

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday February 6, 2012 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

**Visitors:** CCllr Hatton, Mr Hall, Mr and Mrs Horten, Mrs Nottingham, Mr and Mrs Pinfield, Sir Robert and Lady Woodard.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Concerning planning Application PA12/00419, it was noted that near neighbours

- do not consider that the existing shed, albeit very large, has ever been used as a residential dwelling
- do not remember any public consultation concerning the erection of the shed
- have no objections to it being used in the future as it has in the past, but are aware that if lawful use is established a more substantial dwelling may and probably (at some time in the future) will be constructed on this site, to which they would object.

It was further noted that, when the building was erected, the applicants needed a portable store in which to keep tools necessary for the maintenance of the woodland which they had planted. They, their friends and their children had stayed in the building overnight and indeed had spent holidays there. They wish only to continue using it on an occasional, seasonal basis, but to do so lawfully.

Members noted that a catering van is again being parked on Bowling Green in such a position as to make access by emergency vehicles impossible. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to the relevant authority.

## 1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Cavanagh (personal), Cllr Just (personal) and PCSO Gardiner sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Bolt 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 Bolt proposed, Cllr Boote seconded, Cllr Reynolds being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that, subject to the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday January 19, 2012 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

Cllr Boote reported that, as a result of the Planning Authority's continuing refusal to confirm officially in writing what had been informally communicated verbally, Port Navas Village Hall had lost the funding promised by SITA for the repair of the roof.

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## 5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Gardiner reported that, since the meeting in January, no crimes have been reported to the Police. There was, however, a call about an artillery shell unearthed in a garden. It was found to be harmless. Two incidents involving drivers were reported: one had occurred at High Cross where a young man was injured in an accident and in the other a man had been offered advice about his style of driving. There were no reports of anti-social behaviour.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hatton reported that

- he, Cllr Gray, Cllr Wiseman and the Clerk had met with Mr Andy Hoskin from Cornwall Council and together had agreed the work that needs to be done to create the dropped-kerb boundary between Bowling Green Road and the new car-park. Mr Hoskin had stated that it was his expectation that the work will be completed before the end of April this year
- the notice concerning parking at the turning to Trebarvah Close will be erected within two months
- the skate-boarding event, which has twice had to be postponed, is now scheduled to take place in the school Easter holidays
- the consultation period for *Planning Future Cornwall – Our preferred Approach for a Core Strategy (pre-consultation draft)* ends on March 2
- the recent judgment concerning prayers before Council meetings has, apparently, been resolved at Cornwall Council level by removing them as an item from the agenda: an opportunity for prayers will now be made available to Councillors some ten minutes before meetings start
- the next Community Network Meeting will be in The Tolmen Centre on April 4, 2012 at 7.00pm
- a new waste contract comes into effect from April 1
- those responsible for the damage on the Wheal Vyvyan building site have been sent for trial to the High Court.

In answer to a question concerning a planning application for the continued use of a garden chalet as a dwelling at Treadreva (which had evidently appeared on the Cornwall website only to disappear subsequently), Cllr Hatton said that he was unaware of it but would make enquiries.

## 7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### **Planning Future Cornwall (pre-consultation draft)**

In the light of a paper and a draft response written by the Clerk, Members considered *Planning Future Cornwall – Our preferred Approach for a Core Strategy (pre-consultation draft)*. Following extensive and wide-ranging discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Boote, all in favour that Constantine Parish Council should adopt the draft response written by the Clerk and that this should be forwarded to Cornwall Council.

### **The scale of charges for the Lawn Cemetery**

Members considered the scale of charges for the Lawn Cemetery, which have not been altered since January 2003. Following considerable discussion it was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Reynolds to postpone discussion of this matter to a future meeting. This proposal was lost by five votes to two, with two abstentions. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to raise the fee for a burial plot to £250, to raise all other fees proportionately and to cease charging a fee for the burial of a child under the age of 10. A copy of the revised fees is attached to these minutes.

Members noted that the stoned path in the Lawn Cemetery is in need of maintenance. It was agreed to seek a quotation for the work necessary and to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

### **Proposed development on land adjoining Inow Terrace at Port Navas**

Members considered the contents of a letter from Mr and Mrs Cockburn proposing development on land adjoining Inow Terrace at Port Navas and seeking the Parish Council's support for it. Cllr Boote stated that some residents of Port Navas are in favour of development on this site (believing that the community is being destroyed by the preponderance of second homes and the absence of young families) whilst others are vehemently against. Mr and Mrs Cockburn's plan is to build 12-14 homes of which half would be put on the open market and half would be set aside as local needs affordable homes. Although Members recognised the need for more local needs homes they felt that Port Navas is so detached from bus routes, shops, services and employment to negate any thoughts of affordable housing on any site in or near the settlement and are thus unable to support Mr and Mrs Cockburn's proposal. It was noted however that Cornwall's draft *Affordable Housing Development Plan Document Policy AH6: Rural exception sites for other rural communities* states that, if there is an identified need for affordable housing in a specific local community, planning permission will be given subject to a variety of criteria. Effectively this means that someone with a housing need and a

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local connection will need to prove that they have a need to live in that specific local community for planning permission to be granted. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr and Mrs Cockburn expressing the Council's view.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### The Diamond Jubilee celebrations of HM Queen Elizabeth

Cllr Miss Evans reported that an open meeting, to which all members of the community had been invited, had recently been held. In the course of the meeting, the draft programme for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Constantine had been presented. Briefly (and although nothing is set in stone), it is proposed to start the weekend with a big breakfast, followed by a day of activities: Sunday will see a Church service in the marquee (which has been booked) and, following this, the spectacle of the Thames flotilla (headed by the Queen's barge) will be broadcast on a big screen: Tuesday will be given over to activities for younger people and at some time during the day the commemorative mugs purchased by the Parish Council will be presented to primary school age children resident in the parish. The day will end with a beacon timed to be part of the nationwide chain of 2012 beacons. The Steering Group will meet again on Thursday February 20.

