

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday February 20, 2014 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

Visitors: CCllr Hatton and Mr Slater.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Slater stated that he was present to ask the Parish Council to oppose the proposed development at 31, Trebarvah Road. He stated that the proposal

- is for a two-storey building the size of a four-bedroomed house
- if built, it will result in a loss of privacy for his property in that the northern window (and the integral Juliet balcony) will overlook his conservatory
- similarly the older peoples' bungalows in Wheal Vyvyan to the east will be overlooked
- the lie of the land makes natural screening impossible
- the proposed building might better be built on the building line to the west of 31, Trebarvah Road.

Members noted that slates and builder's debris have been fly-tipped at the side of the road near Trecombe. Residents are asked to contact CCllr Hatton if they know of a small re-roofing job recently completed locally.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs D'Alton (representing Constantine Parish Council at the CALC AGM), Cllr Nicholls (travel problems due to the weather) 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

As members of the Constantine Cottage Garden Committee, Cllr Bolt, Cllr Gray and Cllr Wiseman all declared an interest in agenda items 7 and 10

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 Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendments, the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday January 16, 2014 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES BUT NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Mrs Dunstan reported that she had spoken to Ms Hitchcox of Constantine Nurseries who advised that the time for pruning the gorse in the garden on The Square has passed, particularly as the bushes are now in bud. Nevertheless, there are some straggling branches which need attention and Cllr Mrs Dunstan undertook to see to this before the next meeting. The Council will contact Ms Hitchcox in October/November to request her expert help with the maintenance of the garden.

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5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Huddleston reported that since the last meeting three crimes (a threat of violence and two child protection incidents) were reported to the police. Nine calls were logged, including reports of two traffic collisions, two fallen trees, a damaged power line and concerns for the welfare of three individuals.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hatton reported that

- a tree, which had fallen across the road at Polwheveral bridge, was cut up by a passing motorist almost before the incident had been reported to the emergency services
- the Community Grant scheme for this year is now closed. He donated the final £500 of his annual allocation to the Helston Museum
- subject to confirmation, next year's Community Grant Scheme will be reduced to £2,000 for each member
- the Community Network Panel Meeting on February 25 is at Mylor and is aimed particularly at involving the rural parishes. (Cllr Carter and Cllr Wiseman indicated that they will be attending)
- a consultation questionnaire concerned with the future of the Mobile Library Service is available both on-line and in paper form. Members noted that the Mobile Library has proved to be a life-line for elderly people living in Constantine for many years and that the proposal to set up small libraries within communities will result in considerable loss of choice of reading matter. Nevertheless, a decision has been made to reduce the cost of this service
- the fingerpost at High Cross is still awaiting its arms, whilst that at the turn down to Nancenoy has adopted a jaunty angle (the Chairman offered to straighten it when passing)
- a full Council Meeting next week is likely to confirm an increase of 1.97% in the Council Tax
- the Chief Executive has combined the duties of the present six heads of service in such a way that only three heads of service will now be employed.

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 future meetings

Cllr Wiseman asked members to re-consider the date agreed for the April meeting, it being Maundy Thursday. Following discussion, members agreed that the date should be put forward a week to Thursday April 24, 2014.

Alice Hext Recreation Ground

Members considered a report from the JuMP Advisory Group recommending acceptance of a quotation in the sum of £41,472 for the supply and installation of eight items of equipment from the Proludic play equipment company. Following discussion, Cllr Gray proposed Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour to accept this quotation and to thank the members of the JuMP Committee for the superb work they have all done in taking the project this far.

Cllr Wiseman reported that the cap stones have fallen off the retaining wall of part of the bank between Brillwater Road and the Recreation Ground and that moreover the retaining wall itself is bulging. The Clerk reported that he has asked Mr Osgood to replace the cap stones. Following discussion it was agreed to try to push the wall back into the slope once the weather has improved and the bank has dried out.

Further to Cllr Wiseman's report at the last meeting concerning the replacement of the damaged lap-larch fencing at the Bowling Club, it was noted that the Club has ordered eleven panels (currently in very short supply throughout the country) which will be invoiced to the Parish Council at a net cost of £181.06

Constantine Cottage Garden Society

Acting as the Management Trustee for the Alice Hext Charitable Trust, Members considered a request from the Constantine Cottage Garden Society for permission to hold its Annual Show on the Recreation Ground on the week-end of July 19, 2013. Cllr Carter proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, Cllr Bolt, Cllr Gray and Cllr Wiseman having earlier declared an interest in this matter abstained, all others in favour to allow Constantine Cottage Garden Society to use the Recreation Ground for the Annual Show from Thursday July 17 to Monday July 21.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Public Lighting

The Clerk reported that he has spoken to Mr Dave Hendry of Cornwall Council about devolving responsibility for public lighting within the Parish back to the Unitary Authority. He stated that to bring the lamps up to Cornwall's standard will cost some £20,000 against which must be considered their annual cost to the Parish Council, which, last year, amounted to £3,003.27. A number of the lamps presently need replacement and it would seem to be an

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opportune moment to consider upgrading all the lamps to Cornwall's requirements – and then passing the responsibility for their maintenance to the Unitary Authority. If Members wish to pursue this route, then it might be possible to borrow the necessary capital from the Public Works Loans Board. A problem arises in that Cornwall is not willing to take on three of the Parish Council's lights because it considers them either to be remote or too far back from the highway. Considerable discussion followed, not least about the ownership of individual lights, as a result of which it was agreed to defer the matter to the meeting in March

9 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA13/11664 Mr D.Adair – Proposed development of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works including inverter housings, security fencing and cameras – Butteriss Farm, Edgcumbe. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, Cllr Bolt abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports Wendron Parish Council's request for refusal.*

