

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday June 14, 2012 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present: Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman) Cllr R.E.Just
 Cllr H.Bolt Cllr M.Reynolds
 Cllr J.Boote Cllr R.J.Williams
 Cllr Miss C.Evans
 Cllr C.Gray Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Hatton, Mrs Bolt, Mr Burke and Mrs Davies (West Briton).

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the June meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Burke reported that the Cottage Garden Society has a problem with the storage of their tables and trestles, which are always in demand for use at various events in the village. Up to now they have been stored by a member, but her property is up for sale and, despite the Society's best efforts, suitable and safe replacement storage cannot be found. Mr Burke asked the Council in its corporate rôle as the Management Trustee of the Alice Hext Trust if consideration might be given to siting a storage container on the Recreation Ground near the Carnival Group's container.

Citing one example in particular, Cllr Boote again raised the issue of thoughtless, dangerous parking at the top of Well Lane and suggested that the police might be considered to be negligent in allowing this state of affairs to continue. CCllr Hatton said that Cornwall Highways have it on their list of things to do, but that he have another quiet word with the officer concerned.

Councillors noted that the scaffolding opposite the parking area in The Square constricts the traffic flow and wondered how long it would be before building and repair work commenced and indeed finished. CCllr Hatton said that he would speak to Highways about the traffic related problem.

It was noted both that a number of street lamps are left burning throughout the day and that the waste bins have yet to be replaced. The Clerk agreed to contact Cornwall Council again.

It was further noted that the bring-bank is equipped with five bottle banks and no banks either for plastics or for tins. Once again the Clerk agreed to contact Cornwall Council.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Wiseman (personal) and Cllr Nicholls (personal) 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

Cllr Bolt, Cllr Boote and Cllr Gray declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8 (The Recreation Field).

Cllr Carter declared a personal interest in Agenda item 11 (Constantine Agriculture Society).

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 Williams seconded, Cllr Boote and Cllr Just being absent from the Annual Parish Meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 17, 2012 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

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Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Williams seconded, Cllr Boote and Cllr Just being absent from the Annual Meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday May 17, 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 which were not included on this agenda.

5 POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the police.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Hatton reported that

- the next Community Network meeting will be at the Tolmen Centre on July 5 at 7:00pm
- the hard work put in by so many people for the Jubilee weekend had paid off and that everything had gone well. The final meeting of the sub-committee will be later in the month.

Speaking on behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked all the members of the sub-committee for the work they had done to make such a thoroughly enjoyable long weekend. They had put together a four day long series of events and were ultimately responsible for the resounding success of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Constantine.

In turn and again on behalf of the Council, Cllr Miss Evans thanked all those young people from the local clubs and societies who, in their own field, had worked so hard to make the weekend one to remember.

Councillors noted that a letter of thanks had been sent to individual members of the sub-committee.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Model Code of Conduct

Following extensive discussion, Cllr Just proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, Cllr Miss Evans, Cllr Reynolds and Cllr Williams abstained, all others in favour to agree in principle to adopt the Interim Code of Conduct prepared and published by Cornwall Council.

Constantine Glebe deed of variation

Members considered the draft deed of variation for the lease on the new car-park. This allows for the land on which the new car-park is sited to be added to that on which the old car-park is sited and, with effect from September 29, 2011, seeks an increase in the annual rent from £220 to £350. Following discussion, Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all in favour that Constantine Parish Council should pay the outstanding difference in rent amounting to £130.00. However, the Clerk was asked to write to the Glebe Committee to enquire if consideration might be given to selling the land on which the car-parks are sited to the Parish Council.

The Recreation Field

In their corporate rôle as the Management Trustee of the Alice Hext Trust, Members considered and agreed a request from the Constantine Carnival Organising Group to use the Recreation Ground for the Village Carnival on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July

8 PARISH MATTERS

Maintenance of the historic fingerposts

The Clerk reported that, for Health and Safety reasons, the Community Pay-Back team is unable to undertake the repair and maintenance of historic fingerposts. Following discussion, CCllr Hatton agreed to speak to Cornwall Highways with a view to arranging for responsibility for the maintenance of the historic fingerposts throughout the parish to be delegated to Constantine Parish Council.

As members of the Constantine Cottage Garden Society, Cllr Bolt, Cllr Boote and Cllr Gray each declared a personal interest in the following item. They remained in the room, but took no part in the discussion or the voting.

