

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present:

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

Visitors: CCllr Hatton, PC Cormack, PCSO Huddlestone, Mr Gendall, Mr Mynett, Mr Prynne and Mrs Skewes.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Wiseman assumed the Chair for Public Question Time. He welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that

- the Football Club will be seeking permission from the Parish Council (as the Management Trustee of the Alice Hext Charity) to refurbish the pavilion. The Clerk was asked to make this an agenda item at the meeting in March
- a wall has been built upstream of the bridge at Ponjeravah causing concerns about the pressure of water on the bridge at times of heavy rain. Cllr Wiseman agreed to investigate the matter further, to report to the Clerk and, if it was felt appropriate, to inform the Environment Agency.

The Chairman, Cllr Carter, arrived in the room. Cllr Wiseman relinquished the Chair and Cllr Carter assumed the Chair.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

KDCllr Sadler and Cllr E.Nicholls (business) 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

As a near neighbour of the applicant, Cllr Just declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 PA09/00054/F.

As Chairman of the Constantine Agricultural Association, Cllr Carter declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 and the request for help with sponsorship from that Association.

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 Cavanagh proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded (Cllr Cummins and Cllr Just, being absent from the last meeting abstained), all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday January 15, 2009 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

With reference to the Oyster Farm, it was noted that

- one of the points in the minutes of the January meeting, although an accurate record of what was said at the time, is incorrect. What should have been reported to Councillors was that *it is understood that a Limited Company has been formed with the intention of preserving and improving the quay*. It was agreed to add a note to the minutes of the January meeting drawing readers' attention to this fact
- the oyster tables are still in position.

Cllr Boote reported that

- despite a meeting with Paul Wilkinson and CCCllr Hatton, nothing has been done at the top of Well Lane to make the parking area more formal and thus to improve visibility for motorists
- the sliding glass of the notice-board is stuck fast. The Clerk reported that, following a report to this effect from Cllr Boote, he had instructed Brian Jorey to repair the board.

The Clerk reported that

- he has contacted Mark James and has invited him to address the Parish Council on a date convenient to him, but that he has yet to receive a reply
- information requested from Cornwall County Council under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2005 should have been received on or before February 9, 2009. An undertaking has been given that it will be collated and put in the post tomorrow.

5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

CCCllr Hatton reported that

- the next meeting will be the last that KDCllr Sadler attends in his official capacity. He assured members that, in the interim period before elections to the Unitary Authority are held, he will continue to work for the benefit of the Parish of Constantine
- Paul Wilkinson of Cornwall Highways will be retiring at the end of March: his replacement will be Chris Biddick
- In view of the impending demise of Kerrier District Council, the benefits of retaining partnerships between local government and voluntary organisations are being reviewed
- the Boundary Committee's consultations have been completed and he hopes for a quick outcome. In the meanwhile, the vacuum on Planning and Licensing Committees will be filled by co-opted (non-elected) persons
- the Joint Implementation Executive will continue its work in the interim period: there will be a Scrutiny Panel, but it will have no powers of call-in
- the Unitary Authority's transitional Planning Committee has been split into three service delivery areas: membership of the Kerrier/Penwith Committee will consist of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the existing two District Planning Committees who will sit with four (politically balanced) members from each of the two districts
- 96% of all planning decisions will be made by Officers using delegated powers

CCCllr Hatton's last point provoked a number of questions from members. How will officers be policed? To whom will they be accountable? Why are non-elected persons being given the power to make decisions, particularly when elected members (Parish Councillors) are in place? What is the legality of these proposals? Apart from stating that the only recourse against officers is to prove mal-administration, CCCllr Hatton was unable to answer these questions.

