

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman)	Cllr E.Nicholls
	Cllr J.E.G.Boote	Cllr M.J.Reynolds
	Cllr A.H.Bolt	Cllr R.J.Williams
	Cllr C.Gray	Cllr Wiseman
	Cllr R.E.Just	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** Mrs Atkins, Mrs Boreham, Mr Garrish and Mr V.White.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that residents living nearby have concerns about the proposed changes in the parking arrangements at the Wheal Vyvyan development and in particular about

- the possibility of extending the built area into the adjoining green fields should the amended plans be adopted
- the lack of information concerning foul water drainage from the twelve dwellings
- light and sound pollution: it was suggested that ways of relieving this should be encouraged.

It was further noted that the amended plans for the Wheal Vyvyan site were unavailable for the public to view either in hard copy at Cornwall's offices in Camborne or on-line and that the Planning Officer, Paul Cresswell, had, without apology, failed to attend a pre-arranged meeting with local residents. The Clerk was asked to convey Constantine Parish Council's concerns about these matters to Phil Mason, Head of Planning and Environment, Cornwall Council.

Further to the success of the battery recycling tube, the Parish Council was asked to consider other ways of saving the planet, possibly by signing up to the 10/10 campaign (which commits organisations and individuals to aiming for a reduction in energy consumption by 10% before the end of 2010). The Clerk was asked to make this an agenda item for a future meeting.

It was noted that the recycling lorry does not go down Well Lane despite there being a turning point at the end. The Clerk was asked to take this matter further.

The questions of creating a Village Design Statement was raised. If published, this document would be adopted by the Planning Authority and integrated into the Spatial Planning Strategy.

## 1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cornwall Councillor Hatton, Cllr K.Cavanagh (illness) and Cllr D.Cummins (prior business appointment) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Nicholls seconded all in favour to accept their apologies.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

Cllr Boote declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 (PA03/00812/O and PA07/00542/FM)

### 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 Bolt proposed, Cllr Williams seconded, (Cllr Gray, Cllr Just, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Wiseman 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 Meeting held on Thursday September 17, 2009 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

Concerns were expressed about the number of planning decisions made using delegated powers as reported by CCllr Hatton at the last meeting.

Cllr Wiseman reported that the Parish Council's usual supplier is unable to provide four large Christmas trees and he asked those present for help in sourcing these trees (for the Church, the Square, Port Navas and Seworgan) at a reasonable price.

### **5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

CCllr Hatton being absent, there was no report from the Cornwall Councillor.

### **6 POLICE REPORT**

There was no report from the police.

#### **Correspondence**

**Devon & Cornwall Constabulary** notification that, as from October 1, the parish will be policed from Falmouth – *noted*

### **7 PARISH MATTERS**

#### **The extension to the car-park**

The Chairman reported that, in consultation with the Clerk, and using delegated powers he had decided to accept the quotation for the necessary work from Mr Robert Bowden. Mr Nigel Pascoe intends felling the tree within the week. The Range Rover parked there was the subject of some discussion and it was agreed to place notices on the land to warn owners of vehicles of impending works.

#### **Litter Bins and Dog Bins**

Cllr Boote presented members with a map of where the sub-group believe litter bins should be provided: this was much in line with the sites where Kerrier District Council has located bins. Following considerable discussion, it was agreed to invite Andy Mead (Cornwall Environmental Operations Manager) to attend the next meeting with a view to seeking his help in moving some bins and replacing others, preferably with a design and colour more suited to the conservation area.

This led on to a discussion concerning irresponsible dog owners. It was agreed to make a request to Cornwall Council to exclude dogs (other than guide dogs) from the Recreation Ground under the provisions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. Additionally, it was agreed to ask Cornwall Council to site dog bins in Bowling Green near the dental surgery and at the bottom end of Well Lane in the turning space.

