

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman) Cllr M.J.Reynolds
 Cllr E.Nicholls Cllr R.J.Williams
 Cllr A.H.Bolt Cllr N.J.Wiseman
 Cllr C.Gray
 Cllr R.E.Just Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCCLlr Hatton, KDCLlr Sadler, Mr Agnew and Mr Mynett.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that

- the dog bin at the village end of the public footpath to the side of the cemetery is so old and dilapidated that it constitutes a health hazard and should be replaced
- when the extension to the car-park is in place, there will be an opportunity to site a notice-board giving details about the village
- a group of ramblers had been overheard complaining about the state of the public conveniences
- Mrs Margaret Gregory, for many years the Parish Clerk, has died. The Clerk was asked to write to her husband expressing Councillors' condolences.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PC Cormack, PCSO Huddlestone, Cllr J.E.G.Boote, Cllr K.Cavanagh and Cllr D.Cummins sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour to accept their apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Bolt, Cllr Gray, Cllr Williams and Cllr Wiseman declared a personal interest in the request for help with funding from the Constantine Cottage Garden Society.

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 Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, (Cllr Nicholls, being absent from the last meeting, abstained), all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday February 19, 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 concerns expressed at the last meeting about pressure of water on the road bridge at Ponjeravah at times of heavy rain following the construction of a wall upstream, Cllr Wiseman reported that it is his and Cllr Gray's opinion that there is no evidence that a flood of water will undermine the river bed beneath the bridge.

The sliding glass door of the notice-board in The Square can now be moved and, thanks to Mrs Boote, the notices are positioned tidily.

Cllr Williams noted that Mrs Mary Cooper has been appointed as Cornwall Council's Head of Localism. With this in mind, he suggested that she be contacted to enquire about the possibility of the Parish Council being granted delegated powers to determine the less controversial planning applications within the parish. He noted that the Parish Council would need the support of a Planning Officer, that Councillors would require training, that there may be concerns about the frequency of planning meetings and that arrangements would have to be in place to allow members of the public to speak. Members agreed that Mrs Cooper should be invited to attend a future meeting at which the prospect of a greater degree of decision-making in local matters and the possibility of a pilot scheme relating to the determination of some planning applications by Parish Councils in Cornwall might be explored.

5 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Chairman noted that this would be the last meeting that KDCllr Rex Sadler attended in his position as the District Councillor representing the Parish of Constantine. On behalf of both present and past members of the Parish Council, the Chairman thanked him for his interest in and the work he has done for the Parish. He added that, as the Leader of Kerrier District Council, Cllr Sadler had proved to be an effective ambassador for the rural parishes and he wished him well for the future.

KDCllr Sadler said that he had enjoyed coming to Constantine and would miss the monthly meetings but that 'things move on'. He added that

- planning decisions might be better kept at arm's length
- the Chairman and his wife's attendance at Civic Meetings of Kerrier District Council had not gone unnoticed and was appreciated
- he would advise that the Parish Council should contact Scott Sharples (who will be Constantine's Community Network Manager) sooner rather than later
- Nicola Stinson (Kerrier District Council's Principal Planning Officer) has been appointed as Cornwall Council's Head of Western Area Planning.

CCClr Hatton reported that

- it had been good to see the Chairman and his wife at the Civic dinner
- he has been helping Jackie Skewes with the funding application to *Awards for All* for the refurbishment of the pavilion from Constantine Football Club
- the Judicial Review of Kerrier's planning decision concerning the proposed jetty at Helford Village had found in favour of the appellant on a single point, namely, that Kerrier had failed to impose essential environmental safeguards as required by Natural England
- a field, previously used for grazing, at Nancenoy has been ploughed and potatoes planted. A footpath crosses this field and a permissive path around the edge has been signposted to allow ramblers an alternative to walking through the crop
- the new Unitary Authority will be holding an opening event (to which all Parish Councillors are invited) on April 1, 2009 at Isaac House in Helston commencing at 1:30 pm. He will be attending
- the Parish of Constantine has been allocated to the Falmouth Community Network Area and will be in the Western Area Planning region
- elections to the new authority will be on June 4 and the 123 wards throughout Cornwall will be those originally delineated in the proposal document. These ward boundaries will be reviewed in time for the elections in 2013
- Officers in both District and County Councils do not yet know whether or not they will have a job on April 1 – a situation he deplored.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, the Beat Manager PC Cormack reported that, since February 19, no crimes have been reported. PC Cormack, who will shortly move to cover the Lizard Peninsula, thanked the Parish Council for the warm and friendly welcome he has always received at Parish Council meetings. PC Dave Cook will be taking on the Beat and will be supported (as PC Cormack has been) by PCSO Huddleston.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Football club

Members considered the football club's proposals to refurbish the pavilion and in particular the club's application to *Awards for All* for financial help to achieve this aim. Following extensive discussion during which it was noted that

- the pavilion belongs to the Alice Hext Charity

- the Parish Council is the Management Trustee of that Charity
- despite the fact that their members have used it since the 1950s, the Football Club does not have exclusive use of the pavilion
- a £10 million investment fund administered by Sport England is designed to create sporting opportunities for people in rural areas and opens for business on April 1, 2009.

