

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Tuesday March 14, 2017 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present:

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

Visitors: There were no visitors.

The Chairman welcomed members to the March meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions from residents were raised.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Bastin, Cllr A.Carter and Cllr Nicholls tendered their apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded all in favour to accept their 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 received as a result of being a member of the Council.

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on February 16, 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

There were no matters arising that were not included on this agenda.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of CCllr Bastin there was no report although he had asked the Clerk to inform Councillors that Council Tax will rise by 3.97% in the coming financial year.

6 PARISH MATTERS

Alice Hext Trust: repair of the pavilion

Members noted that, within the last month, no visible progress made with the refurbishment of the pavilion.

Alice Hext Trust: repair of chain-link fencing

The Clerk reported that he has received a quotation for the work identified as being necessary by the advisory committee in the net sum of £7,571.00 Following discussion, Cllr Miss Evans proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded all in favour that, acting in its role as the Management Trustee of the Alice Hext Recreation Ground, Constantine Parish Council should accept this quotation on the understanding that the work in its entirety is completed by June 15, 2017

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Alice Hext Recreation Ground

Members considered a request from the Constantine Silver Band for permission to hold the Brass and Voice Weekend on the Recreation Ground on the weekend of July 15/16. Members agreed unanimously to allow Constantine Silver Band to use the Recreation Ground for the Brass and Voice Weekend from July 15 to July 16.

Welcoming Stones

The Chairman reported that Mr Olds will meet the informal advisory committee at Bosahan Quarry at 2.00pm on Saturday.

Public Rights of Way

Members considered an invitation from Cornwall Council to continue with the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme. The grant offered for the year to March 31, 2018 is £3,005.25 (or 100% of eligible costs, whichever is the lower). Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all in favour that Constantine Parish Council should accept the terms relating to the Local Maintenance Partnership as offered by Cornwall Council for the year to March 31, 2018.

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 an annual rate of £433.01 (the same rate as last year). Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded all others in favour to continue with the maintenance of the closed churchyard at St Constantine.

7 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA17/01449 Dr & Mrs Hocken – Demolition of existing sub-standard garage and construction of replacement garage – The Cottage, Port Navas *and*

PA17/01450 Dr & Mrs Hocken – Listed Building Consent for the demolition of existing sub-standard garage and construction of replacement garage – The Cottage, Port Navas

Cllr Bolt proposed. Cllr Andrew seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council declares an interest in this application as the Custodian Trustee of the neighbouring property, the Grade II Listed former reading room and wash-house and present-day Village Hall. Nevertheless, it believes that the increased height and overall size of the proposed replacement garage will have an adverse and overbearing effect upon the historic setting of the settlement, of the five nearby listed Grade II buildings and the historically important buildings of this ancient port. The Parish Council can see no reasonable explanation for the introduction of a bathroom and would add that the space allocated for the car is probably inadequate.*

PA17/01678 Mr & Mrs Williams – Proposed conversion of redundant barns to form dwelling – Treculliacks, Constantine. The Chairman proposed. Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA17/01597 Mr & Mrs Brown – Demolition of existing detached dwelling, garage and swimming pool and the erection of a replacement dwelling, garage and swimming pool – Pixies Garden, High Cross, Constantine. The Chairman proposed. Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council has strong reservations both about the demolition of the existing dwelling (which presently sits well within the landscape) and about the adverse impact the proposed new dwelling will have on the rural nature of the surrounding countryside and particularly on the nearby, traditionally built dwellings. Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA17/01788 Messrs D, V, G & L Beckerleg – Erection of detached dormer bungalow – 5 Bowling Green, Constantine. Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed. Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA17/01911 and PA12/01912 Mr & Mrs S.Jones – Proposed sitting room extension to the rear and adjacent ancillary 'Granny Annex' – Longbarn, Tresahor. Cllr Bolt proposed. Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application subject to a condition tying the use of the proposed annex to the main dwelling.*