PA13/11771 Dr and Mrs Hocken – Demolition of existing sub-standard garage and construction of new garage – The Cottage, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *The application about which Constantine Parish Council has been asked to comment shows the proposed building intruding upon land for which it is the Custodian Trustee. The applicants have not served proper notice on the Council by the delivery of a Certificate B and therefore the application is invalid.*

PA13/11772 Dr and Mrs Hocken – Listed Building consent in respect of the demolition of existing sub-standard garage and construction of new garage – The Cottage, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *The application about which Constantine Parish Council has been asked to comment shows the proposed building intruding upon land for which it is the Custodian Trustee. The applicants have not served proper notice on the Council by the delivery of a Certificate B and therefore the application is invalid.*

PA14/00080 Mr & Mrs C Fletcher – Conversion and extension of agricultural barn (Barn A) to create residential dwelling – Barn A, Trevaney Farm High Cross. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/00135 Mr and Mrs R.A.Berry – Erection of Agricultural Building 18m x 8.2m for housing stock – Lower Treglidgwith Farm, Ponjeravah. 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.*

PA14/00688 Miss Anna Bingham – Alterations by adding an attic storey and extension to a single storey granite building – The Cartshed, Tresahor. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Whilst not unsympathetic to an extension of this modest dwelling, Constantine Parish Council believes that these proposals are too extensive and will be visually intrusive in the rural setting. Moreover, the Parish Council believes that the proposed admixture of external finishes in this historic quarried landscape of granite dwellings is out of place. Constantine Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA14/00865 Mr Brad Watson – Proposed garage/boat store, gym and additional accommodation with balconies on the North East and South West elevations, replacing existing garage – 31, Trebarvah Road. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council has serious concerns about overlooking issues and the consequent loss of privacy for neighbouring properties (particularly those to the east and the north) that would occur should this additional accommodation be built. Constantine Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

Decisions

PA13/09478 APPROVED – Proposed improved entrance to facilitate tractor and trailer access for woodland and field management – Site at Port Navas Quay Road – *noted*

PA13/10370 APPROVED – Creation of additional floor to adjoining building to create a dining room and play room/study with the inclusion of a balcony – Tredella, Trewince Lane – *noted*

PA13/10859 APPROVED – Proposed gateway to gain safe access to agricultural land – Land on Western Edge of Bridge – *noted*

PA13/11322 APPROVED – Demolish and replace existing garage – Panoramic View, Constantine – *noted*

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PA14/00143 APPROVED – extension (to replace greenhouse) and conversion of existing out building previously used as a workshop to a home office and music room – Penolva House, Treviades – *noted*

PA14/00835 APPROVED – Reduction in size of extension and conversion of hall, as originally planned, to shower room (amendment to PA12/00011) – Alpine Cottage, Seworgan – *noted*

Correspondence

Mrs Scott (Chairman Port Navas Village Hall) concerning the extent of land claimed to be in the ownership of Dr and Mrs Hocken and their planning application numbered PA13/11772 – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Tony Mogford Associates Ltd Play Area quarterly inspection report – *noted*

Cornwall AONB invitation to Annual Forum and complimentary calendars – *noted*

SITA Cornwall Trust notification of the award of funding up to £30,000 – *noted*

CC Public Consultation document: Affordable Housing supplementary planning document – *noted*

Cornwall AONB invitation to Annual Forum Saturday March 22 at Duchy College, Stoke Climsland – *noted*

CC Public Consultation document: home to school – *noted*

Cornwall Waste Forum St Dennis Branch request to support Stithians Parish Council document – *noted*

CC Public Consultation document: mobile libraries and one-stop shops – *the Clerk to respond*

CC notification that payment of recycling credit will be discontinued with effect from April 1, 2014 – *noted*

Falmouth and Penryn Community Network Panel agenda for the meeting on February 25, 2014 – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at February 20, 2014. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

As Committee Members of Constantine Cottage Garden Society, Cllr Bolt, Cllr Gray and Cllr Wiseman each declared a personal interest in the following item. At the invitation of the Chairman and with the approval of all other members of the Council, they remained in the room, but took no part in the discussion and abstained from voting.

Members considered a request from the Constantine Cottage Garden Society for financial help towards the costs and prizes for the Village's best kept garden and hanging basket competitions. Following discussion, Cllr Carter proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, Cllr Bolt, Cllr Gray and Cllr Wiseman abstained all others 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 £250 to the Constantine Cottage Garden Society.

Members considered a request from Victim Support for financial help with funding the cost of its work. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Gray all others 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 £25.00 to Victim Support.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 303.40		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 50.48		
SW Water (Public Convenience)	£ 110.76		
SW Water (Cemetery)	£ 14.64		
E.On (public lighting)	£ 63.24	£ 60.23	£ 3.01
R.Sanders (churchyards)	£ 375.00		
Cornwall Council (waste bin)	£ 377.34	£ 314.45	£ 62.89
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 404.28		
telephone	£ 19.47		
office expenses	£ 29.05		
travelling	£ 35.36		
Land Registry	£ 3.00		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 516.16	

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

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 200.17	£ 166.80	£ 33.37
SITA Cornwall Trust	£ 1,650.00		

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

Members noted the following receipts

Cornwall Council (closed churchyard)	£ 450.00
Keith Penrose Funeral Services (Mr Trethowan)	£ 269.00

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from committees or representatives

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Gray asked about the progress of the Dog Control Order for the Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that information had come to hand about legal problems concerning the notice placed in the Constant Times, that he is looking into the matter and that he hopes to be able to report progress back to the next meeting.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday March 20, 2014 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed.....

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