

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday October 18, 2012 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present: Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman) Cllr E.Nicholls
 Cllr A.H.Bolt Cllr R.J.Williams
 Cllr Miss C.Evans Cllr N.J.Wiseman
 Cllr C.Gray Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Hatton, Mr Boote, Mrs Dunstan, Ms Gendall, Mr Montag, Mr Trebilcock, Ms Tudor, and Mr Zorab.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Dental Surgery

Members noted that

- the PCT has written to existing patients stating that the Dental Surgery has closed as a result of bankruptcy
- the surgery has not closed: Mr Zorab is working there on a part-time basis
- a young dentist, Mr Mark Haynes, is keen to take on the practice and, in a fortnight of so's time (following a Quality Care inspection), will be working there with Mr Zorab, again on a part-time basis
- the PCT has been asked to support the practice (which at one time had 2,500 patients), but has refused to do so.

The Clerk was asked to write to the PCT about this matter and in support of the Constantine Dental Surgery.

The public telephone box at Port Navas

Members noted that

- the equipment has been removed from the box by BT at the request of an individual who claims he owns the land on which it is sited
- ownership of the land is claimed by a second individual, who has been asked by BT to produce the evidence of ownership
- villagers are very concerned about the possible loss of this facility, particularly because of poor mobile 'phone reception and (with the creek-side location in mind) the potential requirement for contacting the emergency services.

The Clerk reported that he has been in contact with BT about this matter and that, in the short-term, the company will take no further action before hearing from the individual who is claiming ownership of the land on which the telephone box is sited.

Ms Tudor stated that she was present to seek support for the request from the Constantine Pod for financial help towards the staging of a one-day literary festival in April 2013. She added that if Constantine Parish Council supports the event, then it is possible that Cornwall Council will do the same.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Gardiner 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.

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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 Williams proposed, Cllr Nicholls seconded, Cllr Gray and Cllr Wiseman being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday September 13, 2012 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 included on this agenda.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Gardiner reported that there have been three crimes (a burglary, a theft and an incidence of possession of cannabis) recorded in the Parish since the meeting in September. There were no calls in relation to anti-social behaviour. The Police attended the recent fire in Port Navas.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Hatton reported that

- Cornwall Highways have offered to provide the materials necessary for the maintenance of the historic fingerposts (of which there are believed to be eight) in the Parish. A small but willing band of volunteers will be sought in the near future
- contrary to the Parish Council's observations, he had not objected to the proposal for a solar farm at Little Trevease, simply because he did not believe there were planning grounds for refusal. If the proposal is granted permission then it is his belief that, because the farm will have a greater impact on the parish of Constantine, the community benefit presently on offer should be shared between Wendron (in whose parish the farm will be sited) and Constantine. He urged the two Chairmen to discuss the matter once a decision is made
- somehow the JuMP grant from his Community Chest funding allocation has been overlooked by Cornwall Council. The matter will be rectified very shortly
- because the road past Cott Farm has been resurfaced, traffic is travelling more quickly and, on two occasions recently, delivery vehicles have run into the hedge. He will speak to Highways about the matter
- new guidance has been published concerning the purchase of Affordable Homes. To enable both purchase and to optimise rental opportunities in the Affordable Homes market, Cornwall Council has entered into a two year contract with South West Homes
- developers appear to be pre-empting the Core Strategy document and, using National Policy Guidance, are imposing large-scale developments on the community.

In answer to questions, CCllr Hatton said he will talk to Highways about flooding on the road between Carwythenack Farm and the T junction at Cott Hill and also about drainage problems in Parc Monga.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour that Cllr Nicholls be elected to the position of Vice-Chairman of Constantine Parish Council for the remainder of the year 2012 – 2013.

Co-opted members

The Clerk reported that through Cllr Wiseman he had received an expression of interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor from Mrs Sylvia Dunstan.

Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all others in agreement that Mrs Dunstan should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Cllr Mrs Dunstan read aloud and then signed her declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Constantine Parish Council, the Proper Officer. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Dunstan as a member of Constantine Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that there are now two vacancies which must be filled by the co-option of Parish Councillors. He further reported pinning a notice to the boards inviting expressions of interest in filling those vacancies from members of the public. It is now the responsibility of individual Councillors to encourage individuals with the required qualifications to put themselves forward.