PA17/01245 Ms L.Fresle – Change of use of land to a traveller pitch and associated works including 1no. day room, 2 no. mobile homes, 2 no. touring caravans, utility block and compost toilet, retention of 3 no. sheds/stables for use as storage and associated works to replace existing permission PA14/01938 – Land on the SE side of Glentharn, Ponjeravah. Cllr Bolt proposed. Cllr Andrew seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council does not support this application. The Council had strong reservations about the original application on which it observed "... the Council believes the application to be for a new residential unit in the countryside, indeed in the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and that the location is unsustainable in terms of the National Planning Policy Framework. Accordingly, it requests the Planning Authority to refuse*

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permission for development.” *The belief underlying those objections has not changed. The original application was only granted permission because of the applicant’s close links to Constantine. The Council believes that the applicant has breached one of the conditions applying to the original permission. It requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for the present application.*

Decisions

PA16/11256 APPROVED – Ground and first floor extension including a dormer window and roof-lights, new roof coverings, demolition of chimney and installation of solar collectors – Ponjeravah Cottage, Ponjeravah – *noted*

PA16/12033 APPROVED – Extension to existing single storey kitchen, re-pointing works to exterior and slate hanging to bay window masonry elements – Merthen Manor, Merthen – *noted*

PA16/12034 APPROVED – Listed Building Consent for extension to existing single storey kitchen, re-pointing works to exterior and slate hanging to bay window masonry elements – Merthen Manor, Merthen – *noted*

PA17/00496 APPROVED – Listed Building Consent for the retention of a garden room/conservatory to the rear of the building – Merthen Forge, Merthen – *noted*

PA17/00752 APPROVED – Erection of a two storey rear extension and side extension including roof-lights – 16, Penbothidno, Constantine – *noted*

8 CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Cormac priced offer of road-side weed-killing – *noted*

Constantine Cottage Garden Society acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Liz Pearce request to use the Recreation Ground for a Bunny Hunt on April 15 *acting in its role as the Management Trustee of the Alice Hext Recreation Ground the Council agreed to grant permission for Ms Pearce to hold a Bunny Hunt on the Recreation Ground on April 15th, 2017 on condition that the event is free of charge and open to all*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

E.On notification of an increase from 14.40p per kWh to 15.75p per kWh for unmetered public lighting with effect from April 1, 2017 – *noted*

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council’s financial position as at March 14, 2017. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC	£ 513.20		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 302.00		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 57.60		
Cormac Solutions Ltd	£ 2,345.86	£ 1,954.88	£ 390.98
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 50.70	£ 42.25	£ 8.45
E-On Uk plc	£ 74.96	£ 71.39	£ 3.57
C.F.P.Chapman (repayment re S.Pea Studio)	£ 49.00		
SSE (Pillar in the Square)	£ 25.14	£ 21.29	£ 3.85
Mrs Lucas (electricity for defibrillator)	£ 50.00		
R.Sanders			
Churchyards	£ 350.00		
Hedges and trees (Churchyard)	£ 96.00		
Recreation Ground	£ 670.00		
totals	£ 1,339.20	£ 1,116.00	£ 223.20
Colin Chapman			
Salary (February)	£ 583.73		
telephone	£ 31.99		
office expenses	£ 33.03		
travelling	£ 31.99		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 702.04		

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

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Members noted the following receipts

Frederick Wearne and Sons (Mrs Gendall)	£ 40.00
Pavilion electricity meter	£ 4.00
T.Cooke (Mrs Dale)	£ 65.00

10 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees or Representatives.

11 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Members noted that

- there is a hole in the road near the entrance to Trengilly Farm and another on the Falmouth Road just past the entrance to Bosvathick Stables
- a request for a defibrillator to be positioned in the telephone box that belongs to the Parish Council at Seworgan has been made. The Friends of the Surgery have offered to contribute up to £1,000 and residents of Seworgan have raised some money ... the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday April 20, 2017 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.24pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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