

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday September 13, 2012 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present: Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman) Cllr R.J.Williams
 Cllr Miss C.Evans
 Cllr E.Nicholls Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Hatton, Mrs Gendall and Mr Webber.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the September meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Speaking of his application (PA12/04445) which Constantine Parish Council had requested the Planning Authority to refuse, Mr Webber said that he was surprised both to learn that at least one Councillor did not know that the plot lies within the village envelope and that the Council had not visited the site as a body. He added that the question of access had now been resolved and asked if the Council would reconsider its earlier observations. The Chairman explained that the Council's observations were based on the application as it was presented in July and that, without having sight of an amended application, it is unable to comment further.

CCllr Hatton stated that because of the large number of objections to Mr Webber's application, he had asked for it to be decided by the Planning Committee rather than by an Officer using delegated powers.

Mrs Gendall reported that the JUMP committee, having raised some £3,500 from the people of Constantine, is now reaching the end of its useful life. Members have organised a single further event and are awaiting a design for the replacement play area from Mr James. She asked if the Parish Council would shoulder the responsibility both for the public event, for future funding and for delivery. The Chairman thanked her and the committee for all the hard work they have done, saying that he thought it remarkable that so much had been achieved in such a short time and agreed that the Council would indeed take the matter forward.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Wiseman (holiday), Cllr Bolt (holiday) and the Police sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Williams seconded, all others in favour to accept these 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 Nicholls proposed, Cllr Williams seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday July 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

There were no matters arising which were not included on this agenda.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PC Cook reported that there have been six crimes (two each of criminal damage, of assault and of theft) recorded in the Parish since the meeting in mid-July. There were no calls in relation to

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anti-social behaviour. The new measures to combat metal theft seem to be having a positive effect, but all reasonable steps to protect vulnerable items in gardens and outhouses are prudent. In other parishes there have been a number of thefts from boats and residents are asked to report any suspicious activity on the river.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hatton reported that

- the Environment Agency is now patrolling the Helford and its creeks following incidents of illegal net fishing, but
- the Agency is no substitute for the River Wardens, who, historically, also ensured that the speed limit in the Helford was not exceeded
- recognising the impact made by the withdrawal of the River Wardens, various organisations, recognising their value, have offered cash donations towards the cost of the service
- the County Farms service has identified Trevease Farm as having the potential for siting a wind turbine. However, it is his belief that Cornwall must take a strategic approach towards renewable energy and turbines in particular before the matter is taken further
- he attended a presentation concerned with Environment Service Standards and it is clear that the Service must work towards making a saving of some £500,000 whilst creating a county-wide standard. He reminded members that, under the terms of the Localism Act, there is an option for parishes to challenge the service and indeed to take the service on in their area. However, the money necessary to do this work does not appear to follow devolution of the service and could lead to double taxation.

Cllr Williams said that he was pleased to see that the two pot-holes in the lane between Port Navas and Ponjeravah have now been filled. However the hedge on the same road is in need of attention and the lane near Goongillings needs clearing of debris.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Parish Councillors

Under the terms of the Local Government Act 1972 s85 (1) and (2) members noted the automatic termination of Cllr Cavanagh's tenure of office as a Constantine Parish Councillor.

Members further noted the resignation of Cllr Just as a result of the requirement under the Localism Act 2011 for members of the Parish Council to declare spouse's interests and for those interests to be subsequently published on the internet.

Election of Vice-Chairman

Members agreed to defer the election of a Vice-Chairman to the meeting in October.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Brillwater Road

Members noted that W.B.Bowden and Sons have undertaken the repair and stabilisation of the bank between the Recreation Ground and Brillwater Road.

Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that a single lantern (030BJ opposite 7 Brillwater Road) has been reported as being in need of immediate replacement. Members considered whether simply to replace the lantern at a cost of £623.32 or to bring the light up to the standard required by Cornwall Council at a cost of £1,020.00 Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, all others in favour that SSE Contracting should be instructed simply to replace the lantern.

It was noted that SSE Contracting consider that twelve lanterns need replacing within the next year as do two brackets. The Clerk advised against immediate consideration of this work: there is a possibility that, as a result of the introduction of LED lighting, further specification changes may be introduced.

A Drop-In Centre for Young People

As the Management Trustee for the Alice Hext Trust, Constantine Parish Council considered a proposal from Rev'd Stewart Turner for a drop-in centre for young people to be sited in the Recreation Ground. His proposal entails the use of the old Trengilly Cricket Club pavilion, which is now surplus to requirements and which has been offered to Rev'd Turner as a drop-in centre free-of-charge together with the transport, labour and materials necessary to carry out remedial structural work. The aim of the project is simply to provide a safe place where the young people of the village can come to chat to friends in a place which is solely theirs. While it is open, the centre will be supervised by responsible adults drawn from the community. It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Miss Evans all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council

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acting as the Management Trustee for the Alice Hext Trust supports Rev'd Turner's proposal and will allow the shed to be erected on the Recreation Ground in the position indicated for a trial period of twelve months.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Members noted the following planning application received during August and returned, using delegated powers, with the attached observations

PA12/05952 Mrs G.Pollard – Erection of a dwelling and new access to existing dwelling – Rose Cottage, Bowling Green, Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application with the proviso that the exterior finish is similar to that of the adjoining property to the north, Rose Cottage, and therefore in keeping with granite characteristic of the Conservation Area. The Council requests the applicant to give consideration to the creation of a footpath rather than a visual splay along the boundary wall fronting Bowling Green to allow safer pedestrian access between the footpath to Penbothidno and Clinton Road.*

