

THE PARISH OF CONSTANTINE

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Constantine held on Thursday May 17, 2012 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine. The Chairman of Constantine Parish Council, Cllr P.C.Carter, presiding Mr C.Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

Present: CCllr Hatton, Cllr Bolt, Cllr Miss Evans, Cllr Gray, Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Williams, Mr Agnew and Mr Webber.

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Boote, Cllr Just, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Wiseman.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2011

Having been previously circulated and agreed for accuracy at the meeting of June 9, 2011, Cllr Gray proposed and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday May 19, 2011 are a true record and they were signed as such by the Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Carter said

“It is again a pleasure for me to bring you, this evening, the Chairman’s report.

“As usual, it has been a very busy year keeping this parish running as our parishioners would expect, but I have very much enjoyed the task of being your Chairman. I continue to believe that we are a very pro-active council: one which is prepared to tackle difficult decisions head-on.

“This evening gives me the opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for their unending hard work and time that they give to the parish. Particular thanks go to Vice-Chairman, Cllr Jim Boote, for support and, on occasions, taking the odd meeting. I think my time-keeping has improved this last year, as I have started most meetings! I should like to take the opportunity to thank Cornwall Councillor Neil Hatton for his continued support for this parish council and also for the endless time he puts in for the people of this parish at County Hall. I also take this opportunity to thank our police officers for sending monthly reports and, when time allows, attending our monthly meetings.

“During this last year, our council decided to withdraw financial support from the Youth Club, but I thank Cllr Just and Cllr Miss Evans for the work they did with the Club up to that time.

“Constantine Parish Council is the Management Trustee of the Alice Hext Trust, which looks after the day-to-day running of the Recreation Ground and play area. We are also the landlord of the Social Club, but have no interest in the running of the business. During the year some of the play equipment has become unusable and has been taken out of service. A fund raising committee has been formed to replace equipment. Cllr Nicholls is our representative on this committee and they are going forward at a great pace.

“The Parish Council called a public meeting of interested people to organise events to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The Parish Council’s representative on the resulting Steering Group is

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Cllr Miss Evans, who has worked very hard on this project. The Parish Council has purchased commemorative mugs to be given to children of this parish who are under senior school age.

“As usual, this council supported the poppy appeal and purchased a poppy wreath which Cllr Boote and I laid on behalf of the Parish Council at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. We take great pride in this duty.

“Christmas saw the usual purchase of trees for the village. These were distributed, together with lights, to those who wished to have them. Cllr Wiseman organised the buying of the trees for the last time. Much thanks must go to him for several years of organising this event. Also I wish to thank Cllr Bolt and the many helpers from the village. Next Christmas we have a new tree organiser from the village and we will help her as much as possible.

“Over the last year the council has looked at and deliberated on fifty-six planning applications. Some are quite straightforward, but others are more difficult and can take a lot of time. Whilst on planning, I attended two Planning Committee meetings for the West Area and spoke on this council’s position concerning particular applications. I found the experience very interesting.

“Our car-park is now finished and I think it is a good job well done. CCllr Hatton found the means to get the kerbing laid without any expense to our council. We thank our Councillor once again.

“This council is very conscious of the needs of the parish when we come to set our precept. We do not want to burden our parishioners, but we do need to invest in maintenance and improvement of the parish. We are very conscious of the needs of the community when considering financial help for parish organisations.

“Christine and I represented this Council last June when we were invited to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. It is one of the most memorable events that I have ever attended. Constantine was well represented at the palace last year with several other members of our community being invited.

“Finally, much thanks must go to Colin, our excellent Clerk, who continues to keep us well advised. Also, I thank my family and staff, who are always prepared to cover and help out when needs arise.”

4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman asked if members of the public had any questions concerning the business of the Council.

CCllr Hatton thanked the Chairman for all the work he has done quietly and behind the scenes on behalf of the parish during the course of the year, a sentiment which was warmly endorsed by those present. He also drew attention to the prestigious Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service which was awarded to the Constantine Enterprises Company during the course of last year.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 14, 2012

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 16, 2013

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