

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday October 16, 2014 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

Visitors: CCllr Hatton, Mr Fair and Mrs Walters (Situ8), Mrs Hitchcox.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Introducing herself and Mr Fair, Mrs Walters stated that they were present to seek the Council's opinions on a yet to be submitted proposal for development from Mr Phillip Webber of Port Navas. Noting that Council members cannot commit themselves one way or another at this stage, she said that

- she was aware of the key issues concerning development in Port Navas: in particular, the impact such development might have on the AONB and its sustainability in terms of the NPPF
- Mr Webber and his wife have been members of the community for over twenty-five years and they are now looking to downsize
- ten members of the immediate community have been consulted about the proposals
- the preliminary drawing is just that: nothing has been decided as yet
- the offer of a community space at the southern end of the field is genuine and will be the subject of a legal title
- she is aware that recent applications for new development in Port Navas have been refused
- the Webbers want to work with the community.

Mrs Hitchcox said that she was present to seek the Parish Council's support for her application for the removal of an agricultural occupancy tie from her home at Fir Tree Farm Nursery. She explained the financial problems which had beset the Nursery and added that she is currently unable to find paid employment in horticulture. She enjoys living in the community and does not want to leave.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Miss Evans (work), Cllr Nicholls (holiday) and PCSO Wood sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all in favour to accept those 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 Gray seconded, Cllr Mrs D'Alton and Cllr Wiseman being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday September 18, 2014 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

The Clerk reported that he had purchased the sign for the Public Convenience and that it has been attached to the facility, although possibly in the wrong place.

Cllr Gray suggested that the picnic tables should be kept under cover during the course of the winter months. It was agreed that they should be kept in the Bier House.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Wood reported that during September two crimes (one of theft and the other of burglary) were reported to the police and that ten 999 calls were logged, including reports of anti-social and threatening behaviour, missing children and an incident involving a dog.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Hatton reported that

- the Constantine Community Land Trust working with Cornwall Council has distributed the Housing Needs Survey which is a necessary precursor to the provision of Local Need Affordable Housing
- the CLT Open Day at the Tolmen Centre had been well organised and well attended
- he had received a comment to the effect that, without local employment, the village is at risk of becoming a dormitory
- the next Community Network Meeting will be on Tuesday at 4:00pm in Falmouth when CCllr Alex Folkes will give a presentation on Cornwall's budget and how the Authority proposes to manage the cuts
- PA14/01938 (Traveller pitch and associated works at The Level) will be determined at a meeting of the Planning Committee on Monday
- there is a lobby to advance a proposition encouraging all 123 Cornwall Councillors to go to Downing Street to draw the Prime Minister's attention to the lack of Central Government grant funding in Cornwall which results from the discredited Barnett formula.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Parish Councillors

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

Planning and travellers

Members considered composing a response to *Planning and Travellers: proposed changes to planning policy and guidance* published by the Department for Communities & Local Government Consultation. Following discussion, it was agreed not to reply to this consultation document for reasons both of time constraints and a lack of confidence in the process.

Standing Orders

Members considered previously circulated revisions to Standing Orders to reflect the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all others in favour to adopt the document in its entirety.

Financial Regulations

Members considered previously circulated revisions to Financial Regulations to reflect the revised Local Government Transparency Code. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour to adopt the document in its entirety.

8 PARISH MATTERS

To consider siting a public light on Clinton Road

Members again considered the proposal to site a public light on Clinton Road. It was noted that Cllr Nicholls had undertaken to look at the possibility of attaching a galvanised post to the granite pillar. However, in Cllr Nicholl's absence, it was proposed by Cllr Bolt, seconded by Cllr Mrs D'Alton to delegate authority to Cllr Wiseman for the purchase of a suitable solar-powered lamp.

To consider a quotation from SEC for the replacement of deteriorated units on lights 005BJ (opposite old school at Ponjeravah) and 006BJ (outside 88 Penbothidno)

Members considered a quotation in the sum of £1,647.18 + VAT from SEC for the replacement of deteriorated units on lights 005BJ (opposite the old school at Ponjeravah) and 006BJ (outside 88 Penbothidno). Following discussion during the course of which members noted that the Council was faced with no choice whatsoever, Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded all others in favour to accept this quotation unless the Clerk can negotiate a lower price.

