

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Tuesday June 11, 2013 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

**Present:** Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman) Cllr C.Gray  
 Cllr A.H.Bolt  
 Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitor:** CCllr Hatton.

The Chairman welcomed members to the June meeting.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Members noted that one of the hinges holding the iron gate which leads into the new cemetery is loose. The Chairman said that he would take a look at it and see what could be done.

## **1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the agenda**

There were no declarations of gifts 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 Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 16, 2013 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

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## **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 four crimes have been recorded in the Parish since the meeting in May: taking a boat without consent, two incidents of criminal damage and a hoax 999 call to the fire brigade. There were several calls concerning the welfare of individual residents and the accidental activation of a business alarm. There were three calls relating to anti-social behaviour. Police again urge residents to note unusual activity and to report it to the police immediately.

## **6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

CCllr Hatton reported that

- in order to remain a member of both the Strategic and the Planning West Planning Committees he had recently undergone two days of training
- community benefit derived from wind and solar farms is being administered by the Cornwall Community Foundation
- further to the matter of the recent accident in the churchyard, it appears that Cornwall Council (which bears full responsibility for closed churchyards) has only trimmed the grass. Moreover, this year, that trimming is being carried out by Cormac which in turn is employing the Community Payback Team. The

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team which had started work on Sunday during the church service and which had carried on throughout the day had caused considerable irritation. He is looking into the whole issue and in particular whether or not the responsibility for maintenance of the closed churchyard can be devolved down to the Parish

- his share of the Community Chest, to be shared between the three parishes during the course of the year is £2,200
- no decision has as yet been made concerning Cornwall Councillors' individual highways' budget.

## 7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Co-option of Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that he had received no expression of interest from members of the public in co-option onto the Council. It was agreed that members should approach residents known to them who may be interested in co-option.

### Campaign to Protect Rural England

Members considered whether or not to renew corporate membership of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed and it was agreed not to renew membership of the CPRE.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### The Recreation Ground

The Clerk stated that the first step in implementation of a Dogs Exclusion Order under the *Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005* to cover the Recreation Ground is to consult with local people. To this end, he presented Councillors with an informal survey seeking residents' views on the matter for distribution within the village with replies sought before the meeting in July. Dependent upon the tenor of replies, the step following this is consultation with Cornwall Council's Public Health and Legal Services Departments.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council, acting as the Management Trustee for the Alice Hext Trust, has received a request from the Social Club to extend the lease on the Club premises to include both the grassed area to the east of the building and the pavilion/changing rooms for an increase in the annual rent of £60. Following discussion, it was agreed to defer making a decision about this matter to the meeting in July and in the meanwhile to seek answers to a number of questions arising from the Social Club's request.

## 9 PLANNING MATTERS

### Applications

PA13/02914 Mr John Gleadowe – Proposed replacement dwelling – Calamansack Waterings, Constantine. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/03397 Mr T.Denny – Erection of new dwelling – land adjacent to Trewince House, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council sees no reason to alter its earlier observation on an application for a dwelling on this site. It 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.*

PA13/03559 Mr R Bowden – Installation of 2 x 5kw wind turbines (Evince R9000) on 15m towers – Boswidjack Farm, Tucoyse Lane, Higher Brill. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council notes that this proposal seeks to allow two wind turbines to be sited on prominent land designated as an Area of Great Landscape Value and within a mile of the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty from which these turbines will be highly visible. Policy 7 of the Cornwall Structure Plan 2004 states that areas of national landscape importance ... should not be harmed by wind farms. This area of Cornwall remains quietly rural in nature: it has no wind turbines and attracts holiday-makers for the very reason that it is 'unspoilt' and that man-made structures of 15m and more do not impose themselves on the landscape thus altering its character. Those holiday-makers bring economic benefit to the many and varied local micro-businesses who carry out their trade within the area and whose very survival relies on holiday-makers. For these reasons, Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

### Decisions

PA13/03750 Prior approval not req'd (AF/TEL/DEM) – Prior notification for the construction of agricultural building for housing – Nanjarow Farm, Constantine – *noted*

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PA13/04858 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Submission of details to discharge condition 5 and 8 on PA12/03071 – Nanjarrow Farm, Constantine – *noted*

## 10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk asked Councillors to consider altering the date of the November meeting to November 14: this was agreed.

### Correspondence

**Cornwall Council formal** notification of the addition to the Definitive Map of a restricted Byway at Seworgan – *noted*

**Mr James Agnew** concerning the Jubilee Pebble – *noted*

**CCllr Hatton** copy of letter to the Planning Department concerning PA12/10422 erection of extension, Maen Toll, Job's Water – *noted*

**CC** Introduction to Planning training evenings – *noted*

**CC** reminder to Councillors concerning return of election expenses – *noted*

## 11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at June 11, 2013. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 364.60		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 303.60		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 61.90		
W.B.Bowden (Lawn Cemetery)	£ 1,766.46	£ 1,472.05	£ 294.41
EDF Energy (final Church Square)	£ 10.47	£ 9.97	£ 0.50
R.Sanders (churchyard)	£ 365.00		
R. Sanders (footpaths) 5, 14, 17, 23, 25, 30, 31	£ 228.50		
Viridor	£ 77.56	£ 64.63	£ 12.93
E.On (public lighting)	£ 63.24	£ 60.23	£ 3.01
Viridor	£ 11.88	£ 9.90	£ 1.98
Colin Chapman			
Salary (June)	£ 400.26		
telephone	£ 16.56		
office expenses	£ 65.76		
travelling	£ 28.29		
Signcast (cemetery plaque)	£ 188.35		
use of home	£ 25.00		

total £ 724.22

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

The following account in relation to expenses for the Recreation Ground was presented for payment

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Falmouth Garages Ltd	£ 50.06	£ 41.72	£ 8.34

Proposed by Cllr Bolt, seconded by Cllr Gray, all others in favour that the above account be paid.

Members noted the following sums received on behalf of the Alice Hext Trust

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Mr and Mrs Hatton	£ 100.00		
Mr Just	£ 200.00		
Mrs Bale	£ 50.00		
Mrs Sobey	£ 100.00		
Mr Ford	£ 100.00		
Mr and Mrs D.Nicholls	£ 50.00		

## 12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

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There were no reports from Committees or representatives.

**13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The Chairman stated that he had been most impressed with the work done on the footpaths and stiles by Mr Bob Sanders.

The Clerk was asked to ensure that the question of his salary is an agenda item in the next meeting of the informal finance committee.

**14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday July 18, 2013 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.34pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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