

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday February 21, 2013 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

Visitors: CCllr Hatton.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members noted that

- the Diamond Jubilee Steering Group has decided to keep to its original plan to site the previously chosen granite boulder in The Square for which it must needs continue to seek funding
- residents of properties fronting the modified Public Right of Way at Seworgan have expressed concern that their rights of access may have been compromised. This is not so, there is no change in the right of vehicular access to their properties as a result of the Modification Order
- a large and dangerous pot-hole has developed in the road just beyond the entrance to Bosvathick riding stables. The Clerk agreed to report this
- the road down to Merthen Manor has been resurfaced.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Gray (illness), Cllr Nicholls (holiday) and PCSO Gardiner sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Miss Evans proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all in favour to accept these apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Carter declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 9 – PA13/00375

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 Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday January 17, 2013 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 four crimes (thefts of a lawn mower and of an inflatable boat, failure to observe the terms of an injunction and the possession of cannabis) recorded in the Parish since the meeting in January. There were a further twenty-four calls concerning, variously, the use of drugs, disputes between neighbours, the welfare of individuals and a vehicle collision. There were two calls in relation to anti-social behaviour. The Police urge everyone to report any information they may have about illegal activities by telephoning the non-emergency number 101.

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6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Hatton reported that

- he is awaiting delivery of those materials necessary for the maintenance of the historic fingerposts in the parish
- Cornwall Highways has offered to supply road scalplings for the repair of Public Rights of Way
- construction of the solar farm at Little Trevease is well under way
- as reported in the local press, the Planning Authority has received a pre-planning application for six houses and associated workshops in Port Navas
- a recent meeting of the full Council agreed to set a county-wide housing target of 42,250 new homes to be built in the next twenty years: Falmouth sought and was given an increase of 1,100 homes in their allocation, a figure which will inevitably affect surrounding rural parishes. Following consultation, the revised figure will be referred back to the Secretary of State (who originally recommended a figure of 68,000 new homes) before being passed to the Planning Inspectorate for the necessary inquiry
- although the Cabinet has recommended an increase of just under 2% (to avoid the potential for a referendum) in the Council Tax, there is a move amongst Members to freeze it for a third year
- such a move may affect community grants which are presently administered by the Community Network.

In answer to a question concerning the structural changes in the Planning Department and present-day Planning Officers' apparent lack both of expertise and in-depth knowledge of the area, CCllr Hatton stated that Officers are frequently based some considerable distance from application sites (making site visits unusual), that objections to applications have to be based firmly on planning reasons and that Parish Councils should continue to express their views forcibly.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Constantine Lawn Cemetery

Drawing members' attention to the document written by Cllr Bolt, Cllr Gray and himself concerning proposed improvements both to the area in the Lawn Cemetery set aside for cremated remains (the *Garden of Remembrance*) and to the access paths, Cllr Wiseman stated that the Parish Council had made no capital improvements to the cemetery since its initial purchase and landscaping in 2002/2003. It was their opinion that the cost (including all labour) of erecting a post and chain fence to enclose the *Garden of Remembrance*, of renovating the raised garden bed and wooden seat, of purchasing a bronze plaque to identify the area and of repairing the access paths throughout the cemetery should be no more than £2,500. Speaking on behalf of members, the Chairman thanked Cllrs Bolt, Gray and Wiseman for the work they had all done towards moving this project forward. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Mrs Scott seconded all in favour that Constantine Parish Council should immediately put all the improvements described above into action.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA12/11689 Mr M.Bruton – Demolition of boathouse and erection of a dwelling – land adjoining Bosoljack, Quay Road, 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 considers that the size and scale of the proposed dwelling on this prominent site is such that it will have an adverse and detrimental effect on the look of the settlement and the surrounding area. Moreover, the development is unsustainable in terms of the National Planning Policy Framework. The existing settlement, which is without any services, is incapable of supporting additional housing. If permitted, it will create further vehicular movements on the already crowded narrow roads which serve the settlement. Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA13/00348 Mr David Aitken – To remove 2 UPVC windows and replace with 2 UPVC French Doors – The Old Chapel, Seworgan Cllr Lewis proposed, Cllr Mrs D'Alton seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/00489 Mr H.Garbutt – Demolition of existing garage and the construction of a 1 bed annex – 17, Parc Monga. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council can confirm the applicant's statement concerning his daughter's need for this annex and supports the application.*

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PA13/00546 Mr and Mrs Daly – Formation of ancillary room within roof space above existing detached garage – 10 Brillwater Road. Cllr Mrs D’Alton proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/00796 Mr T.Denny – Erection of new dwelling – land adjacent to Trewince House, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs Scott seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council believes this application to be for a new home in the countryside (and indeed within the Cornwall AONB). Certainly it represents a further intrusion of the built environment into the natural environment – on which it will have an adverse effect. Moreover, the development is unsustainable in terms of the National Planning Policy Framework. The existing settlement, which is without any services, is incapable of supporting more housing. If permitted, it will create further vehicular movements on the already crowded narrow roads which serve the settlement. Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA13/01189 Mr M Rowe – Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of dwelling – 36 Fore Street, Constantine. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

His wife being the applicant, Cllr Carter declared a pecuniary interest in the following application. He relinquished the Chair and left the room. Cllr Wiseman assumed the Chair.