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The Clerk reported that the tree which is obscuring the light near the Village Hall will be trimmed back once the leaves have fallen. Members asked that two trees further down the road towards Bridge are similarly trimmed.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA14/06845 Mr and Mrs McLaren – Proposed extensions and alterations to existing cottage – Mayn Cottage, Quay Road, Port Navas. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council has grave concerns about both the design and the proposed construction materials detailed in the plans presented for the extension of this historic building of architectural merit. The extension conflicts with the existing design and, equally, the proposed finish of rendered block-work conflicts with the existing and valued architectural distinctiveness of the building (Drawing no 14843/05 appears to show weatherboarding which would again conflict with the existing finish of the building.) For these reasons Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA14/07979 Mr D.Martin – Erection of a double garage and utility room including rooflights – Trebarvah House, Trebarvah Lane. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports the proposal in principle, but is firmly of the belief that the use of weatherboarding will compromise the architectural integrity of this range of granite buildings. For this reason it requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

Constantine Parish Council notes that the site plan for the proposed development gives detail (described as being permitted development of main farmhouse) of a new driveway and entrance onto the highway opposite Constantine School. Constantine Parish Council is unaware of an application to create this new entrance and, were it to be submitted, would expect questions to be raised concerning the safety of road users.

PA14/09007 Mrs Josey Hall – Proposed replacement dwelling – Samarkan, 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.*

PA14/09203 Miss Sorcha Hitchcox – Occupation of dwelling without compliance with Condition 2 of planning permission reference PA08/01451/F dated 13/10/2008 (agricultural occupancy only) – Fir Tree Farm Nursery, Tresahor. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application subject to the County Land Agent’s approval.*

PA14/09130 Miss Emma Sutton – Installation of additional parking on grass verges – Grass Verges, Wheal Vyvyan, Constantine. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA14/07002 APPROVED – Extensions and alterations – Tenant, Polwheveral – *noted*

PA14/08434 APPROVED – Retention and completion of landscaping of rear garden to include new planting, patio and garden areas with provision of replacement garden sun room – Crofters, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

PA14/08527 APPROVED – Felling of an Ash and pruning of unspecified tree – Chy Yn Gwyth Port Navas – *noted*

PA14/07900 APPROVED – Replacement of existing conservatory including new upper level terrace and associated works – Trebarvah Cottage Seworgan – *noted*

PA14/09190 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Submission of details to discharge condition numbers 3, 6, 9 and 10 in respect of decision notice PA11/09807 – The Bungalow, Trebarvah Road – *noted*

10 CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Fields in Trust newsletter – *noted*

Peninsula Community Health Annual Review – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council’s financial position as at October 16, 2014. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Trustees of Port Navas Village Hall for financial help both towards the repair of a window and the construction of a box for storage. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Bolt, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council would underwrite the full cost of repair of the window but that it is unable to help with costs associated with the construction of the box.

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Members considered a request from Rev'd Stewart Turner for financial help towards the cost of installing an electricity supply to the new youth club accommodation on the Recreation Ground. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Dunstan, seconded by Cllr Bolt, all others in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 16, 2013), Constantine Parish Council would underwrite the cost of installing an electricity supply to the new youth club accommodation.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 304.00		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 52.00		
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (conveniences)	£ 150.00		
Harlequin Design	£ 26.40	£ 22.00	£ 4.40
SSE Contracting (maintenance 04/14 - 06/14)	£ 205.27	£ 171.06	£ 34.21
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E.On UK plc (public lighting)	£ 61.19	£ 58.28	£ 2.91
R.Sanders (Churchyards)	£ 584.00		
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 60.72	£ 50.60	£ 10.12
SW Water (public convenience)	£ 69.88		
W.B.Bowden and Sons (hedge trimming)	£ 54.00	£ 45.00	£ 9.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (September)	£ 443.96		
telephone	£ 26.00		
office expenses	£ 65.45		
travelling	£ 42.55		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 602.96		

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

Members noted the following receipts

St Constantine PCC (Cemetery)	£ 150.00
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The following account in relation to expenses for the Recreation Ground was presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Falmouth Garages	£ 25.51	£ 21.26	£ 4.25

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Dunstan, seconded by Cllr Andrew, all others in favour that the above account be paid.

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees and Representatives.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no comments from Councillors.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.37pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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