

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday December 18, 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	
Cllr R.E.Just	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCCLr Hatton, Mr Burke, Mr Mynett and Mr Rashleigh.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that

- there are concerns in the village about the possible loss of the amenity land owned by Coastline Housing at Penbothidno. On this piece of land a commemorative tree was planted to celebrate the new millennium, a public bench (albeit in need of repair) is sited as is a Royal Mail delivery box
- as a result of metal oyster-rearing cages being sited in the river, the turn into Frenchman's Creek for sailing vessels is hazardous. CCCLr Hatton reported that the Environment Agency is expecting these cages to be removed from this area of the SSSI. Members agreed to make the matter an agenda item for the next meeting.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

KDCllr Sadler, PC Cormack, PCSO Huddleston, Cllr K.Cavanagh (family matters), Cllr D.Cummins (convalescence) and Cllr Nicholls (pressure of work) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, 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 Just, being absent from the last meeting abstained), all others in favour that, subject to the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday November 20, 2008 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

In answer to a question, the Clerk reported that KDCllr Sadler had suggested that the most suitable contact for information about the Youth Opportunities Fund is Bryony Nicholls at Kerrier District Council.

5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

CCCLr Hatton reported that

- contrary to best practice, Kerrier Planners are continuing to ignore the cumulative impact of building operations on the Helford area of the Cornwall AONB and insist on treating each application on its individual merits

- for the next three months, the Planning Committee at Kerrier will only consider major applications: all other planning decisions will be made using delegated powers
- despite the above, in instances where the Parish Council does not support an application, he has asked to meet the officers concerned before a decision is made
- after April and before the elections to the new Unitary Authority are held, there will be three Planning Committees covering the whole of Cornwall. The present Chair and Vice-Chair of each of the six District Planning Committees will be co-opted to sit on these new Committees.

Cllr Boote stated that it appears that the Parish Council's observations on planning applications are of no consequence and that therefore it is a waste of the Parish Council's time to discuss them. These sentiments were echo-ed by other members

Continuing his report, CCCLr Hatton stated that the 'improvements' to bus stops proposed by County at the bottom of Fore Street had been abandoned unlike those opposite the Spar Shop and outside the school which will go ahead. Members of the Parish Council expressed outrage that their views, the views of the elected representatives of the local community had, yet again, been ignored by Cornwall County Council Highways Department and the Clerk was asked to write in the strongest possible terms to those responsible.

Speaking of the new Unitary Authority, CCCLr Hatton said that, with the appointment of senior officers, the Council is beginning to take shape. The Boundary Committee's draft ward recommendation links the Parish of Constantine with Budock and Mawnan. The date of elections to the new Council is dependent on the Boundary Committee's final decision on those wardboundaries.

Finishing his report and prior to his departure, CCCLr Hatton wished everyone a very happy Christmas.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Cormack reported that, since the last meeting, there has been one crime committed within the parish: specifically, the theft of a slate house-name plate. This has since been found, damaged, in a lay-by between Constantine and Gweek.

PC Cormack and PCSO Huddleston stated that they are again pleased to report that there have been no reports of anti-social behaviour. They wished everyone a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

OneCornwall

Following discussion, Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Boote seconded, Cllr Just abstained, all others in favour to accept Cllr Wiseman's recommendations for reply to the draft Core Agreement of the Localism Charter consultation document.

Cllr Williams thanked Cllr Wiseman for the work he has done over this matter, sentiments which were echo-ed by other members

Dates for 2009/2010

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the dates for the meetings in 2009 will be as follows

January 15, 2009	Ordinary Meeting
February 19, 2009	Ordinary Meeting
March 19, 2009	Ordinary Meeting
April 16, 2009	Ordinary Meeting
May 21, 2009	Annual Parish Meeting
May 21, 2009	Annual Meeting
June 18, 2009	Ordinary Meeting
July 23, 2009	Ordinary Meeting
September 17, 2009	Ordinary Meeting
October 15, 2009	Ordinary Meeting
November 19, 2009	Ordinary Meeting
December 17, 2009	Ordinary Meeting
January 21, 2010	Ordinary Meeting
February 18, 2010	Ordinary Meeting

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are due to begin at 7.00pm

8 PARISH MATTERS

Bus shelter

Following discussion, Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour that a quotation to paint the bus shelter should be sought.

