

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday February 16, 2017 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 Bastin, Mr and Mrs Parnell and Mr Williamson.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members noted that

- residents of Seworgan have asked for consideration to be given towards the siting of a defibrillator in the now disused telephone kiosk (which belongs to the Parish Council)
- the trees in the Recreation Ground are still causing problems for neighbours
- the chain-link fence between the Bowling Club and the Social Club is in a very poor state of repair
- the speed of traffic along Fore Street, particularly as it rounds the corner by the pub, is a cause for alarm
- the number of local residents attending clubs and events is disappointing.

Mr Parnell said that he was present simply to seek support for his planning application. He assured members that he had consulted with neighbours and that there had been no objections.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no 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

As the joint-owner of the neighbouring property, Cllr Nicholls declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 7 (PA17/00752).

As Officers of the Constantine Garden Society, Cllr Bolt and Cllr Andrew declared a pecuniary interest in the request to the Council (agenda item 8) for financial help towards the costs of the annual show and the prizes for the best kept gardens.

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded all others in favour that, subject to the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on January 19, 2017 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

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

The new car-park

Cllr Wiseman reported that Cormac has now completed the work on the car-park. It is hoped that this will prevent the loose surface from washing off and thereby alleviate the problem of flooding from blocked drains further down Bowling Green.

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5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Bastin reported that

- there is an opportunity for local residents to become official Police Speed Watch volunteers, which has the potential to resolve the problem of speeding through the village. Members agreed that volunteers should be sought using the medium of the Constant Times
- the no-parking markings outside the school now have legal effect and are enforceable as from March 1, 2017
- the Local Plan is up and running: he is hoping to be able to organise a training evening based on the policies contained within the Plan for rural councils within his Ward in the near future.

Cllr Nicholls reported that workmen from Cormac had attended the flooding at Carwythenack and had filled a couple of potholes, but that they had done nothing about the flooding (which remains the problem). Cllr Bastin said that he would follow this up and go along when work is being done in the future.

6 PARISH MATTERS

Constantine Lawn cemetery

Members noted that Bob Sanders has now installed the bench in the cemetery. Speaking on behalf of residents and of the Parish Council, Cllr Wiseman said that the bench looks very well and will doubtless be greatly appreciated in the future. He thanked Cllr Bastin warmly for paying the cost of purchase.

Alice Hext Trust: repair of the pavilion

The Clerk reported that Brian Jorey has told him that he anticipates that all the refurbishment work on the pavilion will be completed by the end of April.

Members considered a request from the Football Club to plumb a washing machine into the lime shed. The cost of washing and ironing the football strips at £15 is now beyond the means of the Club. It was agreed that permission should be granted, but that the Council as the Management Trustee will require a copy of the electrician's installation and testing report and certificate.

Alice Hext Trust: repair of chain-link fencing

The Clerk reported that he now has a quotation from Countryside Contracting for the replacement of the fencing between the Social Club and the Pavilion. However, members were of the opinion that the stretch between the Bowling Club and the Social Club is of more immediate concern and, after discussion, it was agreed to have a meeting on the Recreation Ground on Sunday February 26 at 11.30am to review the problem and to make a decision as to what needs doing first.

Alice Hext Trust: maintenance of the play equipment

The Clerk reported that he has sought quotations for the maintenance of the play equipment and that he expects to be able to table these at the meeting in March.

Welcoming Stones

The Chairman reported that Mr Olds has agreed to set a date for members to visit the quarry and to choose the stones once he has returned from holiday. The Chairman will continue to liaise with him.

7 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA17/00496 Longbarn Trust – Listed Building Consent for the retention of a garden room/conservatory to the rear of the building – Merthen Forge, Merthen. Cllr Miss Evans proposed. Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council has no objections*.

Having earlier declared a pecuniary interest in this application, Cllr Nicholls refrained from taking part in either the debate or the voting. He remained in the room.

PA17/00752 Mr N.Parnell – Erection of a two storey rear extension and side extension including roof-lights – 16 Penbothidno, Constantine. Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded (Cllr Nicholls abstained) all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application*

PA16/12034 Listed Building Consent for extension to existing single storey kitchen, demolition of existing (modern) 2 storey extension, repointing works to exterior, partial re-roofing and slate hanging to bay window masonry elements – Merthen Manor, Constantine. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council has no objections*.

