

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday December 12, 2013 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present: Cllr P.Carter Cllr C.Gray
 Cllr A.H.Bolt Cllr N.Wiseman
 Cllr Mrs E.D'Alton
 Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Hatton, Mr Mitchell and Mr Montag.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the December meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members noted that

- the field, which is the subject of PA13/10859, already has an access
- and that access is one of nine along that particular stretch of road
- the applicant, who owns a portion of the field, requires access to that portion
- regrets have been publically expressed that the Parish Council has not (as it has in the immediate past) involved itself in the Christmas decorations along Fore Street
- thanks to a number of small grants, the Constant Times now has a new printing press and the necessary associated software.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Miss Evans (prior appointment), Cllr Nicholls (work), PCSO Huddleston and PCSO Wood sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt 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 Gray proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, Cllr Bolt and Cllr Carter being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday November 14, 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 which were not included on this agenda.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Huddleston reported that in the last two months four crimes were dealt with by the police: a Public Order offence (neighbour dispute), an arrest for driving with excess alcohol, the unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle and a complaint involving sheep worrying. Enquiries are being undertaken by the Coastguard to establish the ownership of a dinghy found drifting at Port Navas.

Members of the Force with responsibilities for Constantine wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Hatton reported that

- officers from the Cornwall Council Environmental Heritage Trust removed the arms and the sleeve from the historic fingerpost at High Cross for renovation purposes. It has been suggested that future renovation projects might be the subject of communication between departments

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- Cornwall Council has agreed to impose a rise of 1.97% in the Council Tax demanded from residents. It is felt that this will be sufficient to steady the ship at present, but there are predictions of a continuing decline in the grant from Central Government
- a survey of Town and Parish Councils reveals that two thirds of them believe that the Community Networks should be discontinued. However, there would be greater support for them if they had more powers and a devolved budget. The Falmouth and Penryn Network has not met since July 2013
- there is a meeting of the full Council on January 14 to agree the Local Plan: in the meanwhile, soundings are being taken at central government level to determine whether or not the figure of 42,000 new homes in the county, as proposed in the Local Plan, will be acceptable
- Ward Members who have residents attending Helston School are seeking ways of attracting central government funding to refurbish 'C' block (which is currently not fit for purpose).

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that he had received no expression of interest from members of the public in co-option onto the Council.

Dates of coming meetings

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the dates for the meetings in 2014/2015 will be as follows

January 16, 2014	Ordinary Meeting
February 20, 2014	Ordinary Meeting
March 20, 2014	Ordinary Meeting
April 17, 2014	Ordinary Meeting
May 15, 2014	Annual Parish Meeting
May 15, 2014	Annual Meeting
June 19, 2014	Ordinary Meeting
July 17, 2014	Ordinary Meeting
September 18, 2014	Ordinary Meeting
October 16, 2014	Ordinary Meeting
November 13, 2014	Ordinary Meeting
December 11, 2014	Ordinary Meeting
January 15, 2015	Ordinary Meeting
February 19, 2015	Ordinary Meeting

Public Question Time will precede all meetings which are due to begin at 7:00pm

Recreation Ground (report from the JuMP Advisory Committee)

Mr Montag reported that he has now chaired the JuMP Advisory Committee for just over a year. In that time and in brief, the group

- with the help of Brian Jorey and half a dozen young people from the village, has overseen the repair of the gazebo
- has started work on preparing the ground to receive the Youth Club pavilion (again with the help of young people from the village)
- ran a number of workshops (the subject of which was the design of the play area) during the school summer holidays
- has consulted Year 6 pupils at the school about the design of the proposed play area
- would like authority to employ a professional playground designer who will incorporate the children's ideas into the final ground plan (Following discussion, the Chairman proposed and it was agreed that it is essential to seek professional advice concerning the lay-out of the play area.)
- has raised about £56,000 both from residents and grant making organisations
- will be in a position to make recommendations to the Parish Council at the next meeting
- and expects at least six items of new equipment to be in place by the summer of 2014.

Speaking on behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman said that what the committee has achieved is quite remarkable and that the community owed them all a huge vote of thanks.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA13/10539 Mr Richard Badcock – Erection of a detached agricultural dwelling with integral farm office to replace existing mobile home and construction of a double domestic garage – Little Trevaney Farm, High Cross. Cllr Bolt 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.*

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PA13/10859 Mr Geoffrey Trebilcock – Proposed gateway to gain safe access to agricultural land – land opposite Little Trengilly. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA13/03796 APPROVED – Change of use and re-cladding of storage building to accommodate biomass boiler and wood chip store – Merthen Manor, Constantine – *noted*

PA13/06781 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Submission of details to discharge conditions 2 & 3 in respect of decision notice PA10/03289 Retention and completion of dwelling (amended design) – 18 Brillwater Road, Constantine – *noted*