### Christmas trees

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to defer discussion of this matter to the next meeting.

### Car Park

Members noted that CCllr Hatton had dealt with the matter in his report.

### The Recreation Ground

Following the Public Meeting about the need for replacing equipment in the play area, Members considered underwriting the initial costs associated with applications for grant-funding. Following discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour to set aside the sum of £200 for this purpose.

## 9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

### Applications

PA11/09575 Mr & Mrs K & H Hubbard – Erection of 5.2kW wind turbine on a 15m monopole tower (amended plans) – Trevaney Farmhouse, High Cross. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA12/00051 Mr John Morrison – retention and completion of a 3.92 kW solar PV system on the flat roof of the property – High Cross Garage. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA12/00419 Sir Robert and Lady Woodard – Continued use of building as dwelling with outbuildings – The Keep, Trenarth. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council can neither confirm nor refute the applicant's declaration that this building has been used for residential purposes since its construction. However, local residents have suggested to individual Councillors that there is no established long-term use of this building as a dwelling. Constantine Parish Council is somewhat surprised that the applicant's agent relies on selective judgments taken from *Gravesham Borough Council v Secretary of State for the Environment and O'Brien (1984)* not least because in this case the Judge also found that “ - a wooden shed consisting of an office, w.c., and washbasin could hardly be turned into a ‘dwellinghouse’ for the purpose of the General Development Order because someone put furniture in it and lived there.”.*

PA12/00721 Mr M.Foster – Reduction of limb to Turkey Oak – Dinyan, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

### Decisions

PA11/10326 APPROVED Erection of 1st floor extension – Little Treviades, The Level – *noted*

PA11/11024 APPROVED Erection of front and rear dormers, replacement porch and pitched roof to garage – Trevean, Brill – *noted*

PA11/10564 APPROVED Proposed new dormer roofs to front and rear elevation to replace existing dormer roofs, to facilitate the remodelling of first and second floors – The Garage, Port Navas – *noted*

PA11/09161 WITHDRAWN Installation of 3 No x 50kW wind turbines (24.6m to hub, 34.2m to tip), access track and associated ancillary development – Lower Nancrossa Farm Halfway House – *noted*

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PA12/00011 APPROVED Alterations and extensions to existing domestic dwelling to form new dining room and garden room – Alpine Cottage Seworgan – *noted*

## 10 CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

**CPRE** A guide to Neighbourhood Planning – *noted*

**Tony Mogford Associates** Recreation Ground quarterly inspection report (various concerns) – *noted*

**CCLr Hatton** copy of a letter to Cornwall highways concerning vehicle parking at Trebarvah Close – *noted*

**Cornwall Blind Association** acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

**Penryn Town Council** notification of a parking refund scheme for customers of the One-Stop Shop – *noted*

**CALC** invitation to and agenda for the AGM on February 29 – *noted*

**CAB Cornwall** acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

**Constantine Cottage Garden Society** acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

**Smiths Gore** notification of merger between Stratton & Holborow and Smiths Gore and subsequent changes in arrangements for the collection of rents – *noted*

**Constantine Silver Band** a request for permission to use the Recreation Field for the Brass and Voice weekend on July 21 and 22 – *acting as the Management Trustee for the Alice Hext Charitable Trust, Constantine Parish Council agreed to this request*

**CRCC** Community Plans (What has Your Plan done for You?) questionnaire – *it was agreed to ask Cllr Just if he would complete this questionnaire*

## 11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council’s financial position as at February 15, 2012. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Helford River Children’s Sailing Trust for financial help towards their ‘Sailing for All’ programme. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Nicholls, and agreed that the sum of £75.00 be forwarded to the Helford River Children’s Sailing Trust under the terms of Section 19(3)(a) of the Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1976.

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

Members considered a request from Cruse Bereavement Care in Cornwall 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	£ 48.64		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 289.40		
Constantine Stores	£ 42.89	£ 35.74	£ 7.15
SSE Contracting Ltd (annual maintenance charge)	£ 802.37	£ 668.64	£ 133.73
EdF Energy (supply in The Square)	£ 28.79	£ 27.44	£ 1.35
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd (cemetery)	£ 198.00	£ 165.00	£ 33.00
South West Water (cemetery)	£ 16.72		
South West Water (public convenience)	£ 105.85		
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 65.42	£ 54.52	£ 10.90
W.B.Bowden & Sons	£ 148.80	£ 124.00	£ 24.80
Came and Company (annual insurance)	£ 1,264.53		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 400.46		
telephone	£ 15.84		
office expenses	£ 39.39		
travelling	£ 35.36		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 515.85	

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

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Members noted the following receipt

CCC grant from Community Chest (Jubilee celebrations) £ 300.00

**12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

It was noted that the wall and the bank behind it in Brillwater Road is possibly in danger of collapse and that, accordingly, steps should be taken to secure it. The Clerk was asked to contact Cornwall Council about the matter and to add it to next month's agenda.

**13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The Chairman made no comments at this stage.

**14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday March 15, 2012 at 7:00pm in The Vestry.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.17pm.

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