

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Wednesday December 11, 2014 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

**Present:** Cllr P.Carter Cllr E.Nicholls  
 Cllr J.Andrew Cllr N.Wiseman  
 Cllr A.H.Bolt  
 Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** CCllr Hatton, Mr Retallack (Coastline Housing), Mr and Mrs Clowes and Mr Waddington.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the December meeting.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Clowes reported that the Christmas lights switch-on ceremony had gone well. She detailed what the Advisory Committee had done and how it had spent the money raised from the community – and undertook to send a claim for the outstanding amount to the Parish Council in the near future. She expressed her thanks to all those who had helped, particularly those who had collected the trees from Penryn. Speaking on behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs Clowes for all their hard work, stating that he thought they had done a ‘cracking job’.

## 1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs D’Alton (indisposed), Cllr Miss Evans (work), Cllr C.Gray (indisposed) and PC Wood sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Wiseman 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 Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday November 12, 2014 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

Members noted that the Carnival Committee had yet to respond to the Clerk’s request to remove its belongings from the Bier House.

## 5 POLICE REPORT

A misunderstanding had meant that PC Wood’s report for October was forwarded too late to be conveyed to members at November’s meeting. In that report PC Wood stated that, during October, there had been five crimes reported to the Police and twelve 999 calls received.

Through the Clerk, PCSO Wood reported that during November three crimes (of assault, of theft and of sheep being worried by a dog) were reported to the police and that seven 999 calls were logged, (suspicious activity, intruders at a local address, a nuisance neighbour, anti-social behaviour, a report of a child left alone at home, a road traffic accident and a road traffic collision).

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## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hatton reported that

- the recent Community Network Panel meeting was attended by a good cross-section of representatives from throughout the area. It had been a short, but informative meeting: guest speakers will be invited to future meetings
- there had been a poor response (just 11%) to the recent Constantine Housing Needs Survey, Nevertheless, the survey had identified five areas where, possibly, new homes might be built. A mix of residents' aspirations had been identified from outright purchase, through self-build to own and on to rental. He anticipates that the fledgling Constantine Community Land Trust will contact the Parish Council in the near future
- he had been sent a Guide to Winter Wellbeing which gives advice on keeping warm and safe
- there will be no collection of either household waste or recyclates on Christmas Day or Boxing Day, but there will be no interruption of service over the New Year holiday
- in planning issues, he will wait until the Parish Council has considered the revised application for 'Treetops' before making a decision as to whether or not it should be decided by the Planning Committee. He understands that the application for development at Hendrawna House will be refused using delegated powers and, because he feels that the benefits will outweigh the harm, he will not take the application for eight homes at Trewarva House to the Planning Committee. That too will be decided using delegated powers
- Cornwall's Local Plan goes for approval to a meeting of the full Council during the course of the coming week; following that it will be forwarded to the Secretary of State for approval, which Cllr Hatton anticipates will be sometime in the summer of 2015
- the Highways' Manager, Mr Ben Dickinson, expects the finger post at Calvadnack to be restored in time for Christmas.

Councillors had no questions. Cllr Hatton wished everyone present a very happy Christmas and left the room.

## 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.

### The Lawn Cemetery

Members considered the scale of charges for the Lawn Cemetery, which were last altered in February 2012. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to raise the fee for a burial plot to £275 and to raise all other fees proportionately. A copy of the revised fees is attached to these minutes.

### Dates of coming meetings

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the dates for the meetings in 2015/2016 will be as follows

January 15, 2015	Ordinary Meeting
February 19, 2015	Ordinary Meeting
March 19, 2015	Ordinary Meeting
April 16, 2015	Ordinary Meeting
May 21, 2015	Annual Parish Meeting
May 21, 2015	Annual Meeting
June 11, 2015	Ordinary Meeting
July 16, 2015	Ordinary Meeting
September 17, 2015	Ordinary Meeting
October 15, 2015	Ordinary Meeting
November 19, 2015	Ordinary Meeting
December 17, 2015	Ordinary Meeting
January 21, 2016	Ordinary Meeting
February 18, 2016	Ordinary Meeting

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

### Play equipment report

The Clerk reported that he had met a representative of Wickstead Leisure at the Play Area in order to seek quotations both for the repair of the safety surfaces beneath the swings and for the replacement of the seats and shackles.

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## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### To consider siting a public light on Clinton Road

Cllr Nicholls reported that the matter is in hand: the bracket has been made and is presently with the galvaniser.

### Weed treatment on pedestrian surfaces in Constantine

Members considered an offer from Cormac to spray the weeds on pedestrian surfaces in Constantine in the sum of £398.10 + VAT. Following a short discussion it was agreed not to accept this offer.

