

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday March 15, 2012 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present: Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman) Cllr R.J.Williams
 Cllr A.H.Bolt Cllr N.J.Wiseman
 Cllr M.Reynolds Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Hatton.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the March meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Boote (personal), Cllr Miss Evans (sickness), Cllr Gray (personal), Cllr Just (work), Cllr Nicholls (work) and PCSO Gardiner sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Carter 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 Bolt proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday February 16, 2012 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

There were no matters arising.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Gardiner reported that, since the meeting in February, nine crimes have been reported to the Police. These consist of a public order offence, five thefts, two incidents of criminal damage and an assault.

There has been a single report of anti-social behaviour and another of dangerous driving. The road near the Trengilly Wartha Inn was temporarily blocked following a road traffic collision and some horses are missing from a field.

PCSO Gardiner warned residents to be wary of people posing as collectors on behalf of a charity. People should never disclose their banking PIN number or engage in conversation about their bank accounts on the doorstep or indeed elsewhere. Genuine people collecting money on behalf of a charity always carry an identity card, and this should always be checked.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Before CCllr Hatton delivered his report, the Chairman, speaking on behalf of Constantine Parish Council, offered him a warm vote of thanks for all the time and effort he has devoted to the matter of the dropped-edge kerbing for the new car-park. He added that the community as a whole is greatly indebted to him and that the Parish Council can now go ahead with creating the hard-standing. In reply, CCllr Hatton thanked the

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Chairman for his kind words and asked if consideration might be given both to reserving the space nearest the stile for the Vicar and to the use of a plastic, load-bearing mesh through which grass can grow to create a green hard-standing. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Vicar should have a dedicated space. However, the matter of using a plastic mesh (which has been considered in the past) was thought to be impracticable, certainly for the coming summer, not least because the earliest vehicles could park on it would be mid-July (this to enable the grass to grow).

CCLr Hatton reported that

- the widely-reported increase in cemetery fees applies solely to Cornwall Council owned cemeteries
- the Environment Department (which is responsible for a wide range of services) must look for a year-on-year saving of £1.2 million
- Town and Parish Councils will be consulted on the future of public conveniences
- waste collection will be taken on by Cory Environmental with effect from April 1: residents will be issued with a range of bags and boxes to collect different sorts of recyclates but will have to pay for the disposal of garden waste
- there is widespread concern about the forthcoming change of bus operators. Despite huge user support for Western Greyhound, he has been told that “First buses meet the required standard”
- Mr Ashley Fox MEP for SW England and Gibraltar will be speaking on ‘The Future of the Euro’ at midday on Friday March 30 at the Tolmen Centre
- Parliamentary boundary changes are expected to be in place in time for the 2015 General Election
- he fears the election for the Police Commissioner is being run as a political campaign.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Standards in Public Life

Constantine Parish Councillors noted that guidance relating to Standards in Public Life now permit them to be pre-disposed towards a particular issue as long as they do not have a closed mind about it and are prepared to make a final fully-informed decision when all the facts are available. S25 of the Localism Act 2011 provides that a member or co-opted member is not to be taken to have had a closed mind ‘just because’ they ‘had previously done anything that directly or indirectly indicated what view he/she took, or would or might take, in relation to a decision’. In all cases, a council’s decision will be safe from a successful legal challenge if the councillors’ approach is objective and fair and they consider all the relevant and material issues. It is for a complainant to prove that a closed mind existed in a particular case rather than for one to be assumed by any set of circumstances.

8 PARISH MATTERS

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations of HM Queen Elizabeth

Cllr Miss Evans being absent, there was no report.

Brillwater Road

The Clerk reported that he had e-mailed Mr Bidgood (CC Area Manager) with the concerns about the bank and wall between the Recreation Ground and Brillwater Road and was awaiting a reply. It was agreed to discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

Christmas trees

Members considered ways and means of continuing the tradition of purchasing, collecting and distributing Christmas trees within the village. It was agreed that Ms Ellen Worth should be asked if she would like to be involved in this matter, not least because she had expressed interest late last year.