PA13/07393 APPROVED – Proposed new detached annex, replacing existing garage & sail-loft – Poltoge, Port Navas – *noted*

PA13/07899 WITHDRAWN – To erect a log cabin and site two polytunnels – Homelands, Constantine – *noted*

PA13/08008 APPROVED – Outline Application with all matters reserved: Construction of dwelling garage and formation of parking area – The Gazebo, Bridge – *noted*

PA13/08311 APPROVED – Retention of Amenity Extension and Swimming Pool (Previous Permission ref no: PA08/01654/F) – Oyster House, Port Navas – *noted*

PA13/09136 APPROVED – 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 – *noted*

PA13/09208 APPROVED – Various tree works – Trewince Cottage, Port Navas – *noted*

PA13/09472 APPROVED – Barn conversion to form a dwelling – Carloggas Farm, Constantine – *noted*

PA13/09651 APPROVED – Non-material amendment for the Frame 3 inverters and transformers have been combined, the frame 2 inverters are slightly small was approved, the small Wi-Fi aerial has been affixed to each of the frame 3 inverter/transformer buildings, the communications building installed 130m south of its approved location and a small aerial and satellite dish have been affixed, the DNO have installed an aerial and a security light on their substation, and the measurements of the building are slightly different than approved. The client side substation is slightly smaller than the approved cabinet, and has a flat, rather than peaked roof and the communications building is slightly larger than the approved building in respect of decision notice PA12/04124 – Little Trevease, Constantine – *noted*

PA13/10091 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Submission of details to discharge conditions 3, 4, 5 and 6 attached to decision PA13/07082 – Land Adjacent To Comfort Farm, Well Lane, Constantine – *noted*

Correspondence

CC notification that an appeal has been made to the Department for Communities and Local Government in respect of the decision to refuse planning permission for the erection of a new dwelling on land adjacent to Trewince House, Port Navas – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

HMRC notification that the Alice Hext Charity is now registered for tax purposes – *noted*

Royal British Legion acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Tony Mogford Associates Quarterly play equipment safety inspection (no new issues) – *noted*

Mrs Scatchard request to park approximately fifty cars on the Recreation Ground on Saturday May 10, 2014 – *the Clerk to reply*

CC Renewable Energy Landscapes consultancy document – *the Clerk to reply*

CC Temporary Road Closure between Trewardreva and Tresahor 6-10 January (0930 – 1630) – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at December 12, 2013. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered the Precept for the year from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Bolt all in favour that the Precept for the year 2014/2015 should again be set at £34,000

Members considered a request from Cornwall Air Ambulance for financial help with the work done by the Trust. Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 16, 2013), Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £100 to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust.

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Members considered a request from Mr Burke for financial help towards the cost of a Christmas Tree in Port Navas. Following discussion, Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs D'Alton seconded, all in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 16, 2013), Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £25 to Mr Burke.

Members considered renewing membership of Fields in Trust (which is the Custodian Trustee of the Alice Hext Recreation Ground) in the sum of £25. Following discussion, Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 16, 2013), Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £25 to Fields in Trust and so renew membership.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 63.10		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 303.40		
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 368.00		
SSE (fuse replacement)	£ 33.61	£ 28.01	£ 5.60
Bob Sanders	£ 630.00		
W.B.Bowden and Sons (hedge trimming)	£ 54.00	£ 45.00	£ 9.00
SSE Contracting	£ 210.78	£ 175.65	£ 35.13
E.On	£ 61.19	£ 58.28	£ 2.91
Viridor	£ 44.52	£ 37.10	£ 7.42
Harlequin Design	£ 30.00	£ 25.00	£ 5.00
E.Nicholls (Christmas Trees repayment)	£ 216.00		
Colin Chapman			
salary (November)	£ 404.28		
telephone	£ 17.17		
office expenses	£ 25.88		
travelling	£ 29.17		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 501.50	

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

The following accounts in relation to expenses for the Recreation Ground have been tendered for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Roy Osgood (repair of hedge)	£ 140.00		
Baileys Country Store	£ 212.49	£ 177.08	£ 35.41
Di-Mar Garden Machinery (repair)	£ 42.00	£ 35.00	£ 7.00

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

Members noted the following receipt

Keith Penrose (Mr Penlerrick)	£ 260.00
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12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Mrs D'Alton reported that she had attended a workshop run by Cornwall Council on the assessment of landscape sensitivity. Condensed notes will be forwarded to members, but the emphasis of the meeting had been on the consideration of facts rather than emotions.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

The Chairman publically thanked Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Wiseman who stood in for him at the last two meetings while he was working. He went on to wish everyone a very happy Christmas.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday January 16, 2014 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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