

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday October 20, 2011 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

**Visitors:** CCllr Hatton, Mrs Churchill (Cornwall Council), Mrs Badcock, Mr Badcock, Mr Kent, Mr Webber and Ms Worth.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Outlining the work being done at Bosvathick and the need to expand the business, Mrs Badcock asked for the Parish Council's support for the planning application at Bosvathick Riding Stables. Cllr Boote, speaking as a member of the public, said that he fully supported this application adding that it will increase employment opportunities in the area and keep horses off the road.

Members noted that residents of Brill have requested that a grit box is provided at the crossroads. The Chairman stated that the matter is in hand: CCllr Hatton has agreed to purchase a box from the funding available to him and the Parish Council will ensure that it is kept supplied with grit. It was noted that the Chairman will distribute all the grit boxes currently being stored at Trengilly Farm during the course of the coming week.

## **1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Cavanagh (work) and Cllr Nicholls (business) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Just seconded all others in favour to accept their apologies.

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **in items on the agenda**

As a friend of the applicant, Cllr Boote declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 – PA11/06671.

### **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 Just seconded, (Cllr Bolt 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 8, 2011 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

In answer to the question of quite when the dropped-edge kerbing between the road and the new car-park will be installed CCllr Hatton replied that the matter is in hand. It was noted that the diamond-edge protective fencing will be moved during the month.

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Cllr Wiseman expressed surprise that the Parish Council, in its role as the Management Trustee of the Alice Hext Charity, had agreed to exercise forbearance in the matter of the rent owing to the Trust by the Social Club. It was noted that the matter will be revisited in December.

In answer to a question concerning the problems relating to through traffic in Port Navas, the Clerk reported that sat-nav companies are evidently unable to programme their soft-ware to indicate the unsuitability of a road. It was suggested that both Trebah and Glendurgan Gardens might be sympathetic to directing visitor traffic along the main road.

## **5 POLICE REPORT**

Through the Clerk, PCSO Gardiner reported that, since the meeting in September, three crimes (one of theft, one of criminal damage and an arrest following a party) have been reported to the Police. Additionally, there have been three reports of anti-social behaviour.

Residents are reminded to be cautious when dealing with cold callers: a report has recently been received of the driver of an unmarked van attempting to sell gardening services.

PCSO Gardiner will be calling on local schools to give talks about safety and the law on Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night. He will also be calling in on local shops where he will ask for particular care to be taken over the sale of eggs and flour in the week leading up to Hallowe'en.

## **6 YOUTH CONSULTATION PROJECT**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Tatia Churchill (Cornwall Council Community Regeneration Officer) and invited her to address the meeting.

Mrs Churchill said that

- she understands the Parish Council has issues with the Youth Club, but that it will continue to offer financial support until the end of the month
- she will contact existing organisations and young people to identify key issues
- any consultation must not raise aspirations unduly
- she had not prepared a draft consultation document as anticipated because she believed it necessary to meet those involved with young people first
- she understands the Rev'd Stuart has expressed an interest in a Youth Club for Constantine
- funding is available, but there is no guarantee that it will be awarded to Constantine and it is likely that it will take between three and six months to access
- Mr Barry Gribble is clearly a key player
- it may be that young people in Constantine do not want a structured activity, merely somewhere to go with their friends to play table-tennis or pool or simply to chat
- or it may be that there is already sufficient activity on offer in Constantine
- there is a possibility that a regular visit from the mobile youth bus would be sufficient
- she will report back to the Parish Council next month with a draft consultation document.

It was noted that

- Constantine Parish Council has supported the Youth Club for three years at considerable cost to the public purse
- during that time not a penny has been forthcoming from Cornwall Council (which has a statutory duty to support young people)
- the money spent would have possibly been better spent supporting existing, flourishing youth organisation
- visits to other Youth Clubs have been tried and have been unsuccessful
- the Constantine Parish Plan contains a number of aspirations relating to young people
- the Church Hall is a good base for activities for young people
- information about the holiday activities organised by Cornwall's Schools and Families Department invariably arrives too late for Constantine residents to become involved
- Barry Gribble is to be thanked for his efforts over the past three years.

## **7 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

CCllr Hatton reported that

- the eastern gateway sign to Trewardreva will be sited at the entrance to Mr Mann's farm

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- following the granting of planning permission to Sainsbury's, the Heliport at Penzance will close. It is yet to be decided from where the link to Scilly will operate
- the recent High Court decision concerning the incinerator at St Dennis has thrown plans for waste disposal into disarray. An emergency meeting of the Council will be held tomorrow
- together with representatives from the aviation industry, Cornwall Council is discussing options for partnership working at Newquay Airport: running an airport is not a Local Authority's business
- Cornwall Council Cabinet proposes making no increase in its budget: however, that proposal will have to be ratified by the full Council.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### Young people

The Clerk reported that, following last month's meeting he had written, as requested, to Mr Gribble, but had received no reply to that letter. However, Mr Gribble had e-mailed him that morning to say that over the past six weeks an average of just over six youngsters had attended each meeting of the Youth Club. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed and it was agreed to follow through with the decision made at the last meeting and to cease funding the Youth Club with effect from October 31. Mr Gribble's efforts with the Youth Club over the past three years were gratefully recognised. Following further discussion, Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, Cllr Wiseman against, all others in favour to support the consultation process outlined by Mrs Churchill up to the sum of £100.

