

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday, July 23, 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 D.Cummins	Cllr R.J.Williams
Cllr C.Gray	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: Mr Gribble, Mr Leo MacKenzie and Mr Jordan Vincent.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that

- the cast metal sign at the entrance to the Recreation Ground is in need of repainting
- a decision concerning surfacing work on the car-park extension will be taken at the meeting in September. In the meanwhile the Clerk was asked to seek quotations from Robert Bowden and Richard Mann.

Speaking of the Youth Group, it was noted that

- young people in the village are appreciative of both the work Mr Gribble is doing and the financial support afforded by the Parish Council
- an application for help with funding has been made the result of which is expected in October
- one of the aims of the youth group is to encourage its members to take responsibility for its future
- it is better for young people to have a club in Constantine rather than their having to travel elsewhere
- there is a demand for the club to be on offer more than once a week.

Before they left, the Chairman thanked Mr Leo MacKenzie and Mr Jordan Vincent for attending and answering Councillors' questions about the Youth Group.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Hatton, PC Cook, PCSO Huddleston, Cllr Boote (holiday), Cllr Cavanagh (work for the carnival), Cllr Nicholls (business) and Cllr Wiseman (holiday) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Reynolds seconded all in favour to accept their 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 Reynolds proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, (Cllr Bolt and Cllr Just being absent from the last meeting, abstained), all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday June 18, 2009 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 covered on this agenda.

5 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hatton was not present.

6 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Cook reported that, since June 18, seven crimes have been reported: an arrest for a drink-driving offence, criminal damage both to the notice-board at the WI Institute and to the Church Hall, an arrest for possession of an air rifle in a public place, theft of a hose-pipe, a break-in to an out-building and an historical rape. Additionally there were six calls in relation to anti-social behaviour.

Members agreed that a note of thanks should be sent to PC Cook and PCSO Huddleston for the excellent work they have done in the village. Of particular note has been the swiftness of response to calls for help.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Litter bins in the village

Cllr Gray reported that the group with responsibility to report on this matter had not met. A report and recommendations will be tabled at the meeting in September.

Public Convenience

Members considered a quotation from Levick and Jenkins for the replacement of the windows in the public convenience with double-glazed uPVC windows in the sum of £491.30 + VAT. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Gray seconded and it was agreed to accept this quotation.

Young People

Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all in favour to suspend Standing Orders to allow Mr Gribble to speak.

Mr Gribble said that

- over the last three months, a regular group of about seven young people has attended the meetings of the Youth Group: others have attended and there is interest
- activities have centred on and around radio projects, music videos and short films and it is hoped to continue and expand on this when funding arrives
- at present he is targeting the 11–14 year old age group. The 14+ age group has expressed an interest, but individuals in this age group shy away from taking responsibility
- importantly, the group enables those youngsters who have recently left the village school to meet again socially
- success will simply be a case of keeping on with the work presently being done and not losing heart.

Cllr Just reported that

- the older age group is not altogether a lost cause: there is, for example, a will to write a charter for the group, but a lack of commitment means this is yet to be done
- he strongly supports Mr Gribble in his concentration on work with the younger age group
- the 14 year olds have sought funding in the sum of £9,000 to cover equipment and staffing costs
- rent for use of the room will eventually have to be paid
- Cornwall Outreach Team will be working at the school during the summer holidays – and indeed is offering a number of outdoor activities at low cost
- the Constantine Youth Group is unable to offer many outdoor activities because leaders lack relevant qualifications
- the Youth Group has been registered with Volunteer Cornwall, who will pay for CRB checks and training for personnel
- a change of personnel at the Cornwall Youth Office has made contact difficult and, disappointingly, he has the impression that enthusiastic noise rather than hard cash is more likely to be forthcoming
- Cornwall Council has a considerable way to go to deliver its adopted Youth Policy

Mr Gribble left the meeting. Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all in favour to resume Standing Orders

Following discussion, Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all in favour that Mr Gribble should be invited to submit a report on the activities and progress of the Youth Group on a quarterly basis.

Following further discussion, Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all in favour that Constantine Parish Council should commit a maximum sum of £1,300 towards the Youth Group in the year to March 31, 2010 £250 to be made available immediately.

Constantine's public wells

Cllr Williams reported that the sub-group proposed that the wording on each of the two plaques for the spouts should read

*Constantine Parish Council
Village Water Shute
c18th century to 1960
for domestic use. Do not drink.*

Speaking on behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Williams thanked Cllr Carter for his offer to supply two granite boulders on which these plaques will be fastened.

He asked members to consider the purchase of ten smaller plaques to be placed near the taps at a total cost of £100.00: the wording on these plaques to read

*Constantine Parish Council
Village Water Tap
for domestic use
c1900 to 1960*

Following discussion, Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Just seconded all in favour that £100.00 should be spent on the purchase of plaques to be placed near the taps and that the proposed wording is acceptable.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Following discussion, Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Reynolds seconded all in favour to grant delegated powers to the Chairman to make decisions of a minor nature between this meeting and the meeting in September.

Following discussion, Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Just seconded all in favour to adopt a formal code of practice for dealing with complaints against the actions of the Council's staff or its administration. A copy of that code is attached to these minutes.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA09/00809/F Mr J.Wood – Erection of a building for use as a tractor shed/garage – Maen Rock Farm, Jobs Water. Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA09/00957/LU Mr J Kent – Certificate of lawfulness for the commencement of twelve local needs dwellings –Wheal Vyvyan, Constantine. Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour to return this application marked *No observations.*

Decisions

PA09/00482/O Conditional Outline Permission for Development (erection of a detached dwelling) – 2 Brillwater Cottages, Brillwater, Constantine – *noted*

PA09/00494/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an extension to dwelling) – Tucoyse Cottage, Higher Brill – *noted*

PA09/00537/TPO Notice of consent for the felling, topping or lopping of trees and woodlands (felling of one larch tree) – Treetops, Port Navas – *noted*

PA09/00595/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of a glass link extension to dwelling) – Trecrobben, Trecombe – *noted*

PA09/00600/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of an extension to rear of dwelling) – 49 Fore Street, Constantine – *noted*

PA09/00603/F Conditional Permission for Development (conversion of barns to form three dwellings) – Trevaney Farm, High Cross – *noted*

PA09/00607/F Notice of Refusal of Permission for Development (erection of three dwellings, two with integrated garages and one detached garage) – Nans Avallon, Brillwater Road – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that the Chairman will attend the first informal meeting of the Falmouth and Penryn Community Network Area tomorrow afternoon at Budock Water Village Hall.

The Clerk reported that the swings (the swings, not the frame itself) in the play area need replacement. It was agreed that this falls under the heading of maintenance and should be done as a matter of urgency.