6 POLICE REPORT

Apologising for his absence from the last meeting, PC Cormack reported that, in the last five weeks, five crimes have been reported: one of assault, one of theft and three of criminal damage. PC Cormack again emphasised the need for residents to be vigilant and to report all suspicious behaviour to the police. He noted that, pleasingly, there are now considerably fewer reports of incidents of anti-social behaviour than there have been in the past. Speaking of the incidents at The Vestry he stressed the need to keep an open mind.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Constantine Social Club – Disabled Access

The Clerk reported that he has received an indication that Kerrier District Council is minded to make a grant towards the provision of a disabled access to the Social Club. He is awaiting a written quotation for the work from Mr Alan Harris.

Young People

Cllr Just reported that

- Kerrier District Council has indicated that funding of up to £730 (matched by an additional £150 from the Parish Council) is available for underwriting the Youth Club pilot sessions
- no-one under the age of 30 has attended either of the last two activity sessions
- his intention is to have a publicity drive following the half-term holiday followed by an open meeting for all those interested
- he was disappointed by Clare Hardy's statement to the effect that, other than in general terms, neither she nor her team will be able to help Constantine's young people during the Easter holidays
- nevertheless, she had undertaken to organise an activity, possibly mountain biking, in the second half of the spring term
- he has had the offer of the use of grounds fronting the Helford and will ask for the Youth Team to organise an activity there
- young people in the village do want a place of their own, but he emphasised that it is down to them to seek funding both for this and for activities they might want to pursue
- although he understands the reasons, he is disappointed that the opportunity offered to the young people of the village has not been seized
- three adults living locally have offered to help with a Youth Club and a meeting has been arranged for them with a senior County Youth Service Advisor

Members were unanimous in thanking Cllr Just for the time and effort he has put into trying to implement this much-needed facility for the young people of the village.

Constantine's Public Wells

Cllr Williams reported that he had been unable to communicate with Kerrier's Conservation Area Officers. In the meanwhile, he had spoken to Bob Sanders about cleaning up the spout at Brillwater Road. Bob had suggested that he should charge the Council at his hourly rate of £15 and that the necessary work should be completed within six hours. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Reynolds seconded all in favour that Bob Sanders should be commissioned to clear the spout.

Car park

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Kerrier's planners indicating that the proposed work constitutes permitted development under the provisions of Schedule 2, Part 12, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 and does not require planning permission. He added, however, that any alterations to the submitted details (i.e. Mr Richardson's original plan) may require a re-assessment of the situation. He is awaiting news of the outcome of his application to Kerrier for help with funding this project. Cllr Carter proposed and it was agreed to seek tenders for fencing off the area.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA08/02054/F Mr A.Berry – Conversion of redundant barn into detached annex for family use – Lower Treglidgwith, Ponjeravah. Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors note that the proposed annex is designed for use by an adult disabled member of the family and fully support this application.*

As a near neighbour of the applicant, Councillor Just declared a personal interest in the following application. He remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.

PA09/00055/CAC Mrs L.Moore – Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of existing building – 50, Fore Street. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all others in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application for demolition of the existing building, but would draw Planning Officers' attention to the need for permission to apply for permission to close the road while demolition takes place. Further, having viewed the pre-application proposals for the replacement dwelling they now place on record their concerns about its height (and the consequent loss of light both to 52 Fore Street and to its garden) and the effect the two-storey building as a whole will have on the Conservation Area.*

PA09/00056/F Mr A.Birchall – Installation of conservation rooflight to the north-west elevation – Trecobben. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all others in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA09/00119/F Mr J.Spooner – Rebuilding and extending existing quay wall including repointing – Bosryn, Port Navas. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all others in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

10 CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that

- Geoff Jorey has indicated that the mowing machine he uses in the Recreation Ground is in need of replacement. It was agreed to make this matter an agenda item at the next meeting
- Bob Sanders has indicated that there is considerable mole activity in the Churchyard. On Health and Safety grounds it was agreed that the Council should deal with this problem
- he had not asked Mr Jorey to purchase bark for use on the flower bed in The Square because the project had been pre-empted by Mrs Moore and Mrs Parshall who had weeded the area and trimmed the bushes – and who were willing to continue to do this. The Clerk was asked to write to both to thank them for what they have done and to accept their offer for the future
- Mrs Moore had paid Brian Jorey to repair the noticeboard in The Square. The Clerk noted however that the sliding glass doors are still sticking and that he had instructed Brian Jorey to try again
- members might like to consider replacing the ‘glass’ in the bus shelter in 2010/2011