PA17/01311 Dr and Mrs Aghdam – Listed Building Consent for proposed interior remodelling of converted barn, demolition of rear extension and erection of conservatory – Ponjeravah House Ponjeravah. Cllr Miss Evans proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council has no objections*.

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PA16/12160 Dr and Mrs Aghdam – Proposed interior remodelling of converted barn, demolition of rear extension and erection of conservatory – Ponjeravah House, Ponjeravah. Cllr A.Carter proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council has no objections in principle to the addition of a conservatory to this dwelling. However, the Council has strong reservations about the proposed design of this application.*

PA17/01041 Mr R.James – Works to Oak trees – Polpenwith Creek, Polpenwith. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Subject to the agreement of the County Tree Officer, Constantine Parish Council has no objections.*

PA17/01385 Ms D.Drees – Internal layout changes, new roof structure with increased ridge height, installation of roof lights and construction of a rear dormer – 10 Parc Monga Road. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr A.Carter seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council has no objections.*

Decisions

PA16/09510 APPROVED – Variation of condition 5 of decision PA16/06069 to allow the access road junction build out to be constructed within 12 months of the occupation of the third and final dwelling – Nans Avallon Brillwater Road – *noted*

PA16/11831 REFUSED – Erection of single storey dwelling – Trewarne, High Cross– *noted*

8 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Cornwall Air Ambulance acknowledgment of and thanks for donation

Constantine Cottage Garden Society Annual Show

Acting as the Management Trustee for the Alice Hext Charitable Trust, Members considered a request from the Constantine Cottage Garden Society for permission to hold its Annual Show on the Recreation Ground on the week-end of July 15, 2017. Members agreed unanimously to allow Constantine Cottage Garden Society to use the Recreation Ground for the Annual Show from Thursday July 13 to Monday July 17

Cllr Bolt and Cllr Andrew having earlier declared a pecuniary interest in the following item, refrained from taking part in either the debate or the voting. They remained in the room.

Members considered a request from the Constantine Cottage Garden Society for financial help towards the costs and prizes for the Annual Show. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Miss Evans, seconded by Cllr Wiseman, Cllr Bolt and Cllr Andrew abstaining, all others in favour that, using the General Power of Competence, Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £250.00 to Constantine Cottage Garden Society.

The Clerk

The Clerk reported that he will be unable to attend the meeting on Thursday March 16, 2017. Members agreed that the most practical way solution will be to bring that meeting forward to Tuesday March 14, 2017

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at February 16, 2017. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey		£ 299.80		
Mrs J.Jennings		£ 57.50		
R,Sanders				
Cemetery (strimming)	£ 350.00			
Cemetery (remove bamboo)	£ 298.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 175.00			
Bench (prepare area and oil)	£ 205.00			
	total	£ 1,233.00	£ 1,028.00	£ 205.60
E.On (public lighting)		£ 82.99	£ 79.04	£ 3.95
Viridor Waste Management Ltd		£ 52.14	£ 43.45	£ 8.69
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance		£ 150.00		
SSE Contracting		£ 238.72	£ 198.93	£ 39.79
Colin Chapman				
salary (January)	£ 583.73			
telephone	£ 34.33			
office expenses	£ 41.02			

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travelling	£ 49.50		
use of home	£ 25.00		
		total	£ 733.58

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

The following accounts relating to expenses incurred by the Alice Hext Trust were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
EdF Energy	£ 47.56	£ 45.29	£ 2.27
Travis Perkins	£ 175.66	£ 146.38	£ 29.28

Proposed by Cllr A.Carter, seconded by Cllr Bolt, all others in favour that the above two accounts be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

Electricity prepayment meter	£ 10.00
Community Chest grant	£ 316.16
CC LMP 2 nd payment	£ 273.25

10 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Mrs Dunstan

11 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Wiseman proposed that a letter of appreciation should be sent to Bob Sanders in recognition of the excellent work he has done recently in both cemeteries. It was agreed. Cllr Wiseman then drew members’ attention to what looks like a large chest tomb or an old water cistern which has recently come to light in the New Cemetery. He asked that Bob should be requested to spread the chippings along the bottom of the hedge to prevent the growth of weeds.

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday March 14, 2017 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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