### The Diamond Jubilee celebrations of HM Queen Elizabeth

The Chairman reported that the public meeting called last week had been quite well attended. The sole decision coming from that meeting had been to set up a volunteer-led steering group under the management of Constantine Parish Council on which Cllr Miss Evans had agreed to represent the Parish Council.

Cllr Miss Evans reported that members of the Steering Group had already met and that they

- had revisited the programme for the Golden Jubilee
- considered whether to concentrate all their efforts on a single day or over the four day holiday weekend
- decided to write to all thirty-four local groups and organisations seeking expressions of interest
- had considered setting up a separate bank account
- had asked what the cost of Public Liability insurance through the Parish Council's policy would be
- had considered the creation of a permanent memorial
- will book all six venues for the weekend of the celebrations
- had asked that the Parish Council considers offering a commemorative gift other than a mug
- will meet again in early December.

The Clerk stated that, as long as the Parish Council is in overall charge of the event, there is no extra charge for Public Liability insurance. He was asked to check this statement with the insurers. He added that, because of the need to be seen to be in overall charge of the event, he did not consider it politic to open a separate banking account: all expenses and applications for funding should be channelled through the Parish Council. This would additionally benefit the community because the Parish Council is able to reclaim VAT on qualifying invoices. For the above reasons the Clerk recommended that the Steering Group should be formally recognised as a sub-committee. This recommendation will be discussed at the meeting in November, once a definitive reply from the insurers has been received.

Following discussion, Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all in favour to set aside an initial sum of £500 to underwrite the costs involved in the organisation of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. It was further agreed that the Parish Council is minded to look favourably on requests for further funding for specific items.

The Clerk showed members a bone-china Diamond Jubilee commemorative mug made by John Chown of Connor Downs and decorated with a portrait of HM Queen Elizabeth surrounded by the national flags of the home nations. Following discussion it was agreed, if possible, to replace the Royal Crest on the obverse of the mug with the Constantine badge surrounded by the words *Presented by Constantine Parish Council*. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Just seconded all in favour to purchase 200 of these mugs at £4.25 each. It was also agreed that children under the age of eleven living in the Parish would be given one of these mugs.

### Christmas in Constantine

Ms Worth told members that she had contacted the Rev'd Stuart, the Community Choir and the Silver Band about the possibility of being involved in a switch-on ceremony in December. Rev'd Stuart has arranged a

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not dissimilar event on November 20 and both the Community Choir and the Silver Band had declined the invitation because they already have so many commitments at that time. In the circumstances she thought it unreasonable to continue with the project this year. Speaking on behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman thanked her for her efforts and suggested that she might like to try again next year – it is certainly something the Parish Council would support. Ms Worth agreed that she would – probably starting in January! Cllr Wiseman added that the traditional lighting-up date is on or about December 12 with the carol service a week or so before.

Speaking of the now traditional purchase of Christmas trees to decorate Constantine, Cllr Wiseman reported that they would be even more expensive this year than they were last – he estimated a total sum close to £500 and additionally he will have to replace some of the strings of lights. Following discussion, Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all in favour to set aside a maximum sum of £550 to purchase both Christmas trees and replacement lights. Cllr Wiseman asked for help collecting and distributing trees and warned members that this is the last year he will be able to perform this task. Ms Worth said that she would try to find fresh, willing, younger hands to help with the trees both this year and in the future.

## 9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

### Applications

*As a friend of the applicant, 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.*

PA11/06671 Bosvathick Riding Stables – Siting of two holiday units and associated works – Bosvathick Riding Stables, Constantine. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Just seconded, Cllr Boote abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council notes that the applicant is both seeking to expand the business and to maintain (and even possibly increase) employment in the countryside without spoiling it and for those reasons requests the Planning Authority to grant permission for development. If permission is granted, Constantine Parish Council would suggest the imposition of an S106 agreement limiting occupancy of the proposed chalets to short-term holiday use. Additionally*

- *access to the chalets should be from the existing track*
- *overhead electricity lines should be kept to a minimum*
- *no garden area should be created around the chalets*
- *and in the event that the business ceases trading or after twenty-five years (whichever is the shorter period) the chalets, footings and associated works are all removed from the site and the land returned to agricultural use.*

