

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

Visitors: Cornwall Councillor Hatton and Mr M.Trevaskis.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Concerns were expressed about

- a children's treasure hunt in Bosahan Woods which had left a trail of gloss paint on stiles and trees, discarded clues, crisp packets, empty cans and other rubbish (including the paint pot and the used brush). Nobody present knew who had been the cause of this vandalism, but members thanked those who had done their best to clear it all up
- the new bus-stop sign in the centre of the village, which members felt might have been better placed
- the bus shelter, which has again been vandalised. Following discussion, members agreed to replace the broken perspex with sheet metal, a job which Cllr Nicholls agreed to do at cost
- the lack of a sign indicating the existence of disabled access to the Social Club. Members agreed to take this matter further.

Cllr Boote introduced Mr Mark Trevaskis from *ecodrive* to members and the Chairman invited him to outline his proposals for locating an electric car within the village for community use. Mr Trevaskis runs a fleet of electric cars and vans from Penzance: these are hired out to individuals and businesses. Mr Trevaskis stated that

- *ecodrive* and Cornwall Council are partners in a submission to the Department for Transport's Office for Low Emissions Vehicles with the aim of becoming one of the UK's first 'Plugged in Places' and creating a network of around 400 charging stations for electric vehicles across Cornwall
- a 'car club' in Constantine, which has the use of an electric car, looks to be a possibility
- the car (which would be an adapted smaller car constructed by a major manufacturer) would belong to *ecodrive* and be available for hire by member of the club who would book it by 'phone
- it would be operated and charged for on a smart-card system
- insurance and electricity costs would be billed to *ecodrive* and form part of the hire charge
- presently, electric cars can travel a distance of 50 miles between charges: trips to Truro, Helston, Falmouth and Redruth would be well within the capacity of an electric car
- a top speed of some 55mph is achievable
- the rules of the road (including speeding fines) apply to the hirer (the club member)
- the car needs to be garaged in a central spot with charging facilities to hand
- the aim is to provide a car for community use at a cost similar to that of a privately-owned second car, thereby negating the need for families to own a second car
- grant funding is available for capital costs
- a survey to identify the need in the village for this form of transport has yet to be undertaken.

The Chairman thanked Mr Trevaskis for attending and wished him a safe journey home.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Cavanagh (family reasons) and Cllr Cummins (on holiday) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Wiseman proposed and it was agreed to accept these 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 Boote proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, (Cllr Just, being absent from the last meeting, abstained) all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday January 21, 2010 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

Members agreed to bring the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council forward to Thursday May 13, 2010.

Speaking of the spectacular drop in numbers on Cornwall's Housing List as reported by CCllr Hatton at the last meeting, Cllr Boote asked if numbers had fallen similarly in Constantine. CCllr Hatton stated that there remains a demand for eighteen homes in the Parish of Constantine: twelve of these are presently under construction at Wheal Vyvyan.

5 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report. The Clerk was asked to make a request for a written report if for any reason the police are unable to attend.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Hatton reported that

- despite what he said in January about alternating between Mawnan and Constantine Parish Council meetings, he will be able to attend both
- Parish Clerks have access to senior Cornwall Officers' telephone extension numbers
- Newquay Airport is leased to Cornwall Airport Ltd at a peppercorn rent of £1 a year for the next twenty years, although there is a clause which allows for review once the airport is in profit
- the Community Networks seem to lack both initiative and drive, which is perhaps understandable because the Cabinet has not yet resolved either their purpose or their function. The next meeting of the Falmouth and Penryn Panel is on March 25
- two new by-laws are about to come in force: the Dogs on Leads by Direction (Cornwall) Order and the Fouling of Land by Dogs (Cornwall) Order
- the council tax for the coming year has been increased by 2.9% in line with inflation and will create an annual demand of £1,445 on a Band D house
- the cost of becoming a Unitary Authority has been greater than anticipated
- there will be job losses at County, but it is hoped to achieve the majority of these by natural wastage
- this is a transition period, but it is proving far from easy to weld the seven former authorities into one
- the Wheal Vyvyan development is progressing as might be expected. With good fortune, it may be completed by the end of the year.

CCllr Hatton undertook to bring the state of the road between High Cross and Nancenoy to the attention of the Highways Authority. However, he reminded members that the scale of damage to road (particularly minor road) surfaces as a result of the severe winter means that repairs have to be prioritized.

Members expressed surprise that Cllr Mrs Harvey, the Chairman of Cornwall Council, has invited Parish Councils to a buffet reception at a time when the Council clearly has considerable financial worries.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Following discussion, Members agreed that the Emergency Committee should meet on Thursday March 25, 2010 at 7:00pm in The Vestry.

