

# THE PARISH OF CONSTANTINE

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Constantine held on Thursday May 19, 2016 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:** CCllr Bastin, Cllr Andrew, Cllr A.Carter, Cllr Mrs Dunstan, Cllr Miss Evans, Cllr Nicholls Cllr Mrs Thomson and Cllr Wiseman.

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bolt.

## **2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 21, 2015**

Having been previously circulated and agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on June 11, 2015, Cllr Nicholls proposed Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday May 21, 2015 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 2015/2016 has once again been busy and productive. We, as a Council, have looked at and passed comments on forty-six planning applications (which are now paperless). I have made one trip to Camborne to fight our corner on behalf of a parishioner whose application was referred to the Planning Committee for decision. At the end of a very long afternoon our case was won.

“During last summer we replaced the swings and had a wet-pour safety surface laid underneath them. The play area and the recreation ground appear to be well used and enjoyed by all.

“The Christmas Lights Committee worked tirelessly to raise money for further lights. We need to thank the whole team for a marvellous job well done. The switch-on was very well attended by the people of the village and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

“We said a sad good-bye to Colin Gray as a Parish Councillor: he had served the community and his Council well. We welcomed Tess Thomson as a co-opted Parish Councillor. I would like to thank Cornwall Councillor John Bastin for his work at Cornwall Council in our behalf.

“Before the July 2015 meeting we met with Geoff Jorey and made a presentation to him of a model of a T20 tractor in recognition of his services to the Council and to the village.

“The Parish Council continues to organise the grass-cutting in the closed churchyard around the church, in the ‘new’ churchyard and in the lawned cemetery. We also keep tidy all the open spaces that we have in the village and take responsibility for the trimming of the Public Rights of Way in the parish

“Although Geoff has switched off the strimmer, he still keeps the public toilets opened and closed daily and in sparkling condition. Jean Jennings still keeps the village free of litter.

“Recently, the Post Office in the village has closed: there are no alternatives in the pipeline.

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“The Parish Council has several jobs in hand, these include the repair to the public slipway at Port Navas, the refurbishment of the bus shelter and the repair and replacement of fencing around the Recreation Ground.

“There are now three defibrillators in the parish: these were bought by the Friends of Constantine Surgery but the Parish Council helped with the administration of the project, the installation of the machines and will underwrite their on-going running costs.

“We have granted £7,494.81 to organisations directly or indirectly benefiting the residents of our parish. Of this £5,691 was moved to the Alice Hext account to keep the Recreation Ground in tip top order. The remaining £1,803 was granted in smaller sums to charitable bodies.

“Remembrance Sunday again saw the church full. Cllr Nicholls and myself laid the poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the War Memorial.

“We continue to be very fortunate to have Colin Chapman as our Parish Clerk. He keeps us well-informed and up-dated at all times. Thank you, Colin!

“Finally, a summary of the events that Christine and I have attended on behalf of the Parish Council. We once again led the Pendennis Brass Band through the village to the *Brass on the Grass* concert in July. We went to the preview evening of the Constantine Arts Society exhibition. On a very nice Sunday morning in March we went to Falmouth to attend the 74th anniversary of the St Nazaire raid. There was a Civic Parade led by the Mayor, Cllr John Body to the Prince of Wales pier where a Service of Remembrance was held. Afterwards we paraded along the main street to the Water Sports centre where we attended a very enjoyable reception. On May 9th we went to Falmouth Council Chambers to witness the Mayor Making ceremony: Cllr Grenville Chappel is now mayor of Falmouth. This is never a very long meeting giving plenty of time for the very generous hospitality on offer, also giving guests plenty of chance to meet other Councillors from many other towns and parishes. We would again like to thank Falmouth Town Council for the many invitations Constantine Parish Council receives to their civic events.

“My continued thanks go 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 Cllr Nicholls for his support as Vice-Chairman.

“Finally, I have to thank those who have helped at home to enable me to get away and attend meetings and events. There are times when they have to carry a heavy workload. Thanks to Christine, Alan and Robert!”

#### **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 his fellow Councillors, Cllr Wiseman thanked the Chairman for representing Constantine Parish Council at so many events.

Speaking as the father of young children, Cllr Nicholls agreed wholeheartedly with the comments made by the Chairman concerning the Recreation Ground. He confirmed that it is very well used, adding that it is a credit to the village.

The question of whether or not the Youth Hut is presently being used was raised. The Clerk was asked to investigate the matter.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 7, 2016

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 18, 2017

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