

THE PARISH OF CONSTANTINE

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Constantine held on Thursday May 21, 2015 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: Mrs D’Alton, Mrs Thomson, CCllr Bastin, Cllr Andrew, Cllr Bolt, Cllr A.Carter, Cllr Mrs Dunstan, Cllr Miss Evans, 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 15, 2014

Having been previously circulated and agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on June 19, 2014, Cllr Wiseman proposed Cllr Nicholls seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday May 15, 2014 are a true record and they were signed as such by the Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Cllr Carter said

“Welcome everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting! The Council year of 2014/2015 has once again been busy and productive. We, as a Council, have looked at and passed comments on fifty-five planning applications for development within the Parish. I have attended one Planning Committee Meeting to put across this Parish’s point of view.

“The refurbished play area was officially opened in June 2014. Christine cut the ribbon and those who attended were treated to a glass of bubbly. The Council thanks Daro Montag and the team for seeing the project through. We are also very appreciative of all those individuals and larger corporate businesses who gave various amounts of money to complete the play area.

“Early last summer, we purchased two picnic benches, which have been placed on the green behind the new car-park. These are very well-used.

“As the days got shorter, serious fund-raising events were held by Tracy Clowes and her team of helpers to purchase some new Christmas lights. The whole team needs much thanks, as Christmas in Constantine was a well-lit affair. The lights were switched on by David Nicholls at a ceremony centred on the village Christmas tree.

“This last four months, we have said good-bye to former Cornwall Councillor Neil Hatton, who has moved away. He supported this Council to his utmost: the last project he undertook was a new fingerpost at Calamansac. We also said goodbye to a former Councillor, Liz D’Alton and to hard-working Geoff Jorey who has decided to turn off the lawn mower at the age of seventy-seven! We say hello to two co-opted Councillors, John Andrew and Alan Carter, and to the new Cornwall Councillor, John Bastin.

“The Parish Council continues to keep the grass mowed around the Church, the closed Churchyard and the Lawn Cemetery. We also keep tidy all the open spaces that we have in our village and take responsibility for the trimming of Public Rights of Way in the Parish.

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“Over the last year Geoff Jorey has kept the public toilets open and sparkling clean and, with the help of Jean Jennings, has kept the village free of litter.

“The Council has overseen and put in place additional gabbions on the wall between the Recreation Ground and Brillwater Road; it has commissioned a new notice-board for Seworgan; made a grant towards and permitted the erection of the youth hut on the Recreation Ground; erected a light over the step on Clinton Road (and for this our thanks go to Cllr Wiseman, Cllr Nicholls and Mr Buzz Nicholls); replaced two street lights – one at Ponjeravah and the other outside 88 Penbothidno; granted financial help in the sum of £2,510 to thirteen organisations all directly or indirectly benefitting the people of Constantine (the grants involved ranging from £25 to £825).

“Remembrance Sunday saw the Church full. Cllr Nicholls and I laid a poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the War Memorial.

“I feel that we are fortunate to have Colin Chapman as our Clerk. He keeps us well-informed at all times. Thank you, Colin!

“Finally a summary of the events that Christine and I have attended as representatives of the Parish Council. One of the many enjoyable things that we have done is leading one of the bands through our own village at the *Brass on the Grass* concert in July.

“We also went to the opening ceremony of the *Tall Ships’ Race* at the docks in Falmouth in July.

In October we went to the Mayor of Falmouth’s Civic Service at the Church of King Charles the Martyr: we paraded through Falmouth from the Council Chambers to the Church and afterwards to Events Square, where we were shown some very good hospitality (a buffet) in an Italian restaurant.

“On a drizzly Sunday morning in March 2015 we attended the 73rd anniversary of the St Nazaire raid. There was a service of remembrance at the memorial on the Prince of Wales pier and afterwards a reception at the Watersports Centre.

“Last Monday we went to Falmouth Council Chamber to witness the Mayor Making ceremony: Cllr John Body was again elected to this position. This was a particularly short meeting, which allowed plenty of time for the hospitality event!

I would like to thank Falmouth Town Council for the many invitations Constantine Parish Council receives to their civic events.

“My thanks to my fellow Councillors, who work hard, are committed to the job and who have supported me as Chairman. I would especially like to thank those Councillors who have chaired the occasional meeting for me, particularly Cllr Wiseman and Cllr Nicholls (my Vice-Chairman).

“Finally, my thanks go to those at home: Christine, Alan and Robert who all work extra at times so that I can get away.”

4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman asked if members of the public had any questions concerning the business of the Council.

Speaking on behalf of Councillors, Cllr Wiseman thanked the Chairman for representing Constantine Parish Council at so many events.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 11, 2015

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 19, 2016

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