PA12/06390 Mr Jason Lawer – Construction of hay barn with stables – Tresidder Cottage, Trebarvah Woon. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA12/06391 Mr Jason Lawer – Listed Building consent for the construction of hay barn with stables – Tresidder Cottage, Trebarvah Woon. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA12/06660 Mr P.Shepherd – Renovation of fire-damaged property – 65 Fore Street Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA12/06909 Mr J.Wood – Erection of an extension – Maen Rock Farm, Jobs Water. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA12/06979 Mr J.J.D.Hext – Erect an Endurance E3120 50kW 24.9m to hub wind turbine – land at Halvasso. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports the observations submitted by Mabe Parish Council.*

PA12/07199 Mr K.Roszell – Alteration of garage doors to open onto SE elevation and replacement of garage window to a door – Longbarn, Seworgan Farm. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA12/07121 Mr and Mrs K.Marnock – Erection of first floor extension, conservatory and formation of new first floor windows – 6 Wheal Vyvyan, Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA12/07284 Mr C.Hunt – Erection of an agricultural shed – Higher Treglidgwith Farm, Ponjeravah. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Applications

PA12/07938 Mr and Mrs Lea – Change of use application to convert existing owner/manager/staff use accommodation into holiday use/letting accommodation – Trengilly Wartha Inn. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *With the proviso that this accommodation remains part of the business interests of the Trengilly Wartha Inn, Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA12/03155 APPROVED (Amendment to existing planning approval PA11/03603 to include extension to 1st floor to form new en-suite and dressing room to main bedroom (Retrospective)) – Penolva, High Cross – *noted*

PA12/04227 APPROVED (Construction of rear extension) – 1 Well Lane Constantine – *noted*

PA12/05070 APPROVED (Erection of a single storey extension) – Tree Tops, The Level – *noted*

PA12/05592 APPROVED (Erection of Extension and Alterations to dwelling) – 32 Fore Street, Constantine – *noted*

PA12/06504 APPROVED (Conservation area consent for demolition of fire damaged boundary walls and conservatory) – 65 Fore Street, Constantine – *noted*

PA12/06660 APPROVED (Renovation of fire damaged property) – 65 Fore Street, Constantine – *noted*

PA12/07199 APPROVED Alteration of garage doors to open onto SE elevation and replacement of garage window to a door – Longbarn, Seworgan Farm – *noted*

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PA12/07964 APPROVED Non-material amendment to PA12/00011 for the alterations and extensions to existing domestic dwelling to form new dining room and garden room – Alpine Cottage, Seworgan – *noted*

Correspondence

Mr N.J.Wiseman copy of letter to the Planning Authority objecting to PA12/05952 – *noted*

Cornwall Council consultation concerning planning protocol for local councils – *the Clerk to reply*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

CPRE Countryside Voice newsletter – *noted*

Constantine Brownies and Guides acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

CRCC Signpost (newsletter for Communities in Cornwall) – *noted*

Mr D.Biggs concerns about the surface of Brillwater Road – *noted*

The Audit Commission Appointment of External Auditor for 2012/2013 – *noted*

CC Consultation on charging framework for Traffic Management at Community and other events – *the Clerk to reply*

CC County Farms and renewable energy projects – *noted*

Fields in Trust notification of reduction in membership subscription fees – *noted*

Twentyfourseven South West Ambulance Trust newsletter – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at July 19, 2012. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Blind Association for financial help towards its volunteer transport service for blind and visually impaired people in the area. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Miss Evans all others in favour that the sum of £60.00 be forwarded to the Cornwall Blind Association under the terms of Section 142(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members noted and approved the following payments (made in August using delegated powers)

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 47.44		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 302.80		
EdF Energy (The Square)	£ 14.87	£ 14.16	£ 0.71
Travis Perkins	£ 29.45	£ 24.54	£ 4.91
R.Sanders (cemetery)	£ 330.00		
SW Water (public convenience)	£ 76.13		
SW Water (Cemetery)	£ 11.92		
Viridor Waste Management Ltd (cemetery)	£ 10.04	£ 8.37	£ 1.67
Gweek Garage	£ 66.50	£ 55.42	£ 11.08
Colin Chapman			
Salary (July)	£ 400.26		
telephone	£ 20.89		
office expenses	£ 51.33		
travelling	£ 42.43		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 539.91	

Members noted the following account 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
B.F.Adventure	£ 60.00		

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 60.80		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 302.80		

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HM Revenue and Customs		£ 351.80		
Chown China		£ 210.00	£ 175.00	£ 35.00
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (tenancy)		£ 350.00		
R.Sanders (cemetery)		£ 410.00		
Gweek Garage		£ 67.00	£ 55.83	£ 11.17
Viridor		£ 39.86	£ 33.22	£ 6.64
Colin Chapman				
Salary (August)	£ 400.46			
telephone		£ 11.92		
office expenses		£ 17.26		
travelling		£ 34.48		
use of home		£ 25.00		
		total	£ 489.12	

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

Members noted the following receipts

Mrs Danielis (grant for headstone)	£ 32.00
Penryn and Falmouth Funeral Directors	£ 125.00
J.H.Ching (Mr Flemons)	£ 32.00
CC Precept (final payment)	£ 16,500.00

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports under this heading

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

The new car-park

Cllr Williams reported that he had, as asked, investigated possibilities for separating the hard surface of the new car-park from the grass. Following discussion, it was agreed to defer the matter to a future meeting.

The Wheeled Bier

Members remarked that, although the occasion (that of Mr William Bowden’s funeral) had been very sad, they had been pleased to see the wheeled bier in use and looking magnificent.

The Bier House

It was noted that the Bier House is in need of some maintenance and agreed that the matter should be discussed at the meeting in October.

Parking

It was noted that the owner of the catering trailer presently parked in the car-park, intends selling it and that in the circumstances he has been given leave to park it there until October 31.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday October 18, 2012 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.57pm.

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