

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Cllr P.Carter	Cllr Miss C.Evans
Cllr J.Andrew	Cllr E.Nicholls
Cllr H.Bolt	Cllr Mrs T.Thomson
Cllr A.Carter	Cllr N.Wiseman
Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr J.Bastin and Mr Kent.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the December meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no comments from members of the public.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Fuller sent his apologies for absence.

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 Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday November 17, 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 Wiseman was asked a question concerning the number of times it is anticipated that a defibrillator will be used and further whether or not training in their use will be made available. He replied that he did not know how frequently any given defibrillator was used but that training would certainly be available once the defibrillators are in place.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Fuller reported that a single crime (of criminal damage) and six incidents were reported to the police during the month of November. He reminds residents that, as Christmas approaches, it is wise to ensure that both homes and cars are secure to avoid opportunistic theft.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- Cornwall Council's new Chief Executive Officer has been appointed: she is Kate Kannally who is currently the deputy CEO of Barnet in north London
- Falmouth's Neighbourhood Plan envisages blocks of flats rather than individual homes to deal with present and future pressures of housing
- the revised Cornwall Local Plan increases the target number of new dwellings in the Falmouth and Penryn Community Network Area by about 100
- there is some financial help available to those Councils currently providing public facilities (Constantine Parish Council provides public conveniences and play areas amongst others)

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- the Boundary Commission review (which seeks to provide equal electoral representation) has been brought forward to April 2016 and will report before the Cornwall Council elections in May 2017. The probable outcome will be that the number of Cornwall Councillors will be reduced by up to a third. Cornwall Council has written to the Boundary Commission expressing its alarm about the proposed earlier review
- talks about the future of the Post Office in Constantine are on-going.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-opted members

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

Future meetings of the Parish Council

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

January 21, 2016	Ordinary Meeting
February 18, 2016	Ordinary Meeting
March 17, 2016	Ordinary Meeting
April 21, 2016	Ordinary Meeting
May 19, 2016	Annual Parish Meeting
May 19, 2016	Annual Meeting
Tuesday June 7, 2016	Ordinary Meeting
July 21, 2016	Ordinary Meeting
August	
September 15, 2016	Ordinary Meeting
October 20 2016	Ordinary Meeting
November 17, 2016	Ordinary Meeting
December 15, 2016	Ordinary Meeting
January 19, 2017	Ordinary Meeting
February 16, 2017	Ordinary Meeting

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

Parish Plans

It was agreed to defer a proposal to create a Neighbourhood Plan to the meeting in January. The Clerk will forward relevant information to members.

8 PARISH MATTERS

The bus shelter

Members again considered estimates for a replacement bus shelter on The Square. Following extensive discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded all in favour that quotations should be sought to refurbish the existing shelter – and that such refurbishment should be left until the weather is more clement.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA15/10558 – Change of use of part of owners/staff accommodation to letting rooms – Trengilly Wartha Inn, Nancenoy. Cllr Wiseman 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.*

PA15/10641 Mr D.Martin – Retrospective permission for an extension to form bedroom – Trebarvah Farm, Constantine. . Cllr Andrew 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.*

PA15/10964 Mrs Judy Ford – Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Coppicing of one multi-stemmed ash and one elm – The Old Doctors House, Doctors Lane, Constantine. Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Bolt 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.*

PA15/10900 Miss Serena Kent – Erection of a single storey local needs dwelling – Trewarne, High Cross. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA15/11003 Mr D.Martin – Variation of Condition 2 (plans approved) of decision PA14/06663 (erection of 8 dwellings, 1 shared ownership dwelling and 3 open market dwellings) to allow minor material amendment for rotation of plot 5 plan through 90 degrees – Plot 5, Trebarvah Court, Constantine. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council*

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is aware that the developer has already completed the proposed development and that the proposed 'variation' is now a matter of fact. The application should have been for retrospective approval. The record shows that Constantine Parish Council made the following observations about the original application

"Constantine Parish Council views this application as one for eight new homes in the countryside. Eight new homes which will have a considerable visual and ecological impact on the character and appearance of the countryside surrounding the village. There are already concerns about vehicular traffic (particularly along the very narrow lane from Trebarvah Road through to Trewardreva Cross) which will be augmented by the adjoining development. Constantine Parish Council does not support the development of this exception site and requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development."

The decision to grant permission for the original application was made despite the Parish Council's valid and reasoned objections and contrary to the emerging Cornwall Local Plan, which requires support from the local community for the development of an exception site.

Constantine Parish Council does not consider the rotation of a dwelling through 90 degrees to be a minor material amendment. Moreover (and particularly on summer evenings) such rotation will take light from and spoil the reasonable enjoyment of the occupants of plot 4.

In line with its stance on the original application, Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed variation.

PA15/11113 St Constantine PCC – Works to trees – St Constantine's Church, Church Square. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr A.Carter 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.*

PA15/11337 Mr L.Gilewicz – Extension to dwelling – Hendrawna House, Polwheveral. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA15/06302 APPROVED – 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 branches around the sides will be matched in so that they are shaped in with the branches reaching away from the house. The branch length on Tree 2 before reduction is approximately 10 metres. The branch length following reduction will be approximately 7 metres. Remove two crossing branches at approximately 10 metres) – Trevean, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

PA15/08836 APPROVED – Bedroom extension to ground floor, new utility extension to first floor and garage conversion. Refurbishment of roof, exterior walls and installation of new double glazed windows – Cove Hill, Port Navas – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted that Mr Geoff Jorey is now out of hospital and has been seen out and about in the community.

Correspondence

North Coast Cluster Group copy of a letter to CCllr Adam Paynter regarding the rate payable to Parish Councils under the Local Maintenance Partnership Agreement – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Members considered the Precept for the year from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Nicholls all in favour that the Precept for the year 2016/2017 should be set at £35,000

Members considered a request from Cornwall Air Ambulance for financial help with the work done by the Trust. Following discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all 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 £125 to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC	£ 430.60		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 301.00		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 53.60		

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E.On (public lighting)		£ 69.16	£ 65.87	£ 3.29
Viridor Waste Management Ltd		£ 49.98	£ 41.65	£ 8.33
Mrs Jennings (public convenience)		£ 250.00		
R.Sanders				
Churchyards	£ 350.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 175.00			
	total	£ 630.00	£ 525.00	£ 105.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (November)	£ 458.27			
telephone	£ 28.74			
office expenses	£ 41.17			
travelling	£ 42.42			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 595.60		

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

The following account in relation to expenses for the Recreation Ground was presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Travis Perkins	£ 49.18	£ 40.98	£ 8.20

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

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Andrew reported that he had attended the recent meeting of the Community Network Area on behalf of Constantine Parish Council. For the most part, discussion had been about improvements to the A39 between Perranwell and the Treluswell roundabout.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had been publically thanked for its contribution towards the village Christmas decorations.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Closing the meeting, the Chairman wished all those present a very happy Christmas.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday January 21, 2016 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.26pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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