

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday April 24, 2014 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present:

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

Visitors: CCllr N.Hatton and twenty-seven others.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the April meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In relation to planning application PA14/01938 members noted concerns that

- there is a gate marked *Greenacres* and an attached post-box adjacent to the site which is the subject of alleged planning infringements
- a further opening towards the northern end of the lane has been created recently: this too has been reported to the Planning Enforcement department at Cornwall Council
- there are outstanding alleged planning infringements relevant to this site, notably its use as a residential site and the erection both of a gate and of a number of buildings which do not have the benefit of planning permission
- the applicant cannot properly be described as a traveller
- if successful, this application will open the door to further similar applications
- there are concerns about the proposed sewage system and a borehole which serves five nearby dwellings
- the site is adjacent to the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- reed and willow beds have been created which will deal effectively with effluent
- the traffic along the lane will be comparable to previous use of the field as a pony paddock
- the applicant has been a traveller all her life and enjoys good relationships with the people of Constantine
- despite comments to the contrary, the applicant stated that she had only occupied the site for ten nights.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Wood sent his apologies for absence.

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 Nicholls proposed, Cllr Mrs D'Alton seconded all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday March 20, 2014 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 that were not included on the agenda.

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5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Huddleston reported that since the last meeting three crimes (an assault and two thefts – of a Yamaha outboard motor and a child's scooter) were reported to the police.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Hatton reported that

- the next Community Network meeting will be at Treverva on May 13 when rural transport and the Cornwall Local Plan (and in particular the revised proposed new housing numbers) will be on the agenda
- members of the network have concerns about the A39 being closed whenever there is a spring tide or heavy rainfall: closure affects everyone and diversions are not easily put in place
- Cornwall Council is reviewing the location of polling stations: it is unlikely that Constantine will be affected
- there are moves afoot to seek rate relief for public conveniences
- the fingerpost at High Cross has been restored: the arms for the one at Calamansac are being cast
- this year, his share of the Community Support Grant amounts to £2,195: he is looking for schemes and projects in need of support.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that he had received an expression of interest from Mrs Thomson in co-option onto the Council.

Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded all others in agreement that Mrs Thomson should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Cllr Mrs Thomson read aloud and then signed her declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Constantine Parish Council and the Proper Officer. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Thomson as a member of Constantine Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that there are still two vacancies on the Council which must be filled by co-option.

Alice Hext Recreation Ground

Members considered and, acting in their rôle as the Management Trustee of the Recreation Ground, approved a request from Constantine Silver Band to use the Recreation Ground for the Brass and Voice weekend on July 19 and 20.

Members considered the further repair of the wall between Brillwater Road and the Recreation Ground. It was agreed to seek at least two estimates to continue the work done with gabions in 2012.

Reporting on behalf of the JuMP advisory committee, Cllr Nicholls stated that the master-plan has been delivered, that the play-area site is fenced off, that Bowdens have removed all the old equipment, that top-soil will be spread to level the site – and that Proludic has advised that the new play equipment will be delivered on May 12. In the meanwhile, the tree trimmings need removing and the fence needs repairing. The Clerk was asked to arrange for both these jobs to be done as a matter of some urgency.

Constantine Square

The Clerk reported a request from the Constantine Enterprises Committee to erect information boards at the top of Well Lane – and to consider re-locating the crane presently at Crane Garage. The Clerk reported that the notice-board in The Square may also need replacing and there was a suggestion that perhaps the information boards and the notice-board might be combined to form part of the same project. It was agreed to contact the Constantine Enterprises Company and a local carpenter with a view to taking this project forward. Members expressed concerns about re-siting the old crane and consequent Health and Safety issues.

Constantine Lawn Cemetery

Members considered ways forward concerning the damage done by the fallen tree to the wall between the New and the Lawn cemeteries. It was agreed that Cllr Nicholls should speak to Mr Michael Hodges about the matter.

