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

The following receipts were noted

Rev'd Stevens (Mr Laity)	£ 117.00
Constantine Bowling Club	£ 266.00

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Wiseman asked members whether or not the Parish Council is minded to supply Christmas trees to residents again this year. It was agreed that this expense is much appreciated by the majority of residents and Cllr Wiseman agreed to seek a supplier, although he warned that he expected the cost of trees this year to be higher. Councillors agreed to consider any request under £400.

Cllr Cavanagh drew members' attention to a proposed firework display to be held in memory of Mrs Amanda Dash on the Recreation Field in December. It was agreed to discuss this proposal at the next meeting.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday November 20, 2008 in The Vestry, Constantine commencing at 7:00pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:08

Signed.....

Dated.....