

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present: Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman) Cllr M.J.Reynolds
 Cllr J.E.G.Boote Cllr R.J.Williams
 Cllr Miss C.Evans Cllr N.J.Wiseman
 Cllr C.Gray Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Hatton, Mr Davis and Mr Tresidder.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the July meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members' attention was drawn to a recent increase in horse droppings in and around the village and particularly in Well Lane and Fore Street. It was evident that a horse had also been ridden along the pavement outside the school. It was agreed that Councillors will remind riders that horses should not be ridden on pavements (if they see them so doing) and that the matter would be reviewed at the September meeting.

Mr Davis said that he was present to seek the Parish Council's support for his planning application to change the use of a garden studio into a hairdressing salon. He added that

- he had lived in Brill for eight years
- he had run a hair dressing salon in Penryn for forty-five years
- he had spoken to the owner of the lane about the increase in traffic and she had been supportive
- he had spoken to the owner of the existing salon in Constantine and that she had no objection
- there is parking for nine cars on his land
- his clientele is drawn from a wide area
- both CCllr Hatton and Cornwall's Planning Officer had been supportive in principle.

Cllr Wiseman again drew member's attention to the bench that Mr Rashleigh has made for the Lawn Cemetery. He added that he understood that Mr Rashleigh has promised to refurbish another bench on his return from holiday.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Just (personal), Cllr Bolt (personal), Cllr Cavanagh (personal), Cllr Nicholls (work) and PC Cook sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour to accept their 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 Williams seconded, Cllr Miss Evans, Cllr Gray and Cllr Wiseman being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday June 9, 2011 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, having learned of the plans for a Constantine Care Home, the Friends of Constantine Surgery had agreed that they do not have the ability to become involved in raising the funds necessary to finance the project, but that, if the Home is built, they will help with the provision of equipment.

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5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Gardiner reported that since the meeting on June 9, 2011 there have been five crimes in the Parish which have been reported to the Police: these had included the theft of lead from the roof of the school. Police were called several times as a result of sheep worrying and a dog was lawfully killed. Additionally, there were two calls in relation to anti-social behaviour in the village.

PCSO Gardiner drew members' attention to the PACT postcards and collection boxes which allow residents, anonymously if they so wish, to comment on issues that are important to them.

Cllr Boote reiterated his concerns about inconsiderate parking at the top of Well Lane and the associated problems experienced by drivers turning out from Well Lane onto Fore Street.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Hatton reported that

- it is possible that, in the light of the Localism Bill, Cornwall will reconsider the manner in which Town and Parish Councils have been clustered to create the series of Community Networks. He added that the newly appointed Community Network Manager for Falmouth and Penryn is Charlotte Chadwick
- the application for development at Nans Avallon had been refused at a meeting of the Planning Committee yesterday evening. He was grateful to both the Chairman and to the representative from Brillwater Road who had attended to air the concerns of the Council and their own respectively
- in an attempt to resolve the problem of off-road parking (which was a condition of the original permission) the application for 2, Brillwater Road will be determined by the Planning Committee
- rogue traders are targeting residents in Cornwall with offers of free electricity using roof-mounted solar panels. He warned that those thinking in terms of entering into a contract with such firms to beware
- the road between Trewardreva and Trebarvah Road will be closed for drainage works from August 1
- the road at Polwheveral will be closed in early September for bridge works
- the hamlet signs for Trewardreva have been made and will be erected in the near future
- he is anxious for the drainage work at Trengove to be completed before the winter rains: the necessary equipment has been supplied, it is simply a matter of installing it
- he will ask Viv Bidgood, who is the new Highways Area Manager, to re-visit the area at the top of Well Lane with a view to re-marking the white lines
- the local budget scheme will run out in 2013 and he invited suggestions for capital improvement works to the highway.

Following the last point, it was suggested to CCllr Hatton that he might like to consider financing the dropped kerb between the new parking area and Bowling Green Road. This he agreed to consider.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Car-Park

In the light of CCllr Hatton's offer described above, Members considered two quotations which had been received for the creation of a permanent edge between Bowling Green Road and the new car-park: the first from Cormac in the sum of £3,248.23 and the second from D.A.Giles in the sum of £2,978.03. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Gray, all others in favour that if, for any reason CCllr Hatton is unable to finance this work before mid-September, Constantine Parish Council will accept the quotation from D.A.Giles in the sum of £2,978.03 + VAT.

Public Lighting

Members considered recommendations from SEC on the future maintenance of public lighting. These recommendations indicate that six lanterns and two control boxes need replacing within the coming twelve months. It was agreed that the matter should be discussed further either in September or October.

The Village Square

Members considered a request from a member of the public for the provision of a public seat in the Village Square. It was noted that, although a seat might be welcomed by residents waiting for a bus, it was unlikely to be used simply for sitting and admiring the view. It was further noted that residents who live close to The Square are strongly opposed to the provision of a seat. It was agreed to write to the originator of the proposal stating that the Parish Council notes the suggestion, but has decided not to act upon it because of the objections of residents living nearby.

Young people

Through the Clerk, Mr Gribble reported that the last eight meetings had attracted thirty attendees making an average attendance of just under four. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask for a copy of the programme of autumn and winter activities in order better to inform the discussion at the meeting in September.

