

THE PARISH OF CONSTANTINE

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Constantine held on Thursday May 16, 2013 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine. The Chairman of Constantine Parish Council, Cllr P.C.Carter, presiding Mr C.Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

Present: CCllr Hatton, Cllr Mrs D'Alton, Cllr Bolt, Cllr Mrs Dunstan, Cllr Miss Evans, Cllr Gray and Cllr Wiseman.

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lewis and Cllr Nicholls.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 17, 2012

Having been previously circulated and agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on June 14, 2012, Cllr Bolt proposed and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday May 17, 2012 are a true record and they were signed as such by the Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Carter said

"It gives me great pleasure to bring to you this evening the Chairman's report.

"As in previous years, this Parish Council has been very busy over the last twelve months keeping our parish running as our residents expect. I have once again enjoyed being your Chairman and continue to believe that this is a very pro-active Council.

"This evening gives me the opportunity to publically thank my fellow Councillors for their unending hard work, commitment of time and support. Thanks go to Cllr Eric Nicholls as Vice-Chairman. This is a very good time to record our thanks to CCllr Neil Hatton for his continued support of this Council and the endless amount of time he spends at County Hall fighting for the people of this area. This is also a good opportunity to thank our police officers for sending in their monthly reports, keeping us informed of the events and problems of this parish.

"Constantine Parish Council is the Management Trustee of the Alice Hext Trust which looks after the day-to-day running of the Recreation Ground and play area. The Parish Council is also the landlord of the Social Club. The past year has seen the JuMP Committee put in huge efforts in fund raising and with writing funding applications all with the ultimate goal of replacing the play equipment in the play area. Many thanks go to the hard-working members of that group. Cllr Nicholls is a member of the group and I thank him for putting so much time into it.

"By far the biggest event for the parish was the weekend to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The committee, chaired by James Agnew, put together a very varied and interesting four days of events. The Saturday saw the presentation of the Jubilee mugs which were given to the schoolchildren by the Parish Council. Myself and Jim Boote did this during the afternoon. The Sunday morning saw a Church Service in the marquee. Some of us paraded behind the band from the Church to the Recreation Ground. The big event of the Monday was the regatta at Polwheveral and the lighting of the beacon in the evening at Polwartha. A very wet Tuesday morning saw some of us at a tree planting event on the green space by the

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new car-park where an oak sapling from a Royal Forest was planted. I see it has survived its first winter and is now in leaf.

“In July, Christine and I were asked to march in front of the Helston Town Band for the Constantine *Brass on the Grass* event.

“In November, this Council supported the Poppy Appeal, purchasing a poppy wreath which Cllr Nicholls and I laid on behalf of the Parish Council at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. We take great pride in this duty, remembering those from this parish who served and died for their country.

“Christmas saw the usual purchase of trees for the village. This year it was organised by Ellen Worth with some advice and steering in the right direction from Cllr Wiseman: my thanks to them. I also thank Cllr Wiseman and his helpers for sorting out the lights. A new event was the lighting of the big tree in The Square opposite the Spar Shop. A good crowd of people turned out on a Saturday evening to make it a very special event. Well done to all those who helped out in any way.

“This last year we, as a Parish Council, have looked at and commented upon fifty-four planning applications (which is two less than the previous year). Some of these are straightforward but others can be more contentious and can take a lot of thought. I attended the Planning Committee meeting and spoke on the position of this Council on one particular application.

“Members of this Council are very conscious of the needs of the Parish when we set our precept. We need sufficient income to maintain and improve the areas we have responsibility for. The two big projects this year were the erection of the stone wall at Brillwater Road (which was completed last September) and the other, which has been completed only recently, was the laying of the new surface to the paths in the Lawn Cemetery and the post and chain fencing around the Garden of Remembrance. I have already heard praise from the public about a job well done. Thanks go to Councillors Wiseman and Gray for their hard work in managing this project.

“We as a Council are very conscious of the financial needs of our many parish organisations and, when requested, strive to help them as much as possible.

“As usual, I end with much thanks to our Parish Clerk, Colin Chapman who has much knowledge and continues to keep us well advised. I also need to thank my family and staff who are always prepared to cover for me when the need arises.”

4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman asked if members of the public had any questions concerning the business of the Council. There were none.

On behalf of the Council, Cllr Wiseman thanked the Chairman for his hard work and the time spent representing the Parish at various events, sentiments which were warmly endorsed by all those present.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 11, 2013

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 15, 2014

Chairman