

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday April 21, 2016 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present:

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

Visitors: Mr and Mrs H.Dickinson, Mr M.Dickinson, Mr B.Jorey, Mr Small and Mr and Mrs Trickey.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the April meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Seeking the Council's support for his planning application (PA1900949), Mr H.Dickinson explained his personal circumstances and outlined his proposals for this local needs dwelling. He was supported by Mrs Trickey.

Mr Jorey stated that, together with members of the Football Club, he is prepared to do the work necessary to refurbish the pavilion. He asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to underwrite the costs involved. The Chairman suggested that he should make a list of what needs to be done together with an estimate of the costs involved and come back to the Council. The Council would then consider the matter further.

Members noted that

- an arm of the historic fingerpost at the corner of Trebarvah Road (near the school) has again been broken off. The Chairman undertook to arrange for its repair
- the lower two hinges of the doors of the bier house need replacement. Cllr Andrew agreed to investigate further
- BT is preventing residents from signing up to fibre broadband. The Clerk will pursue the matter
- the build-out at the northern end of Brillwater Road (which was a condition of the permission for the development of the Nans Avallon site) has yet to be constructed.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Bastin, Cllr Bolt (holiday) and Cllr Nicholls (work) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour to accept those apologies. The Clerk will follow this up.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

As a neighbour of the applicant, Cllr Mrs Thomson declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 9 (PA16/02728)

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 Thomson proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, Cllr Miss Evans who was absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday March 17, 2016 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

There were no matters arising which were not covered on the agenda.

5 POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the police.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Through the Clerk, CCllr Bastin reported that Cornwall Council has now set up a register for people considering self-build projects with a view to matching them to land as and when it becomes available.

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7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-opted members

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

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, 2017 in the sum of £433.12 + VAT. Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, all others in favour to renew membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils.

8 PARISH MATTERS

St Constantine Closed Churchyard

Members considered an offer to extend the contract with Cornwall Council for cutting the grass in the closed churchyard of St Constantine for a further year at the same annual rate of £433.01 Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded all others in favour to continue with the contract to maintain the closed churchyard at St Constantine.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

Observations

PA16/00949 Mr H.Dickinson – Outline planning permission with all matters reserved: Proposed construction of a single infill dwelling (amended application) – land adj The Old Smithy, Jobs Water. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports the amended application for a Local Needs dwelling.*

PA16/02483 Mr and Mrs Thomas – Raised ridge to incorporate bedrooms and shower room within the loft space, with 2 no. pitched roof dormers and 2 Juliet balconies to the rear – Pinfold, Bowling Green Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA16/02538 Mrs A.Meadows – Tree works as per application documents – Poltoge, Port Navas. Cllr A.Carter proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council will be guided by the views of the County Tree Officer.*

PA16/02672 Mr J.Watt – Works to Beech tree – The Old Orchard, Port Navas. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council will be guided by the views of the County Tree Officer.*

PA16/02728 Mr and Mrs L.Gilewicz – Erection of garages and garden store – Hendrawna House Polwheveral. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, Cllr Mrs Thomson abstained all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council notes that the size, height, footprint and design of the proposed outbuilding are all markedly similar to those of the earlier refused application (PA15/01666) for the erection of a treble garage, gardener's store with a residential annexe over. Constantine Parish Council further notes that the Planning Inspector appointed to decide that application referred to its height and size, stating that it would be far more dominant than the existing building" and "would not be perceived as [a] minor component of the wider landscape". In her conclusions, the Inspector found that "notwithstanding that the proposal replaces an existing structure, it would be significantly higher, larger in terms of massing and more prominent. It would be an incongruously large new domestic building in this rural landscape setting, seen in association with two already large dwellings. Further planting would not be sufficient to overcome its harmful impact on the character and appearance of this highly attractive and essentially natural rural landscape." Constantine Parish Council believes that the Inspector's comments concerning the earlier proposal and the structural similarities between that and the current application militate against permission being granted and therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA16/02773 Mr C.Mitchell – Application for a non-material amendment following grant of planning permission PA15/00627. Amendment sought - widen proposed door to bedroom 3 (extension) in south elevation – Golden Eye, Port Navas. Members noted that, due to time constrictions, the Chairman had authorised the return of this application with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council has no further comment.*

PA16/02902 Mr L.Mann – Siting of a static caravan for residential use and use as a farm office. Retrospective. Resubmission of PA15/00820 – Meyn Pern Farm Office Caravan, Tresahor. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council reiterates its objection to the original application PA15/00820 which was 'Constantine Parish Council notes the absence from this application of any justification for a new residential unit within an unsustainable location in the countryside and accordingly requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.'*

PA16/03102 Mrs J.Ford – Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Branch and epicormic growth removal and canopy raising of sweet chestnut to 6 metres. Felling of flowering cherry – The Old Doctors House, Doctors Lane, Constantine. Cllr Miss Evans proposed, Cllr A.Carter seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council will be guided by the views of the County Tree Officer.*

