

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Visitors: Cornwall Councillor Hatton and Police Sgt Cook

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the March meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No matters were brought to the attention of the Council.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Boote (prior engagement), Cllr Just (personal reasons), Cllr Nicholls (business) and Cllr Williams (prior engagement) all sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour 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 Bolt 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 February 18, 2010 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

It was noted that Mr Rashleigh has indicated that, as he understands matters, the statement published in the most recent issue of the Gweder Myras does not reflect the Parish Council's offer of help with funding the cost of the project concerning the men commemorated on the War Memorial.

It was noted that contracts have been exchanged between Mr Kent and Carrick Housing for the sale of the Wheal Vyvyan site and between Carrick Housing and Midas Homes for the construction of twelve affordable homes. It is anticipated that these homes will be completed by August 2011.

5 POLICE REPORT

The Chairman offered Police Sgt Cook the Parish Council's congratulations on his promotion

The Clerk reported that PC Cook (as he was then) had e-mailed a report in time for the last meeting, but that, for reasons unknown, it had not been delivered.

Sgt Cook reported that, since the February meeting, six crimes (two incidences of theft, two of criminal damage and two of breaking and entering) have been reported to the Police together with two reports of anti-social behaviour.

Councillors reported a number of incidents involving young people in the village behaving in an anti-social fashion. Sgt Cook strongly urged all residents to call the police immediately and whenever youths are causing a disturbance in the village: the police have made anti-social behaviour a priority issue.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hatton reported that

- the road from Polwheveral to Nancenoy has been recognised as being in the worst state of repair in the district. County Highways are seeking a suitable date for its closure in order for repairs to be effected
- housing enforcement officers are seeking information on long-term empty properties with a view to bringing them back into use
- as he understands matters, none of the grants made available to local organisations have, as yet, been paid by Cornwall. He will have a further £2,195 available for distribution in the new financial year and there is a possibility that members' Highways budgets will be reinstated.

In answer to questions, Cllr Hatton acknowledged that Doctors' Lane is in a very bad state of repair and that a dangerous rut has formed at Wiseman's Corner on the road to Falmouth.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

As a result of a clash of dates, Members agreed that the meeting of the Emergency Committee should be re-scheduled for Tuesday April 13, 2010 at 8:00pm in The Vestry.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Provision of litter bins throughout the parish

The Clerk reported that he has taken the bins to Cornwall Council's depot in Pool together with a map showing where Constantine Parish Council would like them to be sited.

Adoption of street lighting by Cornwall Council

The Clerk reported that, as a result of an enquiry made to Cornwall Council, the authority had indicated that it is prepared to take on responsibility for public lighting in Constantine on condition that a number of improvements are made to the system. A quotation from Southern Electric Consulting indicated that the necessary work would cost a total of £19,590.40 + VAT. Members agreed that the matter could be taken no further.

Young people

Through the Clerk, Cllr Just reported that he had dropped in on the most recent meeting of the Youth Club where there were twelve 10 – 15 year olds enthusiastically involved in indoor games. He has again spoken to Mr Gribble of the pressing need to appoint a Treasurer and to open a bank account.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA09/01552/F Rawlingsend Ltd – Erection of three dwellings (amended site plan) – Nans Avallon, Constantine. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Cavanagh seconded and it was agreed that that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Councillors note the revised site plan. However it does nothing to dispel their concerns about this application for planning permission which they expressed in full in December 2009. Nevertheless, they reiterate their specific concerns about access to the proposed development, which is along a public bridleway and which is restricted. They repeat that there are already problems in the immediate area relating to access for service and emergency vehicles and it is their considered belief that a fire engine will be unable to access this development. For this reason in particular they require permission for development to be refused.*

PA10/00190/F Mr and Mrs J.Geer – Extensions to dwelling – Windmill Cottage, Seworgan. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that that this application should be returned with the following observation *Although they have reservations about the verandah and its effect upon the design and look of the building, Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA10/00213/TPO Mr M.Davies – Lopping of one conifer tree and felling of one holly tree – Bridge House, Constantine. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded and it was agreed that that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA10/00216/F Mr J Cockeram – Erection of two storey extension, carport and associated works – Jacks House, High Cross. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded and it was agreed that that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

Correspondence

CC notification that a decision on the planning application for The Reens, Brillwater will be made by the Planning Committee on Tuesday March 2 – *noted*

CC tackling long-term empty properties – *noted*

Mr Small copy of a letter addressed to the Planning Authority concerning PA06/00782/F erection of a single storey dwelling for an elderly relative at 18 Brillwater Road – *noted*

CC West Area Sub-Planning Committee meeting March 23, 2010 – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

CC Car-parking questionnaire – *noted*

Marie Curie Cancer Care acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

CC dates of meetings of Falmouth and Penryn Community Network panel – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter – *noted*

Audit Commission confirmation of the appointment of Mr Wayne Rickard as the external auditor – *noted*

CC Minerals & Waste Planning Policy – *noted*

CC Town and Parish Council Newsletter – *noted*

Apologising to members, Cllr Reynolds left the room.

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered a request from the Citizens' Advice Bureau (Cornwall) for financial help. It was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Cavanagh, all others in favour that, under the terms of Section 142(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £50 be forwarded to the Citizens' Advice Bureau (Cornwall) for use in the Falmouth bureau.

Members considered a request from the Constantine and District Twinning Association for help with financing the cost of the exchange visit to Pont-Croix. It was proposed by Cllr Gray, seconded by Cllr Bolt, all others in favour that, under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £50 be forwarded to the Constantine and District Twinning Association for use towards the costs associated with the forthcoming exchange visit.

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at March 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	£ 265.00		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 46.40		
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 294.60		
Fal-Pest	£ 188.00	£ 160.00	£ 28.00
Broker Network Ltd (Insurance from April 3)	£ 1,286.54		
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (cemetery)	£ 537.56	£ 457.50	£ 80.06
Gweek Garage	£ 25.57	£ 21.76	£ 3.81
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£ 53.30	£ 45.36	£ 7.94
Constantine Church Hall (Youth Club hire)	£ 71.00		
Travis Perkins (creosote and brushes)	£ 29.26	£ 24.90	£ 4.36
JFC Munro (Bowling green)	£ 271.11	£ 230.73	£ 40.38
Mr B.Gribble (youth work)	£ 100.00		
Mr B.Jorey			
Vestry door and frame	£ 1,285.00		
Vestry window seat	£ 60.00		
Noticeboard repair	£ 40.00		
	£ 1,385.00		
Mr B.Jorey (Vestry windows)	£ 120.00		
Roger Peacey (fencing repairs)	£ 728.50	£ 620.00	£ 108.50
N.C.Pascoe (felling trees)	£ 470.00	£ 400.00	£ 70.00

Colin Chapman

Salary (February)	£	332.61	
telephone	£	11.97	
office expenses	£	39.55	
travelling	£	19.45	
use of home	£	25.00	
Profiles	£	11.30	
total	£	439.88	

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

To note the following receipts

Cornwall Council (Youth Club equipment)	£	300.00
Pendle Funeral Services (Mr Instan)	£	108.00

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

No reports were tabled.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cavanagh expressed concerns that two telephone posts, one near the bus shelter and the other on the Penbothidno Estate, are now without wire stays. The Clerk undertook to report the matter.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday April 15, 2010 at 7:00pm in The Vestry.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:09pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....