Cllr Wiseman proposed Cllr Williams seconded all in favour to make a grant of £200 towards the cost of refurbishing the pavilion: the cheque to be paid once full funding is in place. Additionally, it was agreed that a letter of support should be sent to the Football Club for possible use in any application for grant funding.

Recreation ground

Members considered the replacement of the ride-on mower. Following discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all in favour to maintain the current mower for a further season and to review the situation in a year's time.

Church square electricity supply

Members considered an offer from EDF to renew the contract for the supply of electricity to The Square. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all in favour to renew this contract.

Port Navas Village Hall

Members consider the appointment of a nominated representative of the parish council to sit on the management committee of Port Navas Village Hall. Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Just seconded all in favour (and Cllr Boote having already indicated his willingness to stand) to reappoint Cllr Boote to this position.

Constantine Social Club – Disabled Access

The Clerk reported that he has received verbal confirmation that Kerrier District Council will make a grant towards the provision of a disabled access to the Social Club, but that he is awaiting written confirmation. The Chairman reported that he has received a quote from Silverhill Construction Services for completing the necessary work for a maximum sum of £2,850.00 This being the cheapest of the three quotations received, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour to accept this quotation subject to the receipt of a grant from Kerrier District Council.

Young People

Cllr Just reported that

- although originally he had foreseen a string of low-profile events, because of the conditions attached to the grant from Kerrier he had opted for two major events. These had been a trip to the dry-ski slope in Plymouth for the under 14s (which had been very well supported and which participants had judged a great success) and the hire of Kerrier's mobile skate park. With the permission of the Headmistress, the skate park will be sited on the school playground for a single day towards the end of March
- five volunteer adults have expressed an interest in helping with the formation of a youth club
- once adult volunteers are in place, he believes the County will find it more difficult to refuse help
- two youngsters are primed and ready to apply for a grant from the *Your Dream Our Money* fund
- he shortly intends holding a public meeting at which plans for a Youth Club will be outlined and to which parents of likely members will be invited
- it is his hope that, by April 1, there will be sufficient commitment from parents and young people alike to forge ahead with the creation of a Youth Club.

With all the above in mind, Members considered the associated costs and, after discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all others in favour that the Parish Council should make an extra £500 available towards the provision of a Youth Club within the village. It was noted that Miss Horrell, who had taught the dance classes, had come a considerable distance, often under difficult circumstances and the Clerk was asked to write her a note of appreciation.

Constantine's Public Wells

Cllr Williams reported that Bob Sanders had cleaned out the spout at Brillwater Road. However, the depth of the spout had meant that the work had taken considerably longer than anticipated and that the access to it might well be considered dangerous. Cllr Reynolds had taped off the access and agreed to construct more substantial fencing. Cllr Williams has asked Mr Rashleigh for a form of words suitable for inscription on an interpretation plaque.

There will be a meeting of the sub-group which holds the remit to identify and report on the condition of the wells/spouts and water taps on Friday March 27 at 10:00am when Kerrier's Planning Conservation Officer will be present.

Car park

The Clerk reported that he understood that the application to Kerrier for help with funding this project had not been successful, although he was still awaiting written confirmation of this fact. He added that he had received no expressions of interest in erecting the post and rail fencing as a result of the advertisement placed on the notice-boards. It was agreed to seek quotations from fencing companies by approaching them directly

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA09/00228/F Ms D Livingston – Erection of extensions to existing dwelling – Lower Penbothidno, Penbothidno, Constantine. Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors welcome the proposed improvement to this unprepossessing house. They note that it does not inconvenience near neighbours nor does it spoil the public amenity. They fully support this application.*

PA09/00260/F Mr & Mrs G Hall – Erection of a double domestic garage – Trenarth Cottage, Trenarth Lane, Constantine. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA09/00272/F Mr D Robertson – Erection of a wind turbine – Retallack, Constantine. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all others in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application with the proviso that, should planning permission be granted, a condition be imposed requiring that in the event that the turbine ceases to generate electricity it is dismantled and removed from the site.*

PA09/00343/F Mr C Brewer – Formation of a decking area – Portmerryn, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Just seconded all others in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

Decisions

PA08/01829/F Conditional Permission for Development (demolition of greenhouse and erection of craft workshops) – Potager Garden, High Cross – *noted*

PA08/01939/F Conditional Permission for Development (change of use of land from public area to part of domestic cartilage) – Fernville, 2 Fore Street, Constantine – *noted. Councillors further noted that the seat on this land belongs to the Parish Council. It was agreed to discuss its possible repair and future setting at the next meeting*