Cornwall Association of Local Councils

Members considered an invitation to renew membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils for the year to March 31, 2015 in the sum of £433.19 + VAT Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded Cllr Mrs Thomson abstained, all others in favour to renew membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils.

Campaign to protect Rural England

Members considered an invitation to subscribe to membership of the Campaign to Protect Rural England for the year to March 31, 2015 for a minimum sum of thirty-six pounds. Following discussion, it was agreed that the cost could not be justified.

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8 PARISH MATTERS

Public Lighting

Members noted the lack of a written undertaking from Cornwall Council to take on responsibility for public lighting in Constantine should the Parish Council agree to pay for all the lights to be upgraded. It was again agreed to defer this matter to a later meeting.

Members considered a request from Mr Agnew and residents of Clinton Road for the provision of public lighting near the steps in Clinton Road. Cllr Wiseman reported that a solar powered light can be purchased at a very reasonable price and, following discussion, undertook to look further into the matter.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

Members noted and approved the following observation returned on the authority of the Chairman

PA13/11771 Dr and Mrs Hocken – Demolition of existing sub-standard garage and construction of new garage – The Cottage, Port Navas. *Constantine Parish Council owns the Village Hall adjoining this application site and therefore believes it inappropriate to offer corporate observations. However, individual Councillors have expressed the opinion that the proposed development represents an overdevelopment of the site, that it will have a detrimental effect on the setting of the Listed Village Hall and that the materials proposed for use on the exterior elevations are inappropriate in the Conservation Area.*

Applications

PA13/11664 Mr D.Adair Antigua Solar Limited – Proposed development of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works including inverter housings, security fencing and cameras (installed capacity) – Butteris Farm, Edgcombe. Cllr Mrs D’Alton proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, Cllr Mrs Thomson abstained, Cllr Bolt against all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council continues to support Wendron Parish Council in its request to the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA14/01938 Ms L Fresle – Change of use of land to a 1 No pitch Traveller pitch and associated works including 1 No day room, 1 No mobile home, 1 No touring caravan, compost toilet, and retention of existing 3 No sheds/stables for use as storage – Land to the South East side of Glenthams, The Level. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, Cllr Mrs Thomson abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council wonders whether or not the applicant properly meets the criteria necessary to be described as being either a traveller or a gipsy. Additionally, the Council believes the application to be for a new residential unit in the countryside, indeed in the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and that the location is unsustainable in terms of the National Planning Policy Framework. Accordingly, it requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA14/02308 Mrs Josey Hall – Outline Application with some matters reserved for a replacement dwelling – Samarkan, High Cross. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, Cllr Mrs Thomson abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/02403 Mr and Mrs Jamie Johnson – Proposed kitchen extension – 20 Brillwater Road, Constantine. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, Cllr Mrs Thomson abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/02659 Mr and Mrs Kozlowski – Erection of a detached single-storey double garage to serve the existing dwelling – Cedar Cottage, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, Cllr Mrs Thomson abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/03374 Mr W.Palfrey – Erection of a dwelling – 2, Brillwater Cottages. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs D’Alton seconded, Cllr Mrs Thomson abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *If the problem relating to the requirement for vehicles to enter and leave this property in a forward gear can be resolved, Constantine Parish Council would support the application.*

PA14/03456 Mr David Beard and Miss Bernadette Butterley – Two storey rear extension and general improvements – Caerwynthenack Cottage. Cllr Miss Evans proposed, Cllr Nicholls seconded, Cllr Mrs Thomson abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA13/00688 WITHDRAWN – Rebuilding of detached garage – Lower Treviades Bungalow – *noted*

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PA14/00688 WITHDRAWN – Alterations by adding an attic storey and extension to a single storey granite building – The Cartshed, Tresahor – *noted*

PA14/02140 Discharge of condition - not acceptable – Submission of details to discharge condition 2 in respect of decision notice PA13/09478– Land North Of Shearwater Quay Road Port Navas – *noted*

PA14/01197 WITHDRAWN – Erection of 5 shared equity houses and 3 open market houses with associated highway and drainage works – Trebarvah Farm, Constantine – *noted*