#### **Young People**

Cllr Just reported that things at the Youth Club are generally going very well

- there is now a regular group of between eleven and fifteen young people aged between ten and sixteen who attend
- they meet in the Church Hall on a Tuesday evening at 7.00pm and are undertaking radio projects, playing pool and indoor games and are looking for a table tennis table
- notices advertising the club have been put in prominent positions for young people to see and it was mentioned in the pre-holiday school newsletter.
- Mr Gribble is writing an article for Gwydar Myras to let the village know of the club's continued existence. He is also in the process of arranging cycling activities with a local group who are kindly offering their services for free
- the *Our Money your Dreams* grant bid has been declined. A meeting has been arranged with Karen Butler, who is the head of Youth for the area to discuss further options from County and from Community funds. Meanwhile Mr Gribble is putting together a management committee consisting of two young people and three adults to enable them to apply for a grant from *Awards for All*.

## 8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Members considered an invitation from the Royal British Legion to lay a wreath on the War Memorial at the Service of Remembrance on Sunday November 8, 2009. Following discussion it was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr Carter, together with Cllr Nicholls would represent the Parish Council at the service. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Just seconded and it was agreed that a cheque in the sum of £35.00 should be forwarded to the Royal British Legion to pay for the wreath.

## 9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

### Applications

*As the owner of a property neighbouring the site, Cllr Boote declared a personal interest in the following application. He remained in the room, but took no part in either the discussion or the voting.*

PA03/00812/O and PA07/00542/FM Mr J.Kent – Erection of twelve local needs dwellings (amended plans) – Wheal Vyvyan, Constantine. Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Gray seconded and it was agreed that that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council believes the original application with its discrete close was more in line with the existing townscape of Constantine and would therefore ask that the Planning Authority requires the developer to keep to the original lay-out of the proposed parking area. They note that the amended plan occasions grave concern amongst residents that there may be plans for expansion beyond the boundaries of this exception site.*

PA09/01182/F Mr & Mrs P Leighton – Erection of extensions to dwelling (amended plans) – Tresahor Vein, Constantine. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded and it was agreed that that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council has no further observations.*

### Correspondence

**Cornwall Council** notification of Friendly Link Officers – *noted*

**Cornwall Council** West Sub-Area Planning Committee agenda for October 20, 2009 – *noted*

## 10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

CC review of Designated Public Places Orders 2009 / 2010 (consumption of alcohol in public places) invitation to submit areas for inclusion – *Members agree to request that the Recreation Ground, the Cemetery and the car-park are added to the list of designated areas*

**University of Plymouth** newsletter, thanks for participation in survey and drawing attention to results published on [www.sustainableparish.com](http://www.sustainableparish.com) – *noted*

**Tym & Partners on behalf of Cornwall Council** Sustainable Development for the Smaller Settlements in Cornwall – an invitation to a workshop – *noted*

**CPS** notice of a decision not to pursue prosecution of a youth charged with criminal damage to the Vestry Door – *noted*

**BT** local loop unbundling – *noted*

**BT** invitation to purchase the telephone kiosk at Seworgan for £1 (the telephone equipment will be removed) – *Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Boote seconded and it was agreed that the Parish Council should purchase this kiosk and, on behalf of the residents of Seworgan, Cllr Bolt undertook to keep it in good repair*

CC notice of closure withdrawn (Road from Ponjeravah to Inow Terrace, Port Navas) – *noted*

**Cornwall Air Ambulance** acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

**BT** further observations concerning local loop unbundling – *noted*

**Cornwall Blind Association** update on the use to which funding has been put – *noted*

**Keep Safe** Event posters – *noted*

**West Cornwall Leisure** Out there programme of events – *noted*

CC Town and Parish Council Newsletter October 2009 – *concern was expressed about the demands imposed by the newly formed Cornwall Homechoice both on existing tenants and those seeking accommodation*

**Constantine Brownies and Guides** offer to plant daffodil bulbs – *it was agreed that Cllr Wiseman would point out areas in the Cemetery and in the new car-park where the bulbs would be appreciated*

## 11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at October 15, 2009. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

