

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday April 18, 2013 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

Visitors: CCllr Hatton.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the April meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Carter and Cllr Wiseman each declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 10 (a request from the Constantine Agricultural Association for help with funding).

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 Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, Cllr Mrs D'Alton and Cllr Lewis being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday March 21, 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 a single crime, concerning a dog, has been recorded in the Parish since the meeting in March. There had been further calls relating to the credentials of door-to-door salesmen, fly-tipping and a horse straying on the road. There were no calls in relation to anti-social behaviour. In nearby parishes, there have been thefts of lead and of tools from buildings sites. Police urge residents to note unusual activity (particularly out of normal hours) around such sites and to report it to the police immediately.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Hatton reported that

- although the new coarse fishing lake and its surrounds presently scar the landscape, he is confident that, in time, the facility will be seen as an asset to the community
- as a result of concerns both about its impact on the character of the landscape and about run-off from the site entering Argal Reservoir, the application for a solar farm at Halvasso was deferred at the last meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee. It will be determined at the next
- Cornwall Council no longer has a target for renewable energy generation
- unless the Local Plan Strategic Policies pre-submission document is agreed by Central Government, National Planning Policies will pertain (and their effect on the County will be marked)

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- materials for painting the historic fingerposts have been delivered to his home. He undertook to co-ordinate volunteers – once the weather has improved.

Speaking on behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked Cllr Hatton for all that he has done for the parish in his term of office. He wished him well in the coming elections.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Cornwall Association of Local Councils

Members considered an invitation to retain membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils for the year to March 31, 2014 in the sum of £362.01 + VAT. Cllr Mrs D'Alton proposed Cllr Miss Evans seconded all in favour to renew membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils for the coming year.

Constantine Silver Band

Members considered and, acting in their rôle as the Managing Trustee of the Recreation Ground, approved a request to use the Recreation Ground for the Brass and Voice weekend on July 20 and 21.

Constantine Parish Council considered a request from the Constantine Silver Band for its views concerning the siting of further storage containers on the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that the matter should be investigated both practically and legally, and the suggestion was aired that there might be space in the Carnival Committee's container to store the Silver Band's instruments.

Constantine Lawn Cemetery

Cllr Wiseman reported that Mr Robert Bowden has carried out the work necessary to fence the Garden of Remembrance and to replace the surface of the paths. The bank between the wall and the path, which has been created by the spoil from the path, needs seeding and it was agreed that Mr Bob Sanders should be asked to do this. The Clerk reported that he understands that the sign has either been cast or is in the process of being cast and Cllr Wiseman stated that he has a polished granite stone on which the sign can be mounted.

Members noted that Robert Bowden has stoned the triangle between the cemetery and the car-park.

Local Maintenance Partnership

Members considered an invitation from Cornwall Council to continue with the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme. The grant offered for the year to March 31, 2013 is £2,494.00 (or 100% of eligible costs, whichever is the lower). Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all in favour that Constantine Parish Council should accept the terms relating to the Local Maintenance Partnership as offered by Cornwall Council for the year to March 31, 2014.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA13/02380 and PA13/02381 Mr Andrew Pollard – Demolition of existing lean-to garage extension and renovation of retained principle structure as a dwelling – 22 Fore Street. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA13/00796 WITHDRAWN (Erection of new dwelling) – land adjacent to Trewince House, Port Navas – *noted*

PA13/01189 APPROVED (Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of dwelling) – 36 Fore Street, Constantine – *noted*

PA13/00896/PREAPP Closed - advice given/app submitted (Replace existing collapsing corrugated metal roof to existing garage with new slate roof. Increase roof height by 900mm - 1800mm to provide high level storage in part mezzanine) – Garage adjacent to Lower Treviades Bungalow – *noted*

PA13/01342 APPROVED (Listed building consent for renovation of the front lean-to extension at the side of Chestnut Cottage. Opening up of an existing doorway closed off with block work. Installation of insulation in ceiling and cover with plasterboard. Take off natural slate roof, felt and batten roof and replace with natural slate. Repair existing roof light or replace with conservation roof light of same size) – Chestnut Cottages, Port Navas – *noted*

PA13/02414/PREAPP Closed – advice given/app submitted (Erect polytunnel) – Constantine Community Primary School – *noted*

Correspondence

CC Phil Mason concerning wind turbines – *noted*

CC notification of an appeal against the Refusal of Planning Permission for the construction of a detached 4-bedroom dwelling at Ponsaverran, Port Navas – *noted*

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9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that Rev'd Turner had asked if the Parish Council would cut the grass around the War Memorial and, following discussion, the Chairman proposed and it was agreed that Mr Bob Sanders should be asked to do this whenever he cuts the churchyard across the road.