## 9 PLANNING MATTERS

### Applications

PA14/06845 Mr J.P.Mangan – Demolition of existing cottage and construction of replacement dwelling (amended design) – Treetops, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council recognises the change made to the original application and repeats that is not opposed to the redevelopment of this site. However, it has continuing concerns both about the design of the proposed new dwelling (principally the use of timber boarding but also the shape of the windows) and about its size and more particularly its height, which the Council believes will have an adverse visual impact upon the immediate surroundings and indeed upon the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (especially when viewed from Porthnavas Creek). Constantine Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA14/10574 Dr S. and Mrs E.Hocken – Installation of garden room on rear garden of cottage – The Cottage, Constantine. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council has serious reservations about the proposed garden room. It will overlook windows and intrude on the privacy of neighbouring properties. Moreover, because of the geography of the garden, the roof line will be higher than that of The Cottage itself. Constantine Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA14/11104 Mr D.Martin – Two storey extension – Trebarvah Cottage, Trebarvah Farm. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/11446 Coastline Housing – External refurbishment project. Finlock removal, installation of external wall insulation, render and Marley boarding finish – Wheal Vyvyan Estate. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/11526 Mr and Mrs John and Julia Williams – Proposed access improvements and replacement side and rear extensions to existing dwelling – 13, Brillwater Road. Cllr Nicholls 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

PA14/07979 APPROVED – Erection of a double garage and utility room including rooflights – Trebarvah House Trebarvah Road – *noted*

PA14/08757 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Submission of details to discharge conditions 5, 7 and 8 in respect of decision notice PA13/10539 – Little Trevaney Farm, High Cross – *noted*

PA14/08772 APPROVED – Proposed extensions and alterations to existing cottage – Mayn Cottage, Quay Road, Port Navas – *noted*

PA14/09007 APPROVED – Proposed replacement dwelling – Samarkan, High Cross – *noted*

PA14/09130 APPROVED – Installation of additional parking on grass verges – Grass Verges, Wheal Vyvyan – *noted*

PA14/09203 REFUSED – 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 – *noted*

PA14/09840 WITHDRAWN – Proposed new dwelling – 31 Trebarvah Road, Constantine – *noted*

PA14/10545 Part Approved/Part Refused – Felling of one Holly, one Hazel, and three Sycamore trees and removal of one low branch from an Oak – Trewince Cottage, Port Navas – *noted*

PA14/01575 WITHDRAWN – Listed Building Consent in respect of installation of garden room on rear garden of cottage – The Cottage, Port Navas – *noted*

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## 10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing to report.

## 11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at December 13, 2012. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered the Precept for the year from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Nicholls all in favour that the Precept for the year 2015/2016 should be set at £34,500

Members considered a request from the Constantine Bowling Club for financial help towards the cost of roof repairs. Following discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 16, 2015), Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £100 to the Constantine Bowling Club specifically for the repair of the clubhouse roof.

Members considered a request from the Cornwall Blind Association for financial help with the work done by the Trust. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 16, 2015), Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £60 to the Cornwall Blind Association.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Mr G.Jorey	£ 304.00		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 52.00		
HMRC	£ 411.20		
Constantine Stores	£ 75.65	£ 63.04	£ 12.61
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 48.72	£ 40.60	£ 8.12
E.On UK plc (public lighting)	£ 61.19	£ 58.28	£ 2.91
Bob Sanders (Churchyards)	£ 375.00		
Colin Chapman			
salary (November)	£ 444.16		
telephone	£ 24.03		
office expenses	£ 30.02		
travelling	£ 28.29		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 551.50		

Proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Wiseman, all others in favour that the above eight accounts be paid.

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

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Perrie Hale Nursery	£ 186.00		
Thornhayes Nursery Ltd	£ 396.00		
Falmouth Garages	£ 25.51	£ 21.26	£ 4.25
Julians Building and Timber merchants Ltd	£525.42	£ 436.86	£ 87.56

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

Members noted the following receipts

Cornwall Council (LMP payment)	£ 2,848.00
HMRC (VAT repayment)	£ 9,921.86
Frederick Wearne & Sons	
(Mr Trethowan & Mr Nightingale)	£ 150.00
Cornwall Council (cemetery maintenance)	£ 900.00

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**12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

The Chairman reported that, as requested by residents of Port Navas, his son had broken up the road salt in the bin there and had topped up the supply. A query was raised about the salt-bin at Nancenoy which the Chairman said he would investigate.

**13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

There were no comments from Members.

**14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday January 15, 2015 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Wishing everyone present a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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