

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday November 20, 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 J.E.G.Boote	Cllr N.J.Wiseman
	Cllr C.Gray	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: Mr Kent, Mr Mynett and Mr White.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that

- the battery recycling tube is in place in the Spar shop
- there are continuing concerns about the manner in which the Planning Authority reached its decision to approve the application for development at Barrans
- those who wish to protest about the proposed logo for Cornwall can now sign a petition calling for its rejection on the Prime Minister's website
- a number of the aspirations described in Parish Plans are either beyond the Parish Council's powers or beyond its financial ability.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCClr Hatton, KDCllr Sadler, PC Cormack, PCSO Huddlestone, Cllr K.Cavanagh, Cllr D.Cummins (pressure of work) and Cllr R.E.Just sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Reynolds proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, Cllr Gray and Cllr Boote abstained, all others 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 Gray proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded (Cllr Boote, being absent from the last meeting abstained), all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday October 23, 2008 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 to remind KDCllr Sadler about his offer to make enquiries concerning the Youth Opportunities Fund and to report back to the next meeting.

In the light of concerns expressed last month, the Clerk confirmed that Constantine Parish Council holds two leasehold tenancies from the Glebe Committee: one for the car-park in the sum of £220 per annum and the second for the public conveniences in the sum of £150 per annum.

5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

There were no County or District Councillors present.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Cormack reported that in the last month there have been two crimes committed within the parish: specifically, the theft of a trailer (which was subsequently recovered) from Bonallack Farm and an attempted burglary at the Surgery.

PC Cormack and PCSO Huddleston have asked that their appreciation be relayed to shops, schools, parents and young people for their co-operation in making the night of Hallowe'en trouble-free.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Following discussion and in order to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Boote seconded all in favour, to adopt the Model Publication Scheme.

One Cornwall

Members considered an invitation to attend an engagement event. It was agreed that Cllr Boote, Cllr Gray and Cllr Wiseman and should represent Constantine Parish Council at the meeting in Pool on Wednesday January 7, 2009

Members considered an invitation to participate in a pilot scheme for the local delivery of a service which will become the duty of the Unitary Authority. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all in favour that, Constantine Parish Council will not apply to participate in one of the pilot schemes.

Members considered the invitation to comment on the draft Core Agreement of the Localism Charter. Cllr Wiseman agreed to read this document and to report back to the Council at the next meeting.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Recreation Field – Firework Display

Members considered a request from Mr Williams to hold a firework display on the Recreation Field on December 19, 2008. Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour that, subject to proper insurance provision being provided (a copy of which must be given to the Clerk before the event), Constantine Parish Council, acting as the Management Trustee of the Alice Hext Trust, will permit this event.

Members considered a report that the chain link fencing between the Bowling Green and the field needs repair. It was noted that Mr Roger Peacey has quoted in the sum of £400 + VAT both to mend the chain link fence and also to cut back the trees and bushes which are currently pushing through the fence. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Boote seconded all in favour that Mr Roger Peacey should be instructed to do this work.

Constantine Social Club – Disabled Access

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Mr Alan Harris about the provision of a disabled access to the Social Club, but that he had yet to hear back from him. The Clerk was asked to write to the Social Club with this information.

Young People

Members noted that the Football Club has given permission for young people from the village to meet in the away changing-room in the pavilion. Concern was expressed that the Parish Council is unaware of the conditions under which young people can use this facility and Cllr Gray was asked to speak to Brian Jorey about the matter and, having liaised with Cllr Cavanagh and Cllr Just, to report back to members. Through the Clerk, Cllr Just reported that there is a possibility that a redundant Portacabin at RNAS Culdrose may become available in the near future. On behalf of the Parish Council, he has registered an interest with the relevant authority.

Constantine's Public Wells

Cllr Williams reported that, as yet, the sub-group with the remit to identify and report on the condition of the wells/spouts and water taps has not met.

Bowling Green

Cllr Wiseman reported that a meeting to discuss the problems relating to parking on Bowling Green has proved difficult to arrange and suggested that, if the Parish Council is to go ahead with the extension to the car-park, perhaps the matter might be allowed to slip into abeyance at least for the time being.

Well Lane

It was noted that the marking out of this area has yet to be completed by County Highways.

