

THE PARISH OF CONSTANTINE

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Constantine held on Thursday May 15, 2014 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine. The Chairman of Constantine Parish Council, Cllr P.C.Carter, presiding Mr C.Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

Present: CCllr Hatton, Cllr Mrs D'Alton, Cllr Bolt, Cllr Mrs Dunstan, Cllr Gray, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Wiseman.

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Police.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 16, 2013

Having been previously circulated and agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on June 11, 2013, Cllr Wiseman proposed and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday May 16, 2013 are a true record and they were signed as such by the Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Carter said

“Welcome! The Parish Council year of 2013/2014 has been very busy and productive.

“Probably the biggest project undertaken in the village has been the JuMP advisory committee’s work to replace the play equipment. It has been a huge challenge, which has come to fruition in a relatively short space of time. Thanks go to the organising committee which, amongst others, includes Rev’d Stewart Turner, Daro Montag, Sara Gadd, Clare Davison and Cllr Eric Nicholls. They have looked after the money-raising activities for both the play area and the youth club. The sum of £8,327.24 has been raised through organised events and donations and a further £38,000 will come from grant-making organisations. The play area equipment, which will cost £43,000, is expected to be in place for the summer holidays.

“The Parish Council continues to support the maintenance of the Recreation Ground and this year has spent more than £1,500 of public money on this work.

“The Parish Council supported the Silver Band in their need for storage space and permitted the siting of the container in the corner of the Bowling Club car-park. We have also agreed to repair the fencing around the Recreation Ground.

“This year saw the unveiling of the Diamond Jubilee Memorial Stone: the Parish Council made a grant to enable this project to be completed and also purchased a new rubbish bin for the area. Other organisations which the Parish Council has helped with funding include Constantine Pre-School (for a new dish-washer), the Cornwall Blind Association, the Constant Times (help with a new printing machine and associated software), the Cornwall Air Ambulance, the Constantine Cottage Garden Society, the Constantine Agricultural Association and Cruse Bereavement Care.

“This past year has seen the Parish Council take on responsibility for the maintenance of the closed churchyard which surrounds St Constantine Church. I hope you will all agree with me that our contractor, Bob Sanders, is doing an excellent job. You just have to cast your minds back to this time last year when it

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was looking like a hay-field. The Parish Council continues to look after both the New and the Lawn Cemeteries.

“The Parish Council continues with the maintenance of the parish’s bridleways and footpaths.

“Geoff Jorey, who not only keeps the Recreation field perfectly, also keeps the public toilets in a tip-top clean condition for the benefit of locals and visitors alike. The Parish Council supplies an important service in maintaining both.

“Remembrance Sunday fell on the second Sunday of November when Cllr Nicholls and I laid the poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

“Christmas was celebrated in Constantine with many events, but the switching on of the lights on the big tree in the Square was particularly memorable. The village band and the community and school choirs were all present, making an excellent contribution to the evening.

“Our thanks go to Jean Jennings and Geoff Jorey who work hard to keep our village tidy.

“A huge thank you goes to CCllr Neil Hatton who fully and invariably supports our Parish Council in the decisions it makes – together with a particular vote of thanks for pursuing the repair of the historic finger-post at High Cross!

“Constantine Parish Council is fortunate to have Colin Chapman as its Clerk. He keeps us well informed and, at times, on the straight and narrow. Thanks, Colin, for the work you do!

“Finally a few events that Christine and I have attended as representatives of Constantine Parish Council:

“The Mayor of Falmouth Town Council invited us to their Mayor Making Ceremony in May 2013.

“We attended the Cornwall Armed Forces Day in June and joined in the parade through the town.

“We were invited to attend the Mayor’s Civic Service and Harvest Festival at King Charles the Martyr Church in September when we again paraded through the streets of Falmouth to the Church. After the service there was a reception at the Water Sports Centre.

“March 2014 saw us again in Falmouth for the 72nd anniversary of the St Nazaire raid: this was combined with a ceremony in the afternoon at which the Falmouth Branch of the Royal Naval Association was given the Freedom of the Town. Following this we were again treated to a reception at the Water Sports centre.

“Last Monday, we went yet again to Falmouth for the Mayor Making Ceremony when Cllr John Body was made Mayor of Falmouth for the year 2013/2014 and again we were treated to exceptional hospitality.

“My final few words are simply to thank my fellow Councillors who have worked hard, been committed to the job and supported me. I would particularly like to thank those who have chaired the meeting for me on the odd occasion when I could not attend and for the support of the Vice-Chairman Eric Nicholls.

“Finally I would like to thank those at home, Christine, Alan and Robert who on occasions have worked late so that I could get away.”

4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman asked if members of the public had any questions concerning the business of the Council. There were none.

CCllr Neil Hatton thanked both the Chairman for all the hours he spends on Parish Council business and the Clerk for dealing efficiently with so many matters that are not part of the meetings.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 19, 2014

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 11, 2015

Chairman