8 PARISH MATTERS

The extension to the car-park

Now that both the trees condemned by Cornwall Council have been felled, members noted the requirement to plant replacement trees on the site of the car-park extension. It was agreed that this will be done in the coming Autumn.

Provision of litter bins throughout the parish

The Clerk reported that he has taken delivery of three new green litter bins and that Mr Andy Mead (Cornwall Council's Environment Operations Manager West Division) has repeated his undertaking to site them wherever the Parish Council decides. Members agreed that these new bins should replace the rusty, broken bin halfway along Bowling Green and that bins should be provided near the doctors' surgery and on the Penbothidno Estate. It was also agreed to ask for the bin presently sited at the southern end of Well Lane to be re-sited at the northern end.

A community based Eco-Car

Members agreed that, following Mr Trevaskis' presentation there was nothing further to discuss.

Young people

Cllr Just reported that attendance remains constant, though it is hoped to encourage more of the younger members to attend more frequently. He has insisted that the Club has a properly constituted committee up and running by March: this will allow the Club to apply for funding on its own behalf. The Club is now registered with Volunteer Cornwall in the hope of attracting assistance as membership increases. The promised grant from Cornwall Council via the Community Network Manager to help buy further equipment has yet to materialise. Cllr Just concluded his report by stating that he intends to continue doing battle with Cornwall Council Youth Service with the aim of attracting funding which rightful belongs to the community.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Decisions

PA09/01460/F Conditional Permission for Development (erection of agricultural machinery store) – Ponjeravah Cottage, Constantine – *noted*

PA09/01496/F Conditional Permission for Development (temporary stationing of a mobile home and installation of a septic tank) – Little Trevaney, High Cross – *noted*

Correspondence

CC re PA09/01483/F The Old Smithy Jobs Water application withdrawn – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Constantine Bowling Club request to put up a sign on the gate which advertises the existence of the Bowling Club – *noted*

EDF Energy small business contract and fair dealing – *noted*

NSPCC promoting awareness of the Helpline – *noted*

CALC invitation to the 6th Annual Conference on Saturday February 20 at New County Hall – *noted*

Cornwall Deaf Association request for individuals to serve as Trustees – *noted*

Constantine Women's Institute acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

CC copy of the proposed The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Cornwall) Order 01/201 and The Dogs on Leads by Direction (Cornwall) Order 01/201 – *noted*

CC Street Lighting in Constantine – *noted*

CC invitation from Cllr Mrs Harvey inviting all Town and Parish Councils to County Hall on Wednesday March 3, 2010 at 7:00pm – *noted*

BT further information about the adoption of telephone kiosks – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered a request from Mr Rashleigh for an intimation of future financial help with the costs involved in a project concerning the men commemorated on the War Memorial. Following discussion, members agreed to write to Mr Rashleigh stating that they support the aims of this project and will give due consideration to providing financial assistance in the fullness of time.

Members considered a request from Marie Curie Cancer Care in Truro for help with funding the cost of a Marie Curie Nurse. Cllr Wiseman proposed Cllr Boote seconded all in favour to forward the sum of £50 to Marie Curie Cancer Care under the terms of S137 of the LGA 1972.

Members considered a request from the 1st Constantine Guides and Brownies for help with funding the cost of a presentation centenary medal. Cllr Gray proposed Cllr Wiseman seconded all in favour to forward the sum of £100 to the 1st Constantine Guides and Brownies under the terms of S137 of the LGA 1972.

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at February 18, 2010. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 264.80		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 58.00		
Gweek Garage	£ 20.00	£ 17.02	£ 2.98
SEC (Public lighting maintenance)	£ 240.09	£ 208.77	£ 31.32
Fields in Trust (subscription)	£ 35.00		
South West Water (cemetery)	£ 19.05		
South West Water (public convenience)	£ 98.51		
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£ 54.00	£ 45.96	£ 8.04
Barry Gribble (youth work)	£ 100.00		
Glasdon UK Ltd (litter bins)	£ 297.29	£ 253.02	£ 44.27
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 2,354.70	£ 2,004.00	£ 350.70
Barry Gribble (youth work)	£ 75.00		
Kevin Pinch (pavilion)	£ 59.39		
Kevin Pinch (public convenience)	£ 87.16		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 332.41		
telephone	£ 27.47		
office expenses	£ 30.42		
travelling	£ 50.39		
keys	£ 12.90		
E-profiles for notice-board	£ 24.44		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 503.03	

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

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Just reported that the Constantine Enterprise Company is in the process of purchasing the small piece of land behind the Tolmen Centre which was previously used as the pre-school garden.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Concerns were expressed that once again the Lych Gate had been padlocked shut making access to the Parish Council meeting difficult both for Councillors and residents

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday March 18, 2010 at 7:00pm in The Vestry.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:53pm.

Signed.....

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