Car park

The Clerk reported that he had met Mr Humphreys at Stratton and Holborow and that there are no problems relating to the lease of this piece of land, which can be added to the existing tenancy agreement at an additional cost per annum of £130. (This lease is due to be reviewed on September 29, 2010 at which time all three elements of the Parish Council's agreement with the Glebe Committee might be combined in a single charge.) Equally, Kerrier District Council's Planning Department foresees no problems relating to the development of the land. The Clerk recommended Mr David Richardson (a retired landscape architect previously employed by Devon County Council) to the Parish Council as someone suitably qualified both to design the extension to the car-park and to complete the application forms required by Kerrier for planning permission. Mr Richardson's fee for this work will be £200. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour to extend the lease for the car-park to include the triangle of land to the south-east of the existing car-park. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Williams seconded, all in favour to employ Mr Richardson for the sum of £200 to complete the work described above.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA08/01782/F Mrs M.Ruberry – Erection of a dwelling and formation of a replacement access – The Bungalow, Trebarvah Road. Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application although they would draw the Planning Committee's attention to the possibility of contaminated land on the site.*

PA08/01818/F Mr R.T.Mangan – Erection of extension to garden shed – Treetops, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA08/01829/F Mr M.Harris – Demolition of greenhouse and erection of craft workshops – Potager Garden, High Cross. Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors note the proposed change of use from horticulture to light industrial and have concerns about the possibility of excessive noise. If a limiting condition is imposed they support the application.*

To note the following decisions

PA07/00112/F Mr D.Morris – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of replacement dwelling) – Barrans, Port Navas – *noted*

PA07/01451/F Mr G.Wrapson & Miss S.Hitchcox – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an agricultural dwelling and installation of a septic tank) – Fir Tee Farm Nursery, Tresahor – *noted*

PA07/01467/F Mr C.Brewer – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an extension to dwelling) – Portmerryn, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

PA07/01473/O Mr W.Palfrey – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a dwelling) – 2, Brillwater Cottages, Brillwater – *noted*

PA07/01505/F Mr D.S.Eddershaw – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of verandah extension, replacement fascia, 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 – *noted*

Correspondence

KDC notification that PA08/01207/F Change of use of outbuilding/workshop to holiday accommodation at Polwheveral House Farm will be decided by the Planning Committee on November 4, 2008 – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

CCC consultation on Cornwall Landscape website – *Cllr Williams reported that, as requested, he had commented on this document on behalf of the Parish Council*

CCC LMP acknowledgement of receipt of claim – *noted*

CRCC request for an update on the Parish Plan – *noted*

Wicksteed Playscapes formal notification of the terms under which Wicksteed will seek funding for regeneration of the Play Area – *noted*

Communities and Local Government consultation document Codes of Conduct for local authority members and employees – *noted*

Royal British Legion acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

CPRE Countryside Voice magazine – *noted*

CCC (Electoral Review) request to hold a special meeting in December to consider the proposals as they impact on the Parish and to identify a representative who will attend a consultation event – *noted*

OneCornwall Newsletter number 14 – *noted*

Mr J.Kent copy of letter to KDC Planning Enforcement – *noted*

CPRE Stop the Drop campaign material – *noted*

CCC request for information concerning bus shelters in the parish – *noted. It was agreed to look into the matter of maintenance of the bus shelter at the next meeting*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

CPRE (Cornwall) newsletter – *noted*

DigitalUK TV switchover pack for community organisations – *noted*

Veolia ES Ltd annual waste transfer note and pre-treatment declaration– *it was noted that the Clerk has completed and returned this document*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at November 20, 2008. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 269.43		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 57.30		
South West Water (cemetery)	£ 9.85		
South West Water (public conveniences)	£ 81.41		
Gweek Garage	£ 45.00	£ 38.30	£ 6.70
Travis Perkins (padlock)	£ 7.93	£ 6.75	£ 1.18
Veolia Environmental Services	£ 46.22	£ 39.34	£ 6.88
Brian Jorey (repairs to pavilion)	£ 287.00		
Carnon Downs Garden Centre (Christmas lights)	£ 33.98	£ 28.96	£ 5.06
Colin Chapman			
Salary (October)	£ 321.53		
telephone	£ 3.94		
office expenses	£ 40.90		
travelling	£ 52.16		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 443.53	

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

The following receipts were noted

D.J.Stevens (Mr Vingoe)	£ 98.00
Keith Penrose (Mrs Moyle)	£ 184.00

Members considered the purchase of Christmas Trees for display in the village. Cllr Wiseman reported that he had been offered 30 Christmas trees for the total sum of £270.00 Following discussion, Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all in favour that the Parish Council should purchase Christmas trees for display in the village for the sum of £270.00 On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman thanked Cllr Wiseman warmly for the work that he has again taken upon himself in order that this very popular project may continue.

Members considered the Clerk's future remuneration in the light of the revised national pay scale. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour that the Clerk should continue to be employed for ten hours a week at Spinal Column Point 20

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees or representatives.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Stating that just two members had been present on Tuesday evening, the Chairman questioned the value of the series of informal meetings. Nevertheless, following discussion, it was agreed to continue them. The next

informal meeting will be on Tuesday December 16, following which there will be a meeting of the Finance Committee.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday December 18, 2008 in The Vestry, Constantine commencing at 7:00pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:08

Signed.....

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