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Winter Service Provision

The Clerk reported that he is awaiting a figure from Cornwall for the cost of a one tonne dumpy bag of road salt.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Members considered awarding delegated powers to the Chairman and the Clerk to deal with day-to-day matters relating to the Parish Council during the month of August 2011. Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour that the Chairman and the Clerk should have delegated powers to deal with day-to-day matters relating to the Parish Council during the month of August 2011.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA11/03603 Mr & Mrs P. & P.Marnham – Demolition of dwelling and construction of replacement – Chevaliers, High Cross. Cllr Reynolds proposed, Cllr Boote seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA11/03813 Mr D.Morris – Extension of time for the erection of a replacement dwelling (Decision Notice PA08/00112/F dated October 8, 2008) – Barrans, Port Navas. Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Gray seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *In February 2008, Constantine Parish Councillors strongly objected to the original application. They now object to the current application for an extension of time. They request that the application is refused.*

PA11/04199 Mr S.Jewell – Erection of a conservatory to dwelling – 23 Trebarvah Road, Constantine. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Reynolds seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA11/04490 Mr & Mrs D.Nightingale – Construction of extensions and alterations to dwelling – 1, Clinton Road, Constantine. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Reynolds seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA11/04941 Mr & Mrs B.Rioch – Coppicing of one sessile oak tree – Rosemullion, Port Navas. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Boote seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA11/05063 Mr & Mrs R.Davis – conversion and extension of hobby room to hairdressers – Brillwater Cottage, Constantine. Cllr Boote proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

PA11/05614 Mr & Mrs S Kestin – Erection of replacement workshop/garage with home office accommodation above – Elvan, Brill, Constantine. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *With the proviso that use of the proposed workshop/garage with home office accommodation be made ancillary to the existing use of the dwelling Constantine Parish Councillors support this application.*

Decisions

PA11/02775 APPROVED (Coppicing of a mature common Alder tree) – Walmar, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

Correspondence

CC notification that PA11/02976 (erection of three dwellings at Nans Avallon, Brillwater Road) will be decided by the Planning Committee on July 20 – *the Chairman reported that he had attended this meeting and that the application had been refused*

CCllr Hatton copy of letter to Mr Peter Gregory (Planning Officer West 2) requesting that application PA11/02133 2 Brillwater Cottages should be decided by the Planning Committee – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct quarterly newsletter – *noted*

Cornwall Council Renewable Energy and Local Communities – *noted*

Various residents of Constantine Parish letter of thanks for the support given in the matter of the application from SunPower to construct a 5MW Solar Farm in Brill – *Constantine Parish Councillors expressed their sincere appreciation for the receipt of this communication*

Macmillan Cancer Support World's Biggest Coffee Morning – *noted*

BT Payphones notification that ownership of the telephone kiosk at Seworgan has been transferred to Constantine Parish Council – *noted*

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CC to introduce the new Community Network Manager for Falmouth and Penryn (Charlotte Chadwick) – *noted*
Play Inspection Company Recreation Ground Annual Inspection written report – *noted*
Mr Richard Thomas concerning the proposed Constantine Residential Home – *noted*
 CC invitation to meet Cllr Alec Robertson and other members of the Cabinet at Penzance on July 25 –
Cllr Miss Evans intimated that she may attend
 CEC questions concerning the Glebe Garden – *the Clerk to reply*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council’s financial position as at July 21, 2011. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Crime Stoppers for help with funding. Following discussion, it was agreed that Constantine Parish Council cannot support this cause.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 59.30		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 289.40		
Constantine Stores Ltd	£ 50.28	£ 41.90	£ 8.38
Travis Perkins	£ 29.30	£ 24.42	£ 4.88
Celtic Engineering (Helston) Ltd	£ 16.56	£ 13.80	£ 2.76
EDF Energy (public lighting)	£ 432.00	£ 411.44	£ 20.56
Mr Kevin Pinch (cemetery taps)	£ 122.80		
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (cemetery)	£ 492.00	£ 410.00	£ 82.00
Gweek Garage	£ 20.00	£ 16.67	£ 3.33
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (cemetery)	£ 65.16	£ 54.30	£ 10.86
Mr E.Noy	£ 150.00		
Mr B.Gribble (youth club)	£ 200.00		
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 143.65	£ 119.71	£ 23.94
Colin Chapman			
Salary (July)	£ 400.46		
telephone	£ 21.98		
office expenses	£ 36.32		
travelling	£ 49.50		
use of home	£ 25.00		
less overpayment in May	£ 0.18		
	total	£ 533.08	

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

The following receipts were noted

Pendle Funeral Services (Lt Cdr Flemons)	£ 216.00
Constantine Bowling Club	£ 13.80

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees or Representatives.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Carter reported that, as the Chairman of Constantine Parish Council, he had received an invitation from Buckingham Palace to attend one of the series of Garden Parties given by HM Queen Elizabeth. He had taken enormous pleasure in accepting this invitation and he and his wife had very much enjoyed the occasion at the end of June. He remarked that both Mr Rashleigh and Cllr Just (as the Chairman of the CEC) had received similar invitations, which is a considerable achievement for a small village.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday September 8, 2011 at 7:00pm in The Vestry.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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