The Recreation Field

In their corporate rôle as the Management Trustee of the Alice Hext Trust, Members considered a request from the Constantine Cottage Garden Society to site a container on the Recreation Field to store trestle tables, display boards and other equipment. Following discussion, Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Just seconded and it was agreed to grant the Society temporary permission to site a storage container on the Recreation Ground for a period of up to three years for the nominal fee of £20 per annum. It was further agreed that the Society should paint the container the same colour as the Carnival container and that the two containers should be sited in such a way as to take up the minimum of space.

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Brillwater Road

The Clerk reported that the Chairman, Cllr Gray, Cllr Reynolds and he had met Mr Robert Bowden of W.B.Bowden and Sons at Brillwater Road when Mr Bowden had suggested that the use of gabions to a height of three metre would retain the bank between the Recreation Ground and Brillwater Road. He was wary of quoting an exact figure, but estimated the cost at about £4,000 He was asked to submit an estimate in writing. Members agreed that the matter should be discussed at the next meeting. In the meanwhile, the Clerk was asked to contact Fields in Trust with a request for help with funding this work.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA12/03155 Mr & Mrs G.Sole – Extensions and alterations to dwelling (amended plans) – 52, Fore Street, Constantine. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Although it has concerns about the addition of a smooth rendered extension to an old stone building, Constantine Parish Council supports both the design of the original application and that of the amended application.*

PA12/04310 Mr H. Collins – Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of replacement bungalow – Higher Calamansack Bungalow, Port Navas. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Just seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA12/01470 APPROVED (Listed Building application for the removal and refixing of roof coverings, upgrading of insulation, removal of chimney stack) – The Village Hall, Port Navas – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Cornwall Blind Association Report on Volunteer Transport Service in 2011/2012 – *noted*

Audit Commission Consultation on appointment of external auditor for 2012/13 and future years – *noted*

OTS discontinuation of the weekly bus service no 322 – *noted with regret*

Fields in Trust reminder of the AGM on Friday June 22 – *noted*

CC Ben Dickinson concerning a complaint about the surface of the car-park – *noted*

Cornwall Rural Housing Association Voluntary Board Members – *noted*

CC invitation to Cornwall Renewable Energy Show 2012, Gaia Centre, Delabole July 26 & 27 – *noted*

Tony Mogford Associates Ltd Play Area safety inspection and Risk Assessment (no new issues) – *noted*

Cruise in Cornwall AGM (Guest Speaker Dr Colin Murray Parkes) July 19, 2012 – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at June 14, 2012. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

As a member of the Constantine Agricultural Association, Cllr Carter declared a personal interest in the following request for help with funding from the Constantine Agricultural Association. He remained in the room, taking no part in the discussion and abstaining from voting.

Members considered a request from the Constantine Agricultural Association for financial help towards the cost of running the Annual Show. It was proposed by Cllr Gray, seconded by Cllr Boote, all others in favour that, under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £200 be forwarded to the Constantine Agricultural Association to be put towards the costs of staging the show.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 351.60		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 302.80		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 48.64		
SW Water (cemetery)	£ 15.88		
SW Water (public convenience)	£ 97.30		
W.B.Bowden (car-park)	£ 1,200.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 200.00
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 16.31	£ 13.79	£ 2.72
R.Sanders (churchyard)	£ 450.00		
Gweek Garage	£ 67.01	£ 55.84	£ 11.17

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Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 89.46	£ 74.55	£ 14.91
J.J.Gyll Murray (stiles on PROW 12)	£ 150.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (June)	£ 400.26		
telephone	£ 21.56		
office expenses	£ 47.09		
travelling	£ 30.06		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 523.97	

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

Members noted the following accounts which had been paid at the request of the Diamond Jubilee sub-committee using the authority minuted under paragraph 7 (Parish Council Matters) page 315 of the minutes of the meeting held on April 19, 2012

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Martin Luck Group Ltd	£ 114.00		
Heartland Productions	£ 933.60	£ 778.00	£ 155.60
R. Booth Ltd	£ 368.00		
Farmhouse Pasties	£ 90.60		

Members noted the following receipts

Constantine Social Club	£ 568.75
Mr and Mrs Agnew (Jubilee donation)	£ 50.00
Constantine PCC (Jubilee donation)	£ 250.00
Mr and Mrs Moore (Jubilee donation)	£ 40.00
Constantine Primary School (Jubilee donation)	£ 20.00
Jubilee Funds (open gardens)	£ 1,000.00
Jubilee Funds	£ 800.00
Western Power Distribution (wayleave)	£ 39.34

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees or representatives.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Miss Evans asked if anyone knew where the ping-pong tables, last used by the Youth Club, are currently being stored. It was suggested that she should contact the key holder of the Church Hall.

Cllr Gray asked if consideration might be given to providing a physical barrier between the grass and the hard area of the new car-park. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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