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Decisions

PA16/00670 APPROVED – Non-material amendment for the retention of a composting toilet on site in respect of decision notice PA12/04124 – Little Trevease, Constantine – *noted*

PA16/00691 APPROVED – Extension and alterations to dwelling including a balcony – Hillside House, Port Navas – *noted*

PA16/00698 APPROVED – Construct a detached dwelling, formation of new vehicle and pedestrian access and installation of a domestic packaged sewage treatment plant to replace existing septic tank – Land Rear of number 12 Parc Monga Road, Constantine – *noted*

PA16/01344 WITHDRAWN – Certificate of lawfulness existing use: Stationing and use of caravan as a dwelling – The Caravan, Lone Pine Cottage, High Cross – *noted*

PA16/01383 APPROVED – Listed Building Consent for the demolition of existing Porch within Courtyard & Construction of Proposed New Porch – Treviades Barton, Treviades – *noted*

PA16/02064 APPROVED – Convert existing basement into family annexe accommodation and changing a patio door to a window – 10 Brillwater Road, Constantine – *noted*

Correspondence

Mr Thomson copy of a letter to the Planning Authority concerning PA16/02728 (erection of garages and garden store at Hendrawna House, Polwheveral) – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

NHS Peninsula News (Goodbye Edition) – *noted*

Constantine Cottage Garden Society acknowledgment of and thanks for donation towards the Annual Show – *noted*

Rob Turner Quarterly Safety Inspection Report (play equipment) – *noted*

Martin Gee concerning the Lawn Cemetery – *noted*

Mrs Moore concerning HM The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations – *this matter was noted. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour to offer to underwrite the costs of the birthday celebrations up to a total of £250 from Parish funds*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at April 21, 2016. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted that the Internal Auditor, Mr Peter Richards, had made no comment concerning the financial accounts for the year April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016.

Members noted that during the course of the year April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016 invoices incurred by the Alice Hext Trust Recreation Ground amounting to the sum of £5,691.80 had been paid by Constantine Parish Council using the General Power of Competence adopted at the Annual Meeting on May 16, 2013

Parish Councillors considered the Statement of Assurance required by the Audit Commission for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2016. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson 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, 2016.

The Clerk presented the accounts for Constantine Parish Council for the year April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council should approve the Parish Council's accounts for the year April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the Alice Hext Trust for the year April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr A.Carter seconded, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council, as the Management Trustee of the Recreation Ground, should approve the accounts for the Alice Hext Trust for the year April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 197.00		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 57.60		
Cornwall Council rates (Lawn Cemetery)	£ 159.72		
Cornwall Council rates (public convenience)	£ 411.40		
SSE Contracting Ltd	£ 21.61	£ 18.01	£ 3.60
J.P.Richards (Internal Auditor)	£ 267.75		
E.On (public lighting)	£ 71.46	£ 68.06	£ 3.40
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 87.78	£ 73.15	£ 14.63
Viv Beckerleg (repairs to convenience)	£ 141.00		

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South West Water (cemetery)		£	8.75		
South West Water (convenience)		£	30.01		
R.Sanders					
Churchyards	£	280.00			
Recreation Ground	£	175.00			
	total	£	546.00	£	455.00
				£	91.00
Colin Chapman					
Salary (February)	£	573.85			
telephone	£	30.50			
office expenses	£	59.70			
travelling	£	72.49			
use of home	£	25.00			
	total	£	761.54		

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

Members noted the following receipts

Pendle Funeral Services (Mrs Tremayne)	£	275.00
Precept (1st instalment)	£	17,500.00
CTS grant	£	1,096.43
St Constantine PCC (re grass cutting)	£	150.00
Electricity meter (Recreation Ground)	£	6.00
HMRC VAT repayment	£	4,183.43

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Mrs Thomson reported that she and Cllr Andrew had attended the recent Community Network Meeting. Amongst other matters, the following were of note

- grants are available from the devolution fund for costs associated with setting up the various duties devolved from Cornwall Council (libraries, public conveniences etc) and for day-to-day running costs in the first year
- much of the 2% levy on the Council Tax designed to ease the integration of Health and Social Care will in fact be spent on implementing costs associated with the new living wage
- the creation of Neighbourhood Plans was highly recommended by CCllr Andrew Wallis
- the forthcoming Boundary Review, the findings of which will be implemented in 2021

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Further to PCSO Ashley's e-mail concerning Neighbourhood Watch, members noted that Bowling Green residents still contact one another when there are matters of concern.

Further to the repair of the pavilion, Cllr Andrew enquired whether or not either the Football or the Shinty Clubs pay a fee for use of the pavilion. The Clerk stated that neither had done.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday May 19, 2016 at 7:00pm The Annual Meeting of Constantine Parish Council will be held on Thursday May 19, 2016 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting. Both the above meetings will be held in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.27pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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