*The Planning Authority may also like to bear in mind the applicant's stated intention to provide and maintain a significant length of all-weather horse-riding tracks through the woods and fields adjacent to the proposed chalets. These will have the effect of reducing considerably the number of horses and riders presently using the busy road between Constantine and Treverva.*

PA11/06905 Mr P Dann – Construction of single storey extension – Frenchmans Cottage, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Councillors are saddened to receive yet another application for an extension to an already large house in the hamlet of Port Navas. They believe that the settlement is already over-developed and therefore request the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development in this instance.*

PA11/07416 Mr J Meadows – Felling of Ash and Turkey Oak trees – Poltoge, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, Cllr Boote, Cllr Miss Evans and Cllr Gray abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application*

PA11/07420 Dr G Saunders – Erection of ground mounted solar photovoltaic system – Manor Mill, Ponjeravah. Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, Cllr Reynolds and Cllr Williams against, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA11/08033 Mr G.Brew – Felling of two chestnut trees – Bettys Meadow, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, Cllr Boote, Cllr Miss Evans and Cllr Gray abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application*

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PA11/08038 Mr C.Mitchell – Erection of extension – Golden Eye, Port Navas. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Boote seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Councillors are saddened to receive yet another application for an extension to an already large house in the hamlet of Port Navas. They believe that the settlement is already over-developed and therefore request the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development in this instance.*

### Correspondence

**CCllr Hatton** copy of letter to the Planning Authority concerning PA11/04824 and the imposition of conditions in the event of permission being granted – *noted*

**CPRE** How to respond to Planning Applications (booklet) – *noted*

## 10 CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

**Mr Garbutt** concerning inconsiderate parking outside the pre-school – *noted*

**Mr Roberts** concerning the fingerpost near the school – *noted*

**Carrick Housing** acknowledgement of receipt of the copy of a letter to South West Water concerning the inadequacy of the sewer serving the Wheal Vyvyan estate – *noted*

**Mrs Kuruber** concerning a letter wrongly addressed – *noted*

**South West Water** concerning the blocked sewer in Well Lane – *noted*

**The Royal British Legion** invitation to lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday – *it was agreed that the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman should represent Constantine Parish Council at the Remembrance Sunday Service. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour that a donation of £35 should be forwarded to the Royal British Legion under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972*

**The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons** your guide to taking part – *noted*

**George Bibby** a request for a further light at Bridge – *noted*

## 11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council’s financial position as at October 20, 2011. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall County Playing Fields Association for financial help towards its work. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Williams all in favour that the sum of £25.00 be forwarded to the Cornwall County Playing Fields Association under the terms of Section 19(3)(a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Members considered a request from Spectrum (a specialist provider of autism services) for financial help with funding the cost of non-statutory needs. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Boote, seconded by Cllr Bolt all in favour that the sum of £50.00 be forwarded to Spectrum under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members considered a request from Penhaligon’s Friends (which offers support to bereaved children in Cornwall) for financial help with funding on-going project costs. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Boote all in favour that the sum of £25.00 be forwarded to Penhaligon’s Friends under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 60.80		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 289.40		
TDBF Glebe account (lease)	£ 220.00		
RTS (Garden Service) Ltd	£ 444.00	£ 370.00	£ 74.00
EdF Energy (Public Lighting)	£ 431.92	£ 411.36	£ 20.56
Gweek Garage	£ 40.00	£ 33.33	£ 6.67
South West Water (public convenience)	£ 22.31		
South West Water (Churchyard)	£ 6.92		
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£ 65.16	£ 54.30	£ 10.86
JFC Munro (Bowling Club)	£ 97.28	£ 81.07	£ 16.21
PJ & B Olds	£ 103.20	£ 86.00	£ 17.20
Barry Gribble	£ 150.00		

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Colin Chapman	
Salary (September)	£ 400.46
telephone	£ 20.97
office expenses	£ 46.84
travelling	£ 34.48
use of home	£ 25.00
	total £ 527.75

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

Members noted the following receipt

Frederick Wearne and Sons (Mr & Mrs Edmondson)	£ 27.00
CC Refund of Business Rates	£ 150.63

## 12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

No reports from Committees or Representatives were tabled.

## 13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Reynolds reported that, following a complaint by a resident, he had inspected the Hags climbing frame in the Recreation Ground and that, because of rust and general decay, it was his opinion that it is no longer fit for purpose. It was noted that the Clerk had expressed a similar opinion earlier in the year and, following discussion, Cllr Reynolds proposed and it was agreed that the Play Area should be closed and the gate secured until such time as the climbing frame is removed. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

## 14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday November 17, 2011 at 7:00pm in The Vestry.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.26pm.

Signed.....

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