

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday September 17, 2015 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

Visitors: CCllr Bastin.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the September meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Miss Evans (work), Cllr Nicholls (work) and PCSO Fuller sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Andrew 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 Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday July 16, 2015 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 there are on-going discussions concerning the future location of the Post Office in Constantine. CCllr Bastin is involved in these and has the interests of the village at heart..

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Fuller reported that during July and August four crimes had been reported to the police (these included criminal damage, violence without injury and theft) and that eighteen incidents (mainly involving public safety) were logged.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- he has been encourage to lend support to the proposed paperless planning procedure which is due to commence after Christmas. Councillors reminded him that they believe this may well disenfranchise many small rural Parish Councils
- a series of planning conferences are planned: the nearest, at Pool, will be on October 15
- Cornwall Council will be holding Neighbourhood Plan conferences in the not too distant future
- Cornwall Council is encouraging the location of defibrillators in every community throughout the County. Cllr Wiseman reported that the Friends of the Surgery in Constantine have been looking into this matter, but have found the cost to be prohibitive. CCllr Bastin offered the sum of £600 from his share of the Community Chest if the Friends are able to underwrite the balance

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- he has been attempting to unravel the mysteries of devolution of powers and duties from Cornwall Council to Parish Councils: in particular, quite what is being offered for devolution and who will benefit from it
- Cornwall Council has found some £750,000 to finance necessary health and safety repairs to the Ships and Castles Leisure Centre at Falmouth.

There followed a lengthy discussion about the merits and demerits of the two arms-length companies, Cormac and Tempest, which are owned by Cornwall Council and the benefits they do or do not offer the residents of Cornwall.

7 PARISH MATTERS

The bus shelter

Members noted that Simon Jewell, an architectural technician, has been employed to draw up plans for a replacement bus shelter on The Square. Members further noted that Cornwall Council has agreed to make a grant up to a maximum of £3,000 towards the cost.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Parish Councillors

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

9 PLANNING MATTERS

Members noted the following planning applications which were received during August and returned with the attached observations using delegated powers

PA15/05494 Miss E.Sutton – Installation of external wall insulation, re-roofing and fin-lock gutter removal on multiple properties – Penbothidno Estate, Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA15/06302 Mr and Mrs Coulson – Removal of Condition 3 attached to W2/PA06/01921 dated 04.01.2007 (holiday use) – Goongillings Farm, Nancenoy. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA15/06434 Mr & Mrs Peter Binns – Construction of a Previously Approved Garage (PA14/11568) (Revised Design) and Outbuilding/ Hobby Room. General Alterations to Dwelling including Juliet Balconies – Comfort View, Well Lane. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports the amended application.*

PA15/06633 Mr C.Kermack – Proposed construction of a dwelling house and associated works – land opposite Ponsaverran, Port Navas. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council does not support this application for a new home which represents a further intrusion of the built environment into the rural nature of Port Navas and which, if permitted, will create further vehicular movements on the very narrow roads which serve the settlement. More importantly, the proposed development will be both unsustainable and contrary to the obligation to protect rural areas generally and designated landscapes in particular as required by the National Planning Policy Framework. If development is permitted, the consequential loss of the greater part of this agricultural field to domestic use will represent a visual intrusion upon and materially harm the existing scenic qualities and intrinsic character of the Cornwall AONB at this location. More particularly, it will remove the existing visual link between the adjoining Special Area of Conservation of the Helford Ria and the open countryside. Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA15/07048 Mrs Sarah Slade – External bridge and terrace to garden – Polwheveral Mill Cottage. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA15/07205 Mr Brad Watson – New dwelling – land adjacent to 31, Trebarvah Road, Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA15/07312 M A.Gardner – Works to oak. Reduce height by 5 metres to a height of 25 metres. A 3 metre reduction on the branches reaching towards the house. The branch length of tree 2 before reduction is approximately 10 metres. The branch length following reduction will be approximately 7 metres – Trevean, Trewince Lane. This application was returned marked *Subject to the approval of the County Tree Officer, Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Applications

PA15/08166 Mr R.Clowes – Crown reduction of a Cypress and Hazel tree and removal of a trunk on the Cypress tree – Quilters Bridge, Constantine. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Subject to the approval of the County Tree Officer, Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

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Decisions

PA15/01584 APPROVED – Proposed erection of a local needs dwelling including alteration to the existing access – land adjacent to Peters Field Brill – *noted*

PA15/01680 APPROVED – First floor extension with balcony and alterations including replacement roof covering – Skylarks, Brill – *noted*

PA15/03750 APPROVED – Change of use from Dental Surgery to a residential dwelling – Landscape View, Penbothidno – *noted*

PA15/04318 APPROVED – Resubmission of details previously approved under application PA11/02976 with additional information to address the previously attached conditions – Nans Avallon, Brillwater Road – *noted*

PA15/04772 PART APPROVED/PART REFUSED – Works to Turkey Oak trees – Land to the rear of Trewince Lodge, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

