

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday January 17, 2013 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman)	Cllr R.Lewis
	Cllr Mrs E.A.D'Alton	Cllr E.Nicholls
	Cllr A.H.Bolt	Cllr Mrs L.M.Scott
	Cllr Mrs S.N.Dunstan	Cllr R.J.Williams
	Cllr Miss C.Evans	Cllr N.J.Wiseman
	Cllr C.Gray	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** CCllr Hatton, Mr Webber and Mr Williamson.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the January meeting.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Williamson drew Members' attention to the parlous state of the roads in and around the village adding that even where repairs had been effected those repairs had been so poorly done that they themselves are in need of repair. CCllr Hatton stated that Cornwall Council has a duty to keep the highway in good repair and that he would have a word with the Area Supervisor in the morning. Those present noted that the most effective way of reporting highway issues is through the Cornwall Council website.

Speaking of the Planning Authority's decision to refuse permission for the development of a new home on his land, Mr Webber expressed his disappointment that that both the Parish Council and his neighbours in Port Navas had not supported the application. The Chairman reminded Mr Webber that the decision had been made and that he could take the matter further by appealing to the Planning Inspectorate.

## 1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Gardiner sent his apologies for absence.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

Cllr Nicholls declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 9 PA13/00077

### 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 Gray proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that, with the hand-written amendments, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday December 13, 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 there have been three crimes (thefts of domestic heating oil from two separate insecure tanks and of a parcel left in an outside box) recorded in the Parish since the meeting in December. There were further calls concerning a stray pig, disputes between neighbours and

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about the welfare of individuals. The Police urge everyone with oil tanks to secure them and to report any information they may have about illegal activities.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hatton reported that

- Cornwall Highways have agreed to deliver the materials necessary for the maintenance of the historic fingerposts in the parish
- the fingerpost at Calamansac will be recast
- Sustrans is holding a meeting, which he will attend, to discuss ways in which central government might be pressurised to introduce a speed limit of 20mph in and through rural communities
- he was unable to support the Parish Council's view that permission for development in the garden of Comfort Farmhouse should be refused and the application will be decided using delegated powers
- the Draft Local Plan has been referred back to the Planning Policy Panel: the need for 48,000 new homes in the next twenty years has been questioned and moreover members feel that that number is in excess of what the existing infrastructure can handle
- Members are split on whether to freeze the Council Tax for the coming year or to demand a small increase. The matter will be decided by the full Council before the end of January.

## 7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Constantine Parish Council website

Members again considered commissioning a Parish Council website with links to and from the community website. Following discussion, during the course of which it was noted that use of the internet is now the rule, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour to commission Mr Jeff Meadows to build a web-site for the sum of £250 and to host it at an annual cost of £75.

### Constantine Lawn Cemetery

The Clerk reported that he had purchased two A3 sized copies of the Lawn Cemetery regulations and that Mr Reynolds had agreed to fix them to the wall. He further reported that he had received a quotation from *Signcast* for a plaque reading *Garden of Remembrance* and measuring 16" x 12" in solid bronze for £165 or in aluminium for £125. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Wiseman, Cllr Gray and Cllr Bolt should meet to determine the size of the Garden of Remembrance and the manner in which it should be laid out and that they will report back to the next meeting.

## 9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

### Applications

PA12/11848 Mr Richard Seymour – Erection of a single 500kW wind turbine with a 52m 3 bladed rotor (from ground: 35m to hub height/61m to tip height) and related infrastructure including track, entry, turbine hard-standing, and substation – Field East of Tregantallan Farm, Constantine. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded Cllr Miss Evans abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *The sporadic development and cumulative visual impact of those wind turbines which have already been erected in the immediate area (not to mention the many more which either have permission or which are going through the planning stage), militate against granting planning permission in this instance. This huge structure will tower above and alter the landscape. It will be erected in the buffer zone adjoining the Cornwall AONB, which it will dominate. Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA12/12008 Cyrah Power Ltd – Installation of a communications building to aide in the operation and monitoring of the previously approved solar farm site – Little Trevease, Constantine. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council makes no comment.*

*As the owner of the neighbouring cottage, Cllr Nicholls declared a pecuniary interest in the following application.*

PA13/00077 Mr Ben Harris – Demolition of existing extension and replacement with a larger two storey extension – I Mill Cottages, Trewardreva. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, Cllr Williams abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

### Decisions

PA12/09972 APPROVED (Erection of extensions) – 16 Wheal Vyvyan – noted

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PA12/10174 APPROVED (Refurbishment of dwelling and addition a of second storey extension with a balcony) – Springmoor, Trenarth – *noted*

PA12/11482 Not acceptable as amendment (Retrospective amendment to PA11/00928 (Erection of a garage) for the installation of two skylights in the north east facing roof slope and an external door at first floor level in the south east facing gable. Amendment for the installation of an external landing and staircase) – Rear of 10 Brillwater Road Constantine – *noted*

## 10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

**Twentyfourseven** South West Ambulance Service newsletter – *noted*

**Tony Mogford Associates Ltd** Play Equipment (quarterly report) – *noted*

**Cornwall Air Ambulance** acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

**Cllr Hatton** concerning PA12/100024 Comfort Farmhouse, Well Lane – *noted*

**South West Water** What's in the Pipeline (vision for water and sewerage services) – *noted*

## 11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at January 17, 2013. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

In the light of newly available figures in respect of the Localised Council Tax Support scheme, Members considered the gross amount of the Precept demanded for the year from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. Following discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour that the agreed sum of £34,000 would stand.

Members considered a request from the Constantine Enterprise Company for financial help towards a plen-an-gwarry performance at Trengilly Wartha. Following discussion, it was agreed to seek further details before committing the Parish Council to any expense.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 49.58		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 302.80		
W.B.Bowden and Sons (scalpings for car-park)	£ 66.46	£ 55.38	£ 11.08
Harlequin Design (cemetery notices)	£ 52.80	£ 44.00	£ 8.80
Falmouth Garages Ltd	£ 20.40	£ 17.07	£ 3.33
R.Sanders (Churchyard maintenance)	£ 285.00		
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 29.82	£ 24.85	£ 4.97
E-On (public lighting)	£ 63.24	£ 60.23	£ 3.01
SSE Contracting Ltd	£ 908.33	£ 756.94	£ 151.39
N.J.Wiseman (Christmas lights)	£ 12.50		
Di-Mar Garden Machinery (petrol cans)	£ 51.82	£ 43.18	£ 8.64
Colin Chapman			
Salary (December)	£ 400.46		
telephone	£ 20.63		
office expenses	£ 37.40		
travelling	£ 40.66		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 524.15	

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

Members noted the following receipts

Mrs Stoffel (donation)	£ 75.00
Proceeds of Crime (JuMP)	£ 650.00
CC (recycling credits)	£ 439.35

## 12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Nicholls reported that the JuMP Committee had submitted an application to the *West Briton* for a grant from the Proceeds of Crime fund. Somewhat to his surprise, the application had been successful and a

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cheque for £650 had been added to the Play Area funds which now stand at £5,597.44 Further applications have been or will be made to funding organisations. Members of the Parish Council are warmly invited to an event (which is scheduled for the near future) when a number of designs for the new play area will be on show. Members expressed their delight at the obvious progress which has been made and asked Cllr Nicholls to relay the Parish Council’s congratulation on the year’s achievements to members of Committee.

**13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The Chairman reported that, following a complaint, he had removed a pile of stones from outside a property in Brillwater Road.

**14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday February 21, 2013 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.17pm.

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