Correspondence

CCC copy of report to the IE Electoral Review Working Group – *noted*

CCC (Cllr Walley) concerning transition arrangements and CALC’s invitation to comment on the future of the Implementation Executive – *noted*

Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Community Safety Partnership new partnership from April 1, 2009 – *noted*

CPRE workshop “Understanding your involvement in the Planning System” – *noted*

OneCornwall Newsletter issue 16 – *noted*

OneCornwall Planning and Regeneration engaging Town and Parish Councils – *noted*

CCC appointment of members to the Cornwall Countryside Access Forum – *noted*

Helston Museum Invitation to the Saturday Art Club Exhibition – *noted*

CCC Japanese Knotweed on Rights of Way numbers 32 and 36 – *noted*

CCC notification of the availability of the Annual Minerals and Waste Monitoring Report 2007/08 – *noted*

OneCornwall Public consultation – Street Collections – *noted*

North Cornwall District Council Local Development Framework – How do your Settlements Function?

Profile questionnaire – *Cllr Wiseman and Cllr Boote to complete*

EDF Account No 20055080 confirmation that all the late payment charges have been credited to the account – *noted*

KDC notification of an award of a maximum of £730 towards Pilot Sessions for a Youth Club in Constantine – *noted*

Constantine Bowls Club request for permission to install a water meter for the Club’s exclusive use – *Cllr Cavanagh will reply on behalf of the Social Club*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

As the Chairman of the Constantine Agricultural Association, Councillor Carter declared a personal interest in the following application. He remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.

Members considered a request from the Constantine Agricultural Association for sponsorship. It was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Boote, all others in favour that the sum of £200 be forwarded to the Constantine Agricultural Association under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members considered a request from the Helford River Children’s Sailing Trust for financial help towards the Trust’s work. It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Boote, all others in favour that the sum of £50 be forwarded to the Helford River Children’s Sailing Trust under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members noted the payment of £8.02 to Cllr Wiseman (keys for the padlock to the Vestry)

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr K.Pinch (repairs to public convenience)	£ 25.00		
Mr K.Pinch (repairs to Pavilion)	£ 139.07		
FIT (subscription)	£ 35.00		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 269.23		

Mrs J.Jennings	£ 45.48		
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 17.25	£ 15.00	£ 2.25
JFC Monro	£ 232.86	£ 202.48	£ 30.38
SW Water (public convenience)	£ 75.29		
SW Water (cemetery)	£ 11.49		
Constantine Stores Ltd	£ 72.10	£ 64.16	£ 7.94
Travis Perkins	£ 16.78	£ 14.59	£ 2.19
Veolia Environmental Services	£ 45.24	£ 39.34	£ 5.90
Cllr R.E.Just (repayment Youth Club costs)	£ 210.00		
ADK Electrical (repairs to public convenience)	£ 276.00	£ 240.00	£ 36.00
Mr K.Pinch (repairs to changing rooms)	£ 49.81		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 328.08		
telephone	£ 13.20		
office expenses	£ 35.54		
travelling	£ 32.71		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 434.53	

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

Members noted the following receipt

Keith Penrose (Mrs Meredith)	£ 190.00
Keith Penrose (Mrs Tresidder)	£ 190.00
D.J.Stevens (Mr Kendall)	£ 44.00

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Wiseman asked the Clerk to arrange for the hedge around the Lawn Cemetery to be cut. He also expressed concern that some of the graves in the Lawn Cemetery are being obstructed by memorial vases and plants.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

It was noted that members of the public should not be taking part in debate.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday March 19, 2009 in The Vestry, Constantine commencing at 7:00pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:15pm.

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