Constantine Social Club – Disabled Access

The Chairman reported that he had not, as yet, heard from Mr Alan Harris. The Clerk was asked to contact him as a matter of some urgency.

Young People

Cllr Just reported that the provision of a Youth Club for the village is well under way. In particular

- a qualified Youth Worker, Mr Barry Gribble, has been employed to supervise these initial stages
- a make-up session with a Body Shop representative has been held
- as have two sessions of Street Dance lessons
- the Constantine Enterprises Company is willing to act as an agent to ensure that these initial activities will continue at least until the end of March 2009 subject to the award of a grant from Kerrier District Council
- an application for grant funding to support these activities has been made to Kerrier District Council
- the County has confirmed that it has a legal duty to provide support for youth services in the village and that help will be forthcoming
- Claire Hardy from Kerrier District Council has promised to arrange something for young people resident in the village during the Easter holidays
- overtures have been made to Culdrose in respect of a disused Portacabin to provide covered accommodation for young people in the village

Cllr Just stated that the intention is to establish an identity for a Youth Group whose members will themselves be able to take matters forward. However, Cllr Just warned that the Parish Council must have its own formal Child Protection Policy document in place rather than relying on that of the Tolmen Centre. It was agreed that the Clerk should look into this as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Wiseman, speaking on behalf of all members, congratulated Cllr Just on what he has achieved in such a short time.

Following discussion, Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all in favour that the Parish Council will support any future decision made by Constantine Football Club to allow supervised youth work to take place in the Pavilion.

Constantine's Public Wells

Referring to the report he and the sub-group had prepared on the historic artefacts within the village conservation area and which had been circulated to members, Cllr Williams reported that the Clerk had agreed to check its contents with Kerrier's Listed Buildings Officer. Cllr Williams felt that it is necessary to record the position and condition of these artefacts, to repair them where necessary and to label them, so that people know their significance. It was agreed that he should make a further report at a future meeting.

Well Lane

It was noted that the marking out of this area has yet to be completed by County Highways. The Clerk was asked to contact County Highways about the matter.

Car park

The Clerk reported that a heating-oil delivery lorry belonging to O.J.Williams had damaged the wall to the right of the car-park entrance. O.J.Williams recognised that it was the company's responsibility to pay for the repair and had asked for two quotations from local tradesmen. Through Mr Jorey, the Clerk has asked for quotations from Mr Osgood and from Mr Peacey.

Members viewed initial proposals for the extension to the car-park and development of the triangle of land. The Clerk was asked to meet with the Planning Development Officer for the Parish to discuss these proposals and to report back to the next meeting.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA08/01929/F Mrs R.Dengler – Change of use of land from public area to part of domestic curtilage – Fernville, 2 Fore Street. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Gray seconded (Cllr Wiseman, Cllr Reynolds and Cllr Bolt abstained) all others in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors have*

serious concerns about the proposed loss to the local community of this small amenity area. They would draw the planning authority's attention to the commemorative tree that is planted just outside the area to which this application refers and to the public bench and the Royal Mail box that are sited on it and would urge the authority to refuse permission for a change of use.