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JUMP advisory committee

Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all in favour that Standing Orders be suspended to permit Mrs Gendall and Mr Montag to speak

Members noted that

- the advisory committee (JuMP) has been waiting for some while for a design (which one of the committee members had agreed to draft) for the proposed play area
- further designs are being sought from play equipment providers and manufacturers in order to offer residents a choice
- the committee member concerned is unhappy that other designs are being sought and has stated that he will do no more work on the project nor can the committee use his design
- a recent meeting, at which it became clear that different members had different expectations, had been challenging
- however, the committee is now more formally constituted and has appointed a Chairman, a secretary and a treasurer
- and it is proposed to continue raising funds with the ultimate intention of seeking funding from grant providers
- the recent ill-feeling together with the rumours that have been circulating need addressing.

It was suggested that future meetings should be well advertised, allowing all interested parties to attend and should have a set agenda.

Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour to resume Standing Orders

8 PARISH MATTERS

The Bier House

Members noted that the doors of the Bier House are in need of a coat of paint and that ivy is again growing on the roof. The Clerk was asked to seek quotations for the necessary work.

Christmas in Constantine

The Clerk reported that, as had been hoped, Ms Ellen Worth has agreed to take on the responsibility for the provision of Christmas trees in the village. Her intention is to have everything in place by December 1 (the date of the Pre-School and Primary School Christmas Bazaar) and to switch on the lights on the tree in The Square during the course of that evening. She also has plans for other events on the day. Cllr Wiseman agreed to help if he could. Following discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all in favour to set aside a maximum sum of £550 to purchase both Christmas trees and replacement lights.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA12/08838 Mr N.Lindsey – Erection of a rear extension – Brook Cottage, Bridge. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council has no objections to this application.*

Decisions

PA12/07199 APPROVED (Alteration of garage doors to open onto SE elevation and replacement of garage window to a door) – Longbarn, Seworgan Farm – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

CPRE Fieldwork newsletter – *noted*

Cornwall Blind Association acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

JuMP Committee concerning the use of the JuMP logo – *noted*

Tony Mogford Associates quarterly play area inspection (five new issues identified) – *noted*

Western Power Distribution invitation to stakeholder workshop with luncheon – *noted*

Carrick Leisure October half-term holiday activities – *noted*

Royal British Legion invitation to lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday November 11, 2012 – *it was agreed that the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman should represent Constantine Parish Council at the service of Remembrance. Cllr Nicholls proposed Cllr Wiseman seconded all in favour that Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £35.00 to the Royal British Legion in payment for a wreath to be laid at the War Memorial.*

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11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at October 18, 2012. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Management Committee of Port Navas Village Hall for financial help with the erection of an information sign in Pope's Garden and the purchase of a tree to commemorate HM the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Williams all others in favour that the sum of £100.00 be forwarded to the Management Committee of Port Navas Village Hall under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Members considered a request from the Constantine Literary Pod for financial help towards the staging of a one-day literary festival to be held on April 28, 2013 at the Tolmen Centre. Following considerable discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Councillor Nicholls that the sum of £50 be forwarded to the Constantine Literary Pod for financial help towards the staging of a one-day literary festival to be held on April 28, 2013 at the Tolmen Centre. An amended proposal moved by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Bolt that the sum of £100.00 be forwarded to the Constantine Literary Pod under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 was drawn, four members in favour, four against. The vote being drawn, the Chairman used his casting vote in favour of the amended resolution and it was therefore duly passed.

Members considered a request from Transition Constantine for financial help towards its work. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the Parish Council should not support this application. However, it was further agreed to write to Transition Constantine explaining that, in these austere times, the Council is unable to help fund a group's unspecified, day-to-day running costs and that Parish Councils as a whole prefer to help fund particular projects – and in this Constantine is no exception.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 49.52		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 302.80		
Smiths Gore (public convenience)	£ 150.00		
W.B.Bowden and Son (spray)	£ 24.00	£ 20.00	£ 4.00
R.Sanders (cemetery)	£ 330.00		
EdF Energy (final account)	£ 314.98	£ 299.98	£ 15.00
SSE Contracting (bulb replacement)	£ 68.06	£ 56.72	£ 11.34
SSE Contracting (routine maintenance)	£ 401.18	£ 334.32	£ 66.86
J.J.Gyll-Murray (footpaths)	£ 910.00		
Viridor	£ 39.54	£ 24.85	£ 8.10
Gweek Garage	£ 40.00	£ 33.33	£ 6.67
SW Water (public convenience)	£ 69.30	£ 33.22	£ 6.64
E.ON UK plc (public lighting)	£ 26.52	£ 25.26	£ 1.26
Colin Chapman			
Salary (September)	£ 400.46		
telephone	£ 29.37		
office expenses	£ 57.95		
travelling	£ 35.36		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 548.14	

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

Members noted the following receipts

Constantine PCC (Mrs Delbridge)	£ 196.00