PA08/01941/TPO Notice of Consent for the felling, topping or lopping of trees and woodlands (felling of one Monterey Pine tree) – The Old Kiln, Port Navas – *noted*

Correspondence

North Cornwall District Council Publicity of Planning Applications – *noted*

CCC consultation document on future planning applications – *the Clerk reported that he has returned this document requesting that all planning applications relevant to the parish of Constantine be forwarded to the Parish Council for observations and, moreover, that a hard copy of the plans be sent to the Parish Council through the post*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Standards Board for England Town and Parish Standard (Newsletter) – *noted*

Inter-link Cornwall re Alice Hext Charity – *noted*

Helston Community College consultation on a proposal for Helston Community College to become a foundation school with a charitable trust – *it was agreed that this is an internal matter for the school and its stake-holders and therefore that Constantine Parish Council should not comment*

Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter – *noted*

KDC Area Action Plan for Camborne, Pool, Illogan and Redruth – *noted*

CCC Cornwall Countryside Access Statement – *noted*

Royal Air Force invitation to a Civic Reception – *noted*

CPRE Cornwall AGM 2009 Hotel Bristol, Newquay Saturday, March 28, 2009 – *noted*

CPRE Fieldwork Newsletter – *noted*

KDC out-there Easter Holiday activities – *noted*

Dogs Trust information for notice-board – *noted*

CCC LMP invitation to renew partnership working arrangements – *Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council should accept Cornwall Council's invitation to renew partnership working arrangements under the LMP scheme*

OneCornwall invitation to attend the launch of the Unitary Authority on April 1, 2009 at Isaac House from 1:30pm – *noted*

CPRE invitation to enter Cornwall's Best Kept Village competition and reminder of workshop "Understanding your involvement in the Planning System" – *noted*

Cornwall Council consultation on taxi provision – *Cllr Just agreed to respond to this document on behalf of Constantine Parish Council*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered a request from Constantine Bowling Club for a grant towards the cost of installing a water meter and for repairing the fence. It was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Gray, all others in favour that the Parish Council, acting as the Management Trustee of the Alice Hext Charity, should repair the fence. It was noted that there is already a water meter in place and the Clerk was asked to contact the Secretary of the Bowling Club to draw attention to this fact.

Members considered a request from Truro Hospital Radio for help with funding. It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Wiseman, all others in favour that the sum of £25 be forwarded to the Truro Hospital Radio under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

As members of the Constantine Cottage Garden Society, Cllr Bolt Cllr Gray, Cllr Williams and Cllr Wiseman declared a personal interest in the following application. They remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.

Members considered a request from Constantine Cottage Garden Society for a grant to be used mainly towards the cost of prize money for the Village's best kept gardens. It was proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Just, all others in favour that the sum of £200 be forwarded to the Constantine Cottage Garden Society under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members considered a quotation from the Norwich Union for insurance for the year to April 2, 2010 in the sum of £1,302.81 to be effected through brokers, Came and Company of Hook. It was noted that this insurance gives greater cover and compares favourably with last year's price paid of £1,605.61 Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all others in favour to accept the quotation from the Norwich Union (the invoice to be presented at next month's meeting).

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 269.43		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 57.30		
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 265.60		
Cllr Boote (travelling expenses)	£ 12.00		
Di-Mar Garden Machinery (servicing)	£ 172.96	£ 150.39	£ 22.57
SEC Ltd (routine maintenance)	£ 240.09	£ 208.77	£ 31.32
Mr V.Beckerleg (bus shelter)	£ 217.00		
Gweek Garage	£ 44.77	£ 38.92	£ 5.84
Cornwall Council Rates (Public conveniences)	£ 315.25		
C.F.P.Chapman (coach hire repayment)	£ 260.00		
Cornwall Council Rates (Cemetery)	£ 11.15		
Cornwall Council Rates (Vestry)	£ 258.54		
R.E.Just (repayment Barry Gribble)	£ 70.00		
Liz Horrell (dance tutor)	£ 75.00		
RTS Garden Services Ltd (churchyard maintenance)	£ 664.12	£ 577.50	£ 86.62
KDC (youth activities)	£ 401.93	£ 349.50	£ 52.43
John Nike Leisuresport Ltd (youth activities)	£ 210.00	£ 182.61	£ 27.39
Colin Chapman			
Salary (February)	£ 328.28		
telephone	£ 10.95		
office expenses	£ 33.62		

travelling	£ 25.19	
use of home	£ 25.00	
	total	£ 423.04

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

Members noted the following receipts

Constantine Bowling Club (repayment)	£ 202.48
D.J.Stevens (Mr Kendall)	£ 77.00
D.J.Stevens (Mr Pearce)	£ 190.00
D.J.Stevens (Mr Pearce)	£ 44.00

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from committees or representatives

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday April 16, 2009 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:28pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....