PA15/05533 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Submission of details to discharge condition 3 in respect of application PA15/03512 – Tregantallan (road from Little Trevease Junction to Lower Treleggan) – *noted*

PA15/05655 REFUSED – Outline application for the construction of a single dwelling-house – Ivy Cottage, Brillwater – *noted*

PA15/06434 APPROVED – Construction of a Previously Approved Garage (PA14/11568) (Revised Design) and Outbuilding/ Hobby Room. General Alterations to Dwelling including Juliet Balconies – Comfort View Well Lane – *noted*

PA15/06570 APPROVED – Single storey extension to provide new entrance porch and extended Kitchen area – 22 Brillwater Road – *noted*

PA15/06716 PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQ'D (AF/TEL/DEM) – A roof over existing collecting yards with concrete panels and Yorkshire board on the south side. Max width 17.7m reducing to 10.8m – Little Trevease, Constantine – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Cornwall Rural Housing Association seeking support for the continuation of the existing rural exemption from the Right to Buy scheme – *noted*

CC Consultation on Street Trading – *noted*

NHS Peninsula Community Health newsletter – *noted*

CC Have your say on the future of grassroots sport! – *noted*

George Eustice MP concerning the Right to Buy scheme – *noted*

CC Localism Conference September 30, New County Hall, Truro – *noted*

Cllr Colin Gray letter of resignation from the Council – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at September 17, 2015. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Cruse Bereavement Care in Cornwall for financial help with support for bereaved people. Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 16, 2013), Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £25 to Cruse Bereavement Care in Cornwall.

Members considered a request from Victim Support for help with funding the cost of the work done to support victims and witnesses of crime in Cornwall. It was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, 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 should forward the sum of £25 to Cruse Bereavement Care in Cornwall.

Members noted the following payments made in August using delegated powers

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 301.00		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 65.00		
SW Water (public convenience)	£ 85.92		
SW Water (cemetery)	£ 13.53		
R.Sanders (churchyards)	£ 1,278.00	£ 1,065.00	£ 213.00

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E.On UK plc (public lighting)	£ 71.46	£ 68.06	£ 3.40
Viridor Waste Management	£ 50.45	£ 42.04	£ 8.41
Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd	£ 3,439.21	£ 2,866.01	£ 573.20
SSE (Church Square supply)	£ 25.86	£ 24.63	£ 1.23
Colin Chapman			
Salary (July)	£ 458.27		
telephone	£ 31.18		
office expenses	£ 22.16		
travelling	£ 28.28		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 564.89	

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC	£ 430.80		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 301.00		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 52.00		
Be-Ta-Pest (wasps' nest)	£ 42.00	£ 35.00	£ 7.00
Constantine Stores Ltd	£ 92.81	£ 77.35	£ 15.46
E.On UK plc (public lighting)	£ 71.46	£ 68.06	£ 3.40
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 50.45	£ 42.04	£ 8.41
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance	£ 350.00		
R.Sanders			
Churchyards	£ 700.00		
Recreation Ground	£ 350.00		
Weed killing	£ 20.00		
	total	£ 1,284.00	£ 214.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (August)	£ 458.27		
telephone	£ 21.28		
office expenses	£ 5.76		
travelling	£ 7.07		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 517.38	

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Dunstan, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thomson, all others in favour that the above ten accounts be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

R.Sanders (sale of mower)	£ 600.00
D.Tresise (Mrs Richards)	£ 40.00
CC (LMP repayment)	£ 2,484.00
CC (precept 2nd instalment)	£ 17,250.00
CC (Council Tax Support grant)	£ 1,355.80

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Andrew, who recently attended a meeting of the Community Network Panel, reported that

- the University has plans to enrol an additional 8,000 students, 6,000 of whom will study on the campus
- the University is of the opinion that these 6,000 students can be accommodated in Helston and in Truro
- the accommodation block for 150 students, which was one of the conditions attached to planning approval for teaching blocks, has yet to be started
- the Treluswell roundabout is to be re-developed at a cost of £2 million (there are doubts about its value)
- a senior Police representative present at the Network Panel Meeting noted Parish Council concerns about the information contained within the monthly reports
- the Falmouth area will be the subject of a trial expansion of the kerbside recycling collection: residents will be encouraged to recycle plastic pots, tubs and trays in addition to the existing plastic bottle collection.

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13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Members noted that

- the solar light in Clinton Road is not working
- a football has been kicked through a hole in the fence around the Recreation Ground and damaged a greenhouse in an adjoining garden
- the finger-post at Seworgan has been beautifully painted by someone unknown
- the interior of the pavilion is in a parlous state of repair. The Clerk was asked to invited committee members of the Football Club to meet with Councillors on an informal basis on Tuesday October 13, 2015
- the Clerk was asked to forward an invoice to the Shinty Club for the hire of the football pitch as agreed.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.37pm.

Signed.....

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