The new Car Park

There had been full discussion of this matter while CCLr Hatton was speaking.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA12/00387 David Jenkin, F.E & D.K.Jenkin – Construction of barn for storage of hay and artificial fertilizer with solar panels on the roof and creation of hardstanding – Little Trevease, Constantine. Cllr Reynolds proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application in principle but would have liked to have seen a report from the County Land Agent.*

PA12/00388 David Jenkin, F.E & D.K.Jenkin – Construction of barn for storage of straw and farm implements with solar panels on the roof and creation of hardstanding – Little Trevease, Constantine. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with

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the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application in principle but would have liked to have seen a report from the County Land Agent.*

PA12/01156 Mr & Mrs K & H Hubbard – Extensions to dwelling and erection of a replacement domestic garage (amended conservatory design W2/PA10/00461/F) – Greenbank Cottage, Seworgan. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Reynolds seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council has no objections to this application.*

PA12/01258 Ms D Livingston – Installation of 2 x Bays of Photovoltaic panels – Lower Penbothidno, Penbothidno. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council objects to this proposal. The array in its proposed position will overlook the neighbouring property and will take light from it. Constantine Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development. Concerns have also been expressed about the exact line of the water main in this area which, Councillors understand, may run underneath the proposed development.*

PA12/01470 Mr Jim Boote – Listed Building application for the removal and refixing of roof coverings, upgrading of insulation, removal of chimney stack – The Village Hall, Port Navas. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council is the Custodian Trustee for The Village Hall at Port Navas and accordingly makes no observation.*

PA12/01941 Mr David Cross – Modification or Discharge of a planning obligation attached to PA04/00615/F dated 11 January 2006) – Treviades Melyn, Treviades. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council believes this is a purely legal matter and therefore makes no observations.*

Decisions

PA11/09575 APPROVED (Erection of 5.2kW wind turbine on an 8.1m monopole tower) – Trevaney Farmhouse, Trevaney High Cross – *noted*

PA12/00721 APPROVED (Reduction of limb to Turkey Oak) – Dinyan, Port Navas – *noted*

PA12/00746 S52/S106 AND DISCHARGE OF CONDITION APPS (Submission of details pursuant to Condition 3 attached to decision notice PA11/06727) – Tresidder Cottage, Trebarvah Woon – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Helford River Children's Sailing Trust acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Came and Company confirmation of policy renewal – *noted*

CC acknowledgement of receipt of letter in response to the consultation document 'Our Preferred Approach for a Core Strategy' – *noted*

CC notification that the Engineering Design Group will no longer issue paper copies of consultations. All consultations may be viewed and commented upon using the Cornwall Council website – *noted*

CC Easter Holiday Activity Programme for young people aged 8 – 16 – *noted*

Viridor notification of impending increases in charges – *it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Viridor with a request for a change to a monthly collection*

CC Local Council Planning Forum invitation to meeting Wednesday April 25, 2012 – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Members noted a revised payment of £1,013.37 to Came and Company for insurance for the year from April 3, 2012 (previously £1,264.53)

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC	£ 253.92		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 48.64		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 289.40		
RTS (Garden Services) Ltd	£ 198.00	£ 165.00	£ 33.00
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 64.90	£ 54.08	£ 10.82

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Gweek Garage	£ 27.00	£ 22.50	£ 4.50
Colin Chapman			
Salary (February)	£ 399.86		
telephone	£ 13.09		
office expenses	£ 40.75		
travelling	£ 55.69		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 534.39	

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

Members noted the following receipts

CCF Diamond Jubilee grant	£ 250.00
CC Recycling credit	£ 918.24

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees or representatives.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

It was noted that

- neither the bin at the entrance to Penbothidno on Bowling Green nor the one at the bottom of Well Lane has, as yet, been replaced
- the street lamp below the *Bow Window* on Fore Street is not working
- one of the street lamps on the right hand side of Bowling Green between Parc Monga and the Doctors' Surgery is being overtaken by a palm tree
- the Chairman has spoken to Mr Lugg about the path in the Lawn Cemetery. Mr Lugg will forward a quotation for the work necessary.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday April 19, 2012 at 7:00pm in The Vestry.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.43pm.

Signed.....

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