PA13/00375 Mrs Christine Carter – Removal of agricultural occupancy condition relating to Decision Notice dated 30th November 1985 – Trengilly Vean, Bridge. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Cllr Carter returned to the room. Cllr Wiseman relinquished the Chair which was assumed by Cllr Carter.

Decisions

W2/PA09/00556/F APPROVED (Erection of a local needs dwelling, formation of an access track and parking area and installation of a septic tank) – Land Rear of Andersland, Brill – *noted*

PA10/03433 APPROVED (Temporary siting of a static caravan while building, installation of a cesspit and soakaway and formation of an access track) – Land rear of Andersland, Brill – *noted*

PA12/11936 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps (Submission of details to discharge Conditions 7, 10 and 11 in respect of decision notice PA12/04124) – Little Trevease, Constantine – *noted*

PA12/00546 WITHDRAWN (The erection of a new build detached two bedroom bungalow) – Land adjacent to Cedar Cottage Trewince Lane Port Navas – *noted*

9 CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Helford River Children’s Sailing Trust Annual Review – *noted*

Viridor notification of 2.9% increase in prices – *noted*

George Eustice MP concerning onshore wind turbines – *noted*

CCllr Hatton copy of letter to Planning Authority concerning PA12/ 10422 – *noted*

Helford River Children’s Sailing Trust invitation to attend an evening “Delivering the Legacy: Inspiring Cornwall’s next generation” with Andy Hunt, Chief Executive Team GB – *noted*

24 newsletter from the South Western Ambulance Service – *noted*

J.J.Gyll-Murray notification that he can no longer trim the Parish PROWs – *noted*

Robert Williams letter of resignation from the Parish Council – *noted*

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council’s financial position as at February 21, 2013. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Helford River Children’s Sailing Trust for financial help towards their *Sailing for All* programme. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Mrs Dunstan, and agreed that the sum of £100.00 be forwarded to the Helford River Children’s Sailing Trust under the terms of Section 19(3)(a) of the Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1976.

Members considered the formal removal of James Boote as a signatory from Constantine Parish Council’s accounts with Barclays Bank plc. Noting that Mr Boote ceased to be a Councillor some months ago,

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Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded that the authority granted to James Boote when he was a Councillor to sign cheques on behalf of Constantine Parish Council should be removed.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 49.52		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 302.80		
EdF Energy	£ 15.56	£ 14.82	£ 0.74
Viridor Waste Management Ltd (rental)	£ 10.04	£ 8.37	£ 1.67
R.Sanders (cemetery)	£ 165.00		
S.W.Water (public conveniences)	£ 107.38		
S.W.Water (cemetery)	£ 13.04		
Falmouth Garages Ltd	£ 39.86	£ 33.22	£ 6.64
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 29.82	£ 24.85	£ 4.97
E-On (public lighting)	£ 63.24	£ 60.23	£ 3.01
Constantine Stores	£ 31.75	£ 26.46	£ 2.29
J.J.Gyll-Murray	£ 30.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 400.26		
telephone	£ 17.28		
office expenses	£ 37.78		
travelling	£ 28.29		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 508.61		

Proposed by Cllr Bolt, seconded by Cllr Miss Evans, all others in favour that the above thirteen accounts be paid.

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Miss Evans reported that she had attended a Neighbourhood Planning Landscape Assessment training session at the end of January. The proposed methodology had proved to be a cut and paste exercise using the recently published Management Plan for the Cornwall AONB as a base document. The resultant document would form an important part of a Neighbourhood Plan, an introduction to which may be found on the Cornwall Council website.

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Members expressed concern about the widespread incidence of inconsiderate parking and blatant disregard for the rules of the Highway Code evident throughout the village and particularly outside the school. Following extensive discussion, the Clerk was asked to write to the Headmistress and to the Chair of the Parent Teacher Association with a request that parents' attention be drawn to the problems created by such thoughtless and selfish behaviour.

In the light of Cornwall Highways' observations on the proposed entrance to the car-park at Potager Garden (PA12/11192) members repeated their fears that, should the development proceed, lives will be at risk.

Speaking of Robert Williams' move to Gloucestershire to be nearer his family, the Chairman said that his presence on the Council will be sorely missed. He has served the community well for many years, initially as a member of Kerrier District Councillor and more recently as a Parish Councillor. His enthusiasm coupled with his knowledge and experience of local government had combined to make him a valued member of Constantine Parish Council. He wished Robert and his wife, Sally, a long and happy retirement.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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