PA08/01941/TPO Mr C Berriman – Felling of one Monterey Pine tree – The Old Kiln, Port Navas. Cllr Reynolds proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

Decisions

PA07/01207/F Mr D.Thomson – Refusal of Permission for Development (change of use of outbuilding/workshop to holiday dwelling) – Polwheveral House Farm, Polwheveral – *noted*

PA07/01644/TPO Professor P.Scot – Notice of Consent (felling of four Lawson Cypress trees, three oak trees and one Scots Pine tree) – Kinloss, Port Navas – *noted*

PA07/01679/F Mr J.Kent – Conditional Permission for Development (erection of extension and alterations to dwelling and formation of a tennis court) – Trewarne, High Cross – *noted*

Correspondence

KDCllr N.Hatton copy of letter to the Planning Service Manager concerning the proposed development at The Oyster House – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

1st Constantine Brownies cards expressing thanks for the financial contribution – *noted*

KDC Community Grant Scheme – *noted*

CRCC statement following publishing of Parish Plan Grant – *noted*

KDC Helston Museum flyer – *noted*

OneCornwall newsletter issue 15 – *noted*

CPRE Fieldwork magazine – *noted*

CCC Falmouth to Helston Route 2 and T4 improvements at Constantine School – *the Clerk to reply*

CCC Falmouth to Helston Route 2 and T4 improvements at Fore Street – *the Clerk to reply*

Tony Mogford Associates Quarterly Inspection report (no major issues) – *noted*

Boundary Committee for England draft recommendations comments invited – *noted*

KDC Code of Conduct training – *noted*

KDC Register of Electors as at December 1, 2008 – *noted*

Boundary Committee for England summary of draft recommendations – *noted*

Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly Shoreline Management Plan stakeholder registration – *the Clerk to reply*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at December 18, 2008. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Wiseman all in favour that the Precept for the year 2009/2010 be set at £22,500. It was noted that this represents a weekly charge to residents of just over 60p on a Band D house.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Blind Association for financial help with its work. Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour that under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 Constantine Parish Council should forward £50.00

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 269.23		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 45.84		
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 275.50		
Gweek Garage	£ 25.00	£ 21.28	£ 3.72
Celtic Engineering (Bowling Club)	£ 342.18	£ 291.22	£ 50.96
Veolia Environmental Services	£ 45.99	£ 39.14	£ 6.85
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (cemetery)	£ 568.99	£ 487.50	£ 81.49
John Gyll-Murray (cemetery)	£ 550.00		
Roger Peacey	£ 460.00	£ 400.00	£ 60.00

D.Burke (Christmas Tree for Port Navas)	£ 10.00
R.E.Just (reimbursement re make-up session)	£ 40.00
B.Gribble (Youth Worker)	£ 65.00
Constantine Enterprises Company (Parish Plans)	£ 270.25
Colin Chapman	
Salary (November)	£ 380.48
telephone	£ 9.87
office expenses	£ 62.27
travelling	£ 40.66
use of home	£ 25.00
	total £ 518.28

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

The following receipts were noted

D.J.Stevens (Mrs Hyder)	£ 184.00
D.J.Stevens (Mrs Lee)	£ 74.00
Constantine Bowling Club	£ 291.22
R.E.Just donation	£ 9.00
Constantine Social Club (rent)	£1,137.00

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

The written report tabled by Cllr Gray concerning the use on a single occasion (and that as a result of a misunderstanding) of the away changing-room by young people was noted.

Cllr Wiseman warmly thanked all those who had been involved with the collection and distribution of the Christmas trees earlier in the month.

Cllr Just reported that the Constantine Creative Conservation Group (which had come into being as a result of Parish Plans) had continued to grow and to evaluate renewable energy projects. The Group has a membership of fifteen, has had three meetings and has promoted three public lectures on various aspects of sustainable living and energy self-sufficiency. Through Cllr Just, the Group offered its thanks both to the Parish Council and to Kevin at the Spar Shop for the parts they played and are playing in the collection and re-cycling of used domestic batteries.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

The Chairman made no comment at this time other than to wish everyone present a very happy Christmas.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday January 15, 2009 in The Vestry, Constantine commencing at 7:00pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10:06pm

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