

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Visitors: Cornwall Councillor Hatton, Mr Andy Mead (Cornwall Council's Environment Operations Manager West Division), PC Cook and PCSO Huddlestone.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that

- increasing numbers of community events in and around the village are being advertised by means of fly-posting. Councillors regretfully accepted that this is, possibly, one of the more effective ways of bringing an event to the notice of members of the public, but bemoaned the fact that, all too often, once the event has passed the notices remain in place. The Clerk was asked to contact the Editor of Gweder Myras to seek his help by means of an article in the newspaper on the matter
- a new dog bin has been placed at the southern end of Well Lane rather than at the northern end where it is required. Later in the meeting, Mr Mead agreed to arrange for this bin to be re-sited
- a path at Wheal Vyvyan has been partially blocked by a water-butt, making access difficult for a disabled resident. CCllr Hatton agreed to pursue this matter with Coastline Housing.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the November meeting.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Boote (on holiday) sent his apologies for absence. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all in favour to accept his 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 Just proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, (Cllr Cavanagh and Cllr Cummins being absent from the last meeting, abstained), all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday October 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

The Clerk reported that he has completed the application for the purchase of the telephone box at Seworgan.

5 POLICE REPORT

PC Cook reported that, since October 15, six crimes (three of criminal damage, an assault, a burglary and a break-in) have been reported to the police: this compares with five reports during the same period last year. PC Cook warned householders that there have been several thefts from out-buildings in neighbouring

parishes and urged residents of Constantine to ensure that their out-buildings are as secure as possible. PC Cook further reported that his colleagues, who had been on duty on the night of Hallowe'en, had been impressed with the behaviour of youngsters in the village and that no incidents of anti-social behaviour had been reported.

PC Cook and PCSO Huddlestone left the meeting.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hatton reported that

- February marks the closing date for this year's Community Grant Scheme. It is possible that similar funding will be unavailable next year
- under the Community Grant Scheme, he has allocated money to the Primary School for the twinning project, to the Church Hall for the purchase of new tables and to the Girl Guides for their Centenary celebrations
- parents of children from Mawnan, Constantine and Gweek who attend Mullion School are paying £16 per week travelling costs and that this sum is further underwritten by the school in the sum of £4,000 per annum. He is pressing Cornwall Council for an acceptable resolution to this problem which is the result of the appointed coach provider backing out as the term began
- Cornwall Council has gifted a strip of land at Wheal Vyvyan to enable the affordable housing development to proceed. Carrick Housing is keen to deliver affordable homes on this site and the matter is currently going through the legal process. Nevertheless, residents should not expect building work to commence for some while yet
- breaches of planning conditions are occurring too frequently, possibly as a result of officers imposing too many unenforceable conditions.

In answer to a question, Cllr Hatton stated that the Planning Department does not appear to produce a weekly list of outstanding Planning Enforcement complaints.

Cllr Hatton left the meeting.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Litter Bins and Dog Bins

Cllr Carter proposed and it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow Mr Andy Mead, Cornwall Council's Environment Operations Manager West Division, to speak.

Mr Mead thanked members for the invitation to speak at the meeting and stated that the nine litter bins and four dog bins in the village are emptied twice a week in the summer and once a week in the winter. He acknowledged that some of the bins may be in a poor state of repair but said that there is very little money available for their replacement. It was noted that some of the bins might be sited at more suitable points, but Mr Mead warned against making too many changes both because people become accustomed to a bin being in a particular place and because householders may not be too keen to have a bin sited outside their property. In answer to a question, Mr Mead said that Cornwall will willingly work in partnership with the Parish Council: if the Parish Council supplies the bins, Cornwall will position and empty them. Members agreed to discuss the matter further at the meeting in December.

Cllr Nicholls and Mr Mead left the meeting.

Cllr Carter proposed and it was agreed to resume Standing Orders.

The extension to the car-park

Letters from Mr Dawson and Mr Mullaly expressing concerns about the proposed extension to the car-park were read aloud to members and provoked much discussion. Councillors acknowledged that both residents had made valid points and particularly noted the value of a green space within the village boundary. They did however dispute a number of Mr Dawson's contentions concerning an absence of best practice in procedures followed by Constantine Parish Council in relation to this project. The Clerk reported that, coincidentally, he had been contacted by Mr Oliver Bennett, Cornwall's Tree Officer and in the course of conversation had accepted his offer of written advice concerning the existing trees' root zones. Members noted that the beech tree, which because of its dangerous condition has been identified for felling, has not as yet been felled and, in these circumstances, agreed to discuss the matter further at their meeting in December.