Correspondence

Cornwall Blind Association report on the use made of the grant from Constantine Parish Council – *noted*

Victim Support acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

CPRE Fieldwork and Countryside Voice newsletters – *noted*

PCDT Signpost newsletter – *noted*

Tony Mogford Associates Ltd Quarterly Play Area inspection report – *as a result of this report, the Clerk had instructed Mr Viv Beckerleg to remove the broken seat and to repair the gate to the play area*

Viridor Annual controlled waste transfer declaration – *noted*

JuMP minutes of the March meeting – *noted*

Fields in Trust various papers re AGM – *noted*

CC notification of an order under Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to create a Byway Open to All Traffic at Seworgan – *noted*

CPRE How to improve travel choices where you live – Travelkit – *noted*

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at April 18, 2013. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members reviewed rates of pay for employees of the Parish Council other than the Clerk. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that Mr Jorey's rate of pay should be increased to £325 per calendar month (£3,900 per annum) with effect from April 1, 2013. It was noted that Mrs Jennings' pay will be increased in October in line with the increase in the minimum wage.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council should approve the accounts for the year April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013.

Parish Councillors considered the Statement of Assurance required for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2013. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Councillors should answer 'Yes' to all the questions (save number 7 which should read 'Not Applicable') contained in the Statement of Assurance for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2013.

Members considered a request from the Constantine Silver Band for financial help. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Lewis, and agreed that, under the terms of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the sum of £300 be forwarded to the Constantine Silver Band.

As members of the Constantine Agricultural Association, Cllr Carter and Cllr Wiseman declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following request for help with funding from the Constantine Agricultural Association.

Cllr Carter relinquished the Chair. Cllr Bolt assumed the Chair. Cllr Bolt proposed and it was agreed to allow Cllr Carter and Cllr Wiseman to remain in the room and to speak about this matter should they so wish.

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 Mrs Dunstan, seconded by Cllr Mrs D'Alton, Cllr Carter and Cllr Wiseman abstaining, 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.

Cllr Bolt relinquished the Chair. Cllr Carter assumed the chair.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 49.52		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 299.60		
R.Sanders (cemetery)	£ 357.00		
CC Rates Demand (Lawn Cemetery)	£ 17.68		
CC Rate Demand (public convenience)	£ 392.70		
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 44.92	£ 37.43	£ 7.49
J.P.Richards (Internal Audit)	£ 250.00		

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E-On (public lighting)	£ 63.24	£ 60.23	£ 3.01
SW Water (public conveniences)	£ 54.25		
SW Water (cemetery)	£ 7.20		

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Salary (March)	£ 400.46		
telephone	£ 20.85		
office expenses	£ 54.63		
travelling	£ 68.95		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 569.89	

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

Members noted the following receipts

CC Precept (1 st instalment)	£ 17,000.00
CC CTS grant	£ 1,757.54
Keith Penrose (Mrs Jorey)	£ 250.00
HMRC (VAT refund)	£ 1,959.88

The following accounts relating to expenses incurred for the Recreation Ground were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
R.Booth Ltd (printing)	£ 57.60	£ 48.00	£ 9.60
Falmouth Garages (fuel)	£ 30.61	£ 25.61	£ 5.00
R.Booth Ltd (printing)	£ 37.20	£ 31.00	£ 6.20
SITA UK Ltd	£ 1,075.58		

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Dunstan, seconded by Cllr Bolt, all others in favour that the above four accounts be paid.

Members noted the following receipts relating to the Recreation Ground

Cornwall Community Foundation	£ 2,850.00
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11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Mrs D'Alton stated that she would do her best to answer questions Members might have concerning the AONB Forum meeting, notes of which she had forwarded for the last meeting. Individual concerns were raised about the potential scale of development outlined in Cornwall Council's Local Plan Strategic Policies pre-submission document (which had been the main topic of debate at the Forum meeting). It was noted that once the Local Plan is in place there will be an opportunity to produce Neighbourhood Plans.

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Wiseman stated that he had reported the breakdown of the road adjoining a drain in Parc Monga and that it had been repaired within twenty-four hours. However, he had been somewhat surprised that the repair had not extended to the hole (which had been scoured out by rain-water run-off) under the pavement.

Cllr Miss Evans reminded Members about the JuMP meeting in the Tolmen Centre on Saturday

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday May 16, 2013 at 7:00pm in The Vestry. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will follow on from that meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.21pm.

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