PA14/02748 Prior approval not req'd (AF/TEL/DEM) – Erection of a manure store – Nanjarrow Farm, Ponjeravah – *noted*

Correspondence

Mr Miller and Mrs Sanders letter of support for PA14/01938 – *noted*

Mr Jackson copy of letter requesting refusal for development PA14/01938 – *noted*

Mr and Mrs Thomson copy of letter to Mr Mason Cornwall Council Planning concerning PA14/01938 – *noted*

Mr Colbert copy of letter to Mr Mason Cornwall Council Planning concerning PA14/01938 – *noted*

Mr Dewick copy of letter to Mr Mason Cornwall Council Planning concerning PA14/01938 – *noted*

Mr Dewick further concerns about the use of the site subject of planning application PA14/01938 – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Helford River Children's Sailing Trust review of HRCST activities in 2013 – *noted*

Fields in Trust notice of annual general meeting 2014 – *noted*

Cornwall Council Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – *noted*

Helford River Children's Sailing Trust invitation to Summer Celebration June 7, 2014 – *noted*

Victim Support acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at April 24, 2014. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, Cllr Mrs Thomson abstained, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council accepts the accounts for the year April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014.

Parish Councillors considered the Statement of Assurance required by the Audit Commission for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2014. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, Cllr Mrs Thomson abstained, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council should answer "Yes" to all the questions posed by the Statement of Assurance which forms part of the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2014.

Members considered a request from Cruse Bereavement Care for financial help towards its work in the community. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Dunstan, seconded by Cllr Nicholls Cllr Mrs Thomson 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 £25.00 to Cruse Bereavement Care.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 303.60		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 50.48		
SSE Contracting (public lighting maintenance)	£ 205.27	£ 171.06	£ 34.21
R.Sanders (churchyards)	£ 345.00		
Constantine Stores Ltd	£ 57.98	£ 48.32	£ 9.66
Cornwall Council (public convenience rates)	£ 400.35		
Cornwall Council (cemetery rates)	£ 20.72		
Viridor Waste Management	£ 48.40	£ 40.33	£ 8.07
Viridor Waste Management (duty of care)	£ 12.00	£ 10.00	£ 2.00
E.On UK plc (public lighting)	£ 63.24	£ 60.23	£ 3.01
South West Water (lawn cemetery)	£ 10.76		
South West Water (public convenience)	£ 91.27		
J.P.Richards (internal auditor)	£ 250.00		

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Colin Chapman		
Salary (March)	£ 444.92	
telephone	£ 31.24	
office expenses	£ 58.77	
travelling	£ 49.95	
use of home	£ 25.00	
	total	£ 609.88

Proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Gray, Cllr Mrs Thomson abstained, all others in favour that the above fourteen accounts be paid.

Members noted the following receipt
HMRC VAT refund £ 638.06

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Baileys Country Store (Penryn) Ltd	£ 25.99	£ 21.66	£ 4.33
Julians Building and Timber Merchants	£ 65.21	£ 54.34	£ 10.87
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 24.29	£ 20.24	£ 4.05
Julians Building and Timber Merchants	£ 120.96	£ 100.80	£ 20.16
W.B.Bowden and Sons	£ 129.60	£ 108.00	£ 21.60

Proposed by Cllr Bolt, seconded by Cllr Miss Evans, Cllr Mrs Thomson abstained ,all others in favour that the above five accounts be paid.

Members noted the following receipts relating to the Recreation Ground
Mrs Williams (donation) £ 40.00
Constantine Social Club (rent) £ 568.75
HMRC VAT refund £ 638.06

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Bolt reported that the notice-board at Seworgan is beyond repair and that Parish Council notices are now being displayed in the telephone box. It was agreed to seek quotations for a replacement board.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no further comments from Councillors.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday May 15, 2014 at 7:00pm

The Annual Meeting of Constantine Parish Council will be held on Thursday May 15, 2014 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Both the above meetings will be held in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.38pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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