

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday April 16, 2015 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

Visitors: Mr Mossop and Mrs Thompson.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the April meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members noted that the patching work recently carried out by Cormac on the road beyond High Cross had been very poorly advertised. Moreover, diversion signs sited at High Cross had directed large vehicles along completely unsuitable roads. Members felt that, if the road needs to be closed, notices advertising this fact should be placed in Constantine itself.

Mr Mossop stated that he was present to seek support for the Mylor Cons Shinty Club's proposal to use the Recreation Field for training and the occasional six-a-side match. Shinty is, he said, Cornwall's oldest competitive sport, predating hockey and golf and he is very keen to re-establish the game in the village. He explained that the English Shinty Association has sponsored an outreach programme for schools in Cornwall and that, having expressed an early interest, Constantine Primary School will benefit from this. Members asked a number of questions, principally about the speed and hardness of the ball and the perceived danger to other casual users of the Recreation Field.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bolt (holiday), Cllr Nicholls (family), CCllr Sanger and PCSO Wood sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others 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, Cllr Mrs D'Alton being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday March 19, 2015 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

Cllr Miss Evans reported that she had inspected the Play Area and that the old concrete-ended bench is beyond repair and should be removed. Cllr Carter agreed to arrange for this to be done. She added that the seats on swings are, as the Council is aware, sorely in need of replacement.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Wood reported that during March two crimes (one of a attack by a dog on a dog and the other of common assault) had been reported to the police. Six 999 calls were logged: these included reports of fighting of a breach of the peace, of obstruction of the highway and of a domestic incident.

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6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that CClr Sanger again apologises for his absence.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that he had received an expression of interest in co-option onto the Council from Mrs Thomson and that it had been agreed that the issue would be the subject of an agenda item at the Annual Meeting in May.

The Alice Hext Recreation Ground

Constantine Silver Band

Acting as the Management Trustee for the Alice Hext Charity, Members considered a request from the Constantine Silver Band for permission to hold the Brass and Voice Weekend on the Recreation Ground on the weekend of July 18/19. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to accede to this request from the Constantine Silver Band.

Refurbishment of the set of four swings

The Clerk reported that, despite requests, he had received only one updated quotation for the refurbishment of the set of four swings in the play area. He will be meeting a representative of a third installer of play equipment during the course of the coming week.

The hedge fronting Trebarvah Road

The Clerk reported that he had sought quotations for repairs to the hedge fronting Trebarvah Road from two contractors and was awaiting their response.

Mylor Cons Shinty Club

Members considered a request from the Mylor Cons Shinty Club to use the Recreation Ground for training and for playing matches between now and March 2016. Following considerable discussion, Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded all others in favour to grant permission for the use of the marked football pitch on the Recreation Ground for training on Friday evenings from 6.00pm to 8.00pm until October 31, 2015 and additionally for the same purpose on Fridays from 5.00pm to 6.00pm in November 2015, February 2016 and March 2016. It was also agreed that the Club may hold properly managed six-a-side matches between 3.00pm and 4.00pm on October 25, 2015 November 8, 2015 January 24, 2016 and February 7, 2016. Should any of those dates be rained off, then permission was granted to substitute them for November 22, 2015 and/or February 21, 2016.

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 £414.47 + VAT. Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour to renew membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils.

8 PARISH MATTERS

A public light on Clinton Road

Cllr Wiseman reported that the light is now in place and that thanks are due to Mr Nicholls.

The bus shelter

Members considered a proposal to replace the bus shelter in The Square. During the course of discussion it was noted that grants for bus shelters, both new and replacement are available from Cornwall Council. It was agreed that quotations should be sought and that decision on this matter should be deferred to a future meeting.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA15/02298 Mr David Martin – Formation of new vehicular access and driveway – Trebarvah Farm, Constantine. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs D'Alton seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council has serious reservations about this proposed new entrance. The proximity of Constantine Primary School means that this part of the highway is very heavily used during the school day and an additional vehicular entrance can only increase the risk of accident. Constantine Parish Council asks that both the Highways' and the Educational Authorities are consulted before a decision is taken. Nevertheless, despite what either or both of these bodies might observe, Constantine Parish Council has sufficient concern for the safety of road users at this point on the highway to request the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

As neighbours of the applicant, Cllr A.Carter and Cllr P.Carter declared a non-disclosable pecuniary interest in the following item. They both remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.

PA15/02526 Mr R.A.Bassett – Proposed new agricultural building approx 23m x 12m – Trevassack, Constantine. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, Cllr A.Carter and Cllr P.Carter abstaining, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

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Decisions

PA14/01352 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Submission of details to discharge conditions 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 in respect of decision PA11/02976 dated 26.03.12 – Nans Avallon, Brillwater Road – *noted*

PA14/02347 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Submission of details to discharge condition 3 in respect of decision notice PA14/05608 – Oyster Cottage, Quay Road, Port Navas – *noted*

PA15/02289 Prior approval not req'd (AF/TEL/DEM) – Agricultural shed – Higher Calamansack Farm, Port Navas – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Hamling copy of letter of objection to the Planning Authority concerning the application for retrospective planning permission for siting a static caravan for residential use and use as a farm office at Mayn Pern Farm signed by an additional twenty-one electors – *noted*

RTP Surveyors concerning the extent of ground within the curtilage of Port Navas Village Hall as shown on the Land Registry Title Plans – *noted*

Came and Company Spring Council matters 2015 – *noted*

Fields in Trust Friends Update (newsletter) – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at April 16, 2015. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015. Thanking the Clerk for again making the statement of accounts such easy reading, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council accepts the accounts for the year April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015.

Parish Councillors considered the Statement of Assurance required by the Audit Commission for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2015. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, 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, 2015.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 301.00		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 52.00		
SSE Contracting (October/December)	£ 205.27	£ 171.06	£ 34.21
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E.On UK plc (public lighting amended)	£ 60.15	£ 57.63	£ 2.73
N Power (The Square)	£ 23.93	£ 22.79	£ 1.14
Mr J.P.Richards	£ 262.50		
Bob Sanders (Churchyards)	£ 447.00		
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 50.45	£ 42.04	£ 8.41
CC Non-Domestic Rates (car-park)	£ 408.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (March)	£ 458.47		
telephone	£ 25.69		
office expenses	£ 69.22		
travelling	£ 62.68		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 641.06		

Proposed by Cllr Gray, seconded by Cllr Mrs D'Alton, all others in favour that the above eleven accounts be paid.

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 45.28	£ 37.73	£ 7.55
Pilgrim and Treloar (Youth Hut)	£ 165.50	£ 137.92	£ 27.58

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

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Members noted the following receipts

Keith Penrose (Mr Clisby)	£ 275.00
CC Annual Precept (1st instalment)	£17,250.00
CC CTS Grant	£ 1,355.80
St Constantine PCC (churchyard maintenance)	£ 150.00

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

No reports were tabled.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

CLr Wiseman reported that he will shortly be putting up copies of the Lawn Cemetery Regulations.

Members agreed to create a list of longer-term aims and objectives (including projects): the matter to form part of a future agenda.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday May 19, 2015 at 7:00pm

The Annual Meeting of Constantine Parish Council will be held on Thursday May 19, 2015 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:25pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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