Young People

Cllr Just reported that

- the regular group of young people has grown considerably since this time last year

- they are seeking funding for a session at the Bishop's Forum, for a visit to Gallery Truro where there is an exhibition of Street Art and for the production of a dance DVD
- a Management Committee composed of two young people and three adults (which will lend credence to the structure of the Club) is expected to be in place before the end of January
- cycling activities (to be undertaken with a local group whose services are kindly being offered free of charge) will commence in the New Year.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Correspondence

Cornwall Council notification of withdrawal of application for the erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling at Little Trevaney, High Cross – *noted*

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that

- he has, as yet, received no reply from Mr Mason, Cornwall Council's Head of Planning concerning the Parish Council's letter detailing Parishioners' unease over the proposed development at Wheal Vyvan
- Mr Green of Bay Tree House has volunteered to help with any matters in the public interest.

Correspondence

Cornwall Countryside Access Forum Annual Report – *noted*

South Western Ambulance Service aspirant Foundation Trust consultation documents – *noted*

CC notification that application to PlayBuilder for funding has been unsuccessful – *noted*

Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service Service Plan 2010/13 consultation document – *noted*

CC confirmation that Cornwall has no objection to the adoption of the telephone kiosk at Seworgan – *noted*

CPRE Countryside Voice magazine – *noted*

CC answers to questions concerning Homechoice – *noted*

RoSPA Playground inspections (advertisement) – *noted*

RNAS Culdrose offer to attend a Council Meeting to brief members on flying activities – *it was agreed to invite an Officer to attend either the January or the February meeting*

War Memorials Trust Bulletin – *noted*

Cornwall Council appointment of Parish Council representatives to its Standards Committee – *noted*

CALC notification of extraordinary general meeting – *noted*

CC November Town and Parish Council Newsletter – *noted*

CAB invitation to attend the AGM at Kingsley Village on December 3 – *noted*

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre for help with funding counselling and support services. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Gray, all others in favour that the sum of £25 be forwarded to the Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre under the terms of Section 142 (2A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Blind Association for help with funding the support of blind and visually impaired people in the Falmouth & Penryn Community Network Area. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Just, all others in favour that the sum of £50 be forwarded to the Cornwall Blind Association under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members noted the revised hourly rate for part-time Clerks on Spinal Column Point 20 (from £9.496 per hour to £9.591)

Members noted the change of signatories relating to the Parish Council's banking account with Barclays Bank plc: Cllr Boote's name has been added and Cllr Nicholls' name has been removed.

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at November 19, 2009. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
WB Bowden & Sons	£ 35.22	£ 30.63	£ 4.59
The Tolmen Centre (Youth Initiative)	£ 300.00		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 264.80		
Mrs J.Jennings (November)	£ 58.00		

Celtic Engineering (for Bowling Club)	£ 315.53	£ 274.36	£ 41.17
Fal-Pest (moles)	£ 138.00	£ 120.00	£ 18.00
Roy Osgood (repair to shed roof)	£ 345.00		
Gweek Garage	£ 40.00	£ 34.78	£ 5.22
Constantine Church Hall	£ 33.00		
Cllr Wiseman (repayment lights)	£ 109.70	£ 95.38	£ 14.32
Mr Gribble	£ 125.00		
Veolia (ES) Ltd (October)	£ 52.85	£ 45.96	£ 6.89
Penryn Glass Centre (bus shelter)	£ 159.85	£ 139.00	£ 20.85
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 36.02	£ 31.32	£ 4.70
Colin Chapman			
Salary (October)	£ 355.45		
telephone	£ 15.45		
office expenses	£ 38.39		
travelling	£ 67.18		
planning training	£ 15.00		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 516.47	

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

Members noted the following receipt

Constantine Bowling Club (repayment)	£ 92.16
PCC (Mrs Gregory's memorial)	£ 101.00
Constantine Bowling Club (repayment)	£ 274.36
D.J.Stevens (Mr Silver)	£ 77.00
Keith Penrose (Mr Gregory)	£ 190.00
D.J.Stevens (Mrs Hyde)	£ 101.00
Cornwall Council (LMP payment)	£ 2,344.57

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees or Representatives.

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Just reported that the Constantine Enterprises Company has successfully negotiated the purchase of the small area of land behind the Tolmen Centre for use as a play area.

Cllr Wiseman reported that he has arranged to purchase twenty small Christmas trees at a cost of £10 each for use in the village and four larger trees to be sited in the Church, at Port Navas, at Seworgan and in the centre of the village. He asked for help with collecting them.

It was noted that the meeting of the Finance Group will be held on Wednesday December 1, 2009 at 7:00pm in The Vestry and not as previously arranged.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday December 17, 2009 at 7:00pm in The Vestry.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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