

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr A.H.Bolt Cllr Miss C.Evans
 Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan Cllr E.Wiseman
 Cllr C.Gray Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Hatton, Mr Down, Mr Garbutt, Mr Symes Mr Webber and Mr Williamson.

Neither the Chairman nor the Vice-Chairman being present, it was agreed that Cllr Wiseman should assume the Chair for this meeting.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members noted that

- the footpath between the Penbothidno Estate and Bowling Green Road has been cut and tidied
- there are a number of dangerous potholes on the road entering the Penbothidno estate
- the edge of the road between Constantine and Port Navas (near the view over Polwheveral Creek) has disintegrated and presents a danger to passing motorists
- the decision to permit a storage container to be sited near the Vicarage Terrace gateway to the Recreation Ground was made without reference to the Bowling Club
- the printing facility (which produces the *Constant Times*) and which forms part of the Constantine Enterprises Company is old, dilapidated and dying and needs an injection of cash to enable it to continue.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Carter (work), Cllr Nicholls (work) and PCSO Wood sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour to accept these apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest 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 Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, Cllr Wiseman being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday September 12, 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 Bill Wood reported that two crimes have been recorded in the Parish since the meeting in September: an offence against the Communications Act 2003 and a (non-crime) child protection incident.

There were nine further calls, notably concerning animals on the highway, parking and obstruction problems and anti-social behaviour.

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PCSO Gardiner has started on a training course with the aim of becoming a Police Officer and PCSO Andy Huddleston is still away from work on sick leave.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hatton reported that

- the application for two wind turbines at Little Trevease was refused by the West Planning Committee
- the proposed conversion of the barn at Trevaney has been withdrawn and the appeal against the refusal of permission for the construction of a detached four-bedroomed dwelling at Ponsaverran, Port Navas has been dismissed
- Mawnan has the paint and brushes necessary to paint the historic fingerposts: the arm missing from the Calamansack fingerpost is being cast and the arms from the fingerpost at High Cross are missing
- the road at Carwythenack will be closed in early November (it is important that road closure signs are removed immediately the work is completed)
- the rubbish bin opposite the Spar Shop has not been replaced as promised (he will contact the officer concerned)
- there have been a number of meetings concerning the budget for the coming financial year at which members of the public have been invited to suggest ways of cutting costs and improving services. The Budget is due to be set in November but he is doubtful that a 0% rise can be expected

In answer to a question concerning the newly appointed Route Masters (Highway Inspectors), Cllr Hatton stated that their employment is a matter for Cormac and not the Unitary Authority.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Parish Councillors

Members noted the resignation from the Council of Cllr Lewis.

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 to place advertisements seeking new Councillors on the notice-boards in the Church magazine and in the *Constant Times*.

Recreation Ground – Dogs exclusion ban

The Clerk reported that the regulations require that an advertisement should be placed in a newspaper announcing the proposed order to exclude dogs (other than support dogs used by disabled people) from the Recreation Ground. Members noted that the cost of doing this either in the *West Briton* or the *Falmouth Packet* is prohibitive and it was agreed to place the advertisement in the *Constant Times* which has the added advantage of being delivered free-of-charge to every household in the Parish.

Community Network Panel

The Clerk read a letter from Mark James (CC Community Network Manager) inviting comments on the future operation of the Falmouth and Penryn Community Network. Members agreed that the way it had worked in the past had been largely irrelevant to the workings of a rural parish (and indeed that the towns had dominated every meeting), but that there might be advantages in meeting with other rural parishes to discuss common problems. It was a widely held view amongst Councillors that the Network is simply another layer of bureaucracy.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Churchyard

Further to the decision made in full Council at the last meeting, the Clerk was asked to seek quotations for cutting the grass in the closed churchyard of St Constantine. Invitations to tender to be placed on the notice-boards and in the *Constant Times*. The matter to be discussed at the meeting in January.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA13/03796 Mrs Mary Vyvyan – Change of use and re-cladding of storage building to accommodate biomass boiler and woodchip store – Merthen Manor, 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.*

PA13/07393 Mr and Mrs Meadows – Proposed new detached annex, replacing existing garage and sail-loft – Poltoge, Port Navas. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Subject to a condition that use of the annex remains ancillary to the use of Poltoge, Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

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PA13/08008 Mr and Mrs A.Pickard – Outline Application with all matters reserved: construction of dwelling garage and formation of parking area – The Gazebo, Bridge. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/08211 Mr and Mrs A Konik – Proposed dwelling in rear garden with new access and amendments to existing garage – Jades, Bowling Green. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports the principle of developing this area of land, but has concerns about the height of the proposed dwelling, which will be out of keeping with the immediate built environment. There are further concerns about an additional dwelling connecting to what is already an overloaded sewer.*

PA13/08311 Mr Timothy Taylor – Retention of Amenity Extension and Swimming Pool (Previous Permission ref no: PA08/01654/F) – Oyster House, Constantine. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council would draw the Planning Authority's attention to its observations relating to PA08/01654/F which were returned in October 2008.*

PA13/08312 Mr Charlie Watt – Various works to trees – The Old Orchard, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Subject to the agreement of the County Tree Officer, Constantine Parish Council is supportive of this application.*

PA13/09136 Mr and Mrs Stanford – Reinstatement of cottage from holiday lets and formation of additional parking with first floor extension and inclusion of balcony with parking underneath – Ponsaverran, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council believes the proposed balcony raises concerns for the privacy of neighbours to the west but otherwise supports this application.*

PA13/09208 Mr D Holmes – Various tree works – Trewince Cottage, Port Navas. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Subject to the agreement of the County Tree Officer, Constantine Parish Council is supportive of this application.*

Pre-Application

PA13/02796/PREAPP Bluefield Energy Limited – Pre-application for development for an approximate 3.28 mega watt peak known as Antigua Solar Farm. The project will be on agricultural land, grade 4, next to the pre-existing solar farm, Little Treavease – Land at Butteriss Farm, Edgcombe. Members noted that this consultation invites comments as part of a pre-application process. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to comment as follows *In the absence of a formal application, Constantine Parish Council is constrained by the Code of Conduct from commenting on this proposal. However it is aware that any application will provoke considerable opposition from the local community to what will, in effect, be an expansion of the existing solar farm. Objections to a full application will undoubtedly include concerns about the cumulative visual impact of so many prominent, industrial-sized renewable energy developments on this rural area (which owing to its height above sea level offers memorable views over the landscape of West Cornwall), of the effect locally on tourism and micro-businesses, of the change of use of this land from agricultural to industrial.*

Decisions

PA12/04445 APPEAL DISMISSED – (Erection of a detached four bed roomed dwelling) – Ponsaverran, Port Navas, Constantine – *noted*

PA13/07082 APPROVED – (Erection of a New Dwelling. (Previously granted Outline Planning Approval)) – Land adjacent to Comfort Farm, Well Lane – *noted*

PA13/06868 WITHDRAWN The existing agricultural barn is proposed to be converted to a private dwelling, the works will involve rebuilding and stabilisation of the existing barn structure, there will be a new built extension to provide appropriate accommodation for a three bedroom house – Trevaney Farm, High Cross – *noted*

PA13/08839 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps Submission of details to discharge condition 4 in respect of decision notice PA13/02914 – Calamansack Waterings – *noted*

PA13/09079 Not acceptable as amendment Application for Non Material amendment to PA13/02914 for Proposed replacement dwelling; namely change to external finishes; addition of weatherboard to all first floor elevations; plain render to all ground floor elevations – Calamansack Waterings – *noted*

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10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Superfast Cornwall notification that grants are available for business funding – *noted*

Constantine Silver Band letter of appreciation for permitting a storage container for use by the band to be sited on the Recreation Ground – *noted*

Cornwall Council Community Emergency Plan Meetings and Community Flood Forum Conference – *noted*

Constantine Pre-School acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Jubilee Committee invitation to attend the unveiling ceremony on Saturday November 23 at 10.00am – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Members considered a request from the Constantine Enterprises Company for financial help towards the printing facility which publishes the Constant Times and provides services for several local organisations. Following discussion and using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 16, 2013), Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded all in favour that the sum of £150 should be forwarded to the Constantine Enterprises Company to used towards the cost of replacement printing machinery and software.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 50.48		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 303.40		
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (public convenience)	£ 150.00		
20/20 Displays Ltd (Jubilee Stone)	£ 655.20	£ 546.00	£ 109.20
R.Sanders (Churchyards)	£ 805.00		
E.On	£ 61.19	£ 58.28	£ 2.91
Mr D.A.Paton (Jubilee Stone)	£ 400.00		
SSE Contracting Ltd	£ 210.78	£ 175.65	£ 35.13
Viridor	£ 44.52	£ 37.10	£ 7.42
Travis Perkins	£ 39.17	£ 32.64	£ 6.53
Mr Peter Tatham (Jubilee Stone)	£ 50.00		
Mr James Agnew (Jubilee Stone)	£ 50.00		
Colin Chapman			
salary (September)	£ 404.28		
telephone	£ 33.78		
office expenses	£ 59.54		
travelling	£ 21.22		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 543.82		

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

Members noted the following receipts

Frederick Wearne & Sons (Mr Gendall)	£ 32.00
CC Community Chest (Jubilee pebble)	£ 500.00

The following accounts in relation to expenses for the Recreation Ground were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Falmouth Garages	£ 40.03	£ 33.36	£ 6.67
W.B.Bowden	£ 286.80	£ 239.00	£ 47.80

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

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Members noted that the JuMP Committee has received confirmation of a grant towards the refurbishment of the play area from SITA Cornwall of £30,000

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13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no further comments from individual Councillors.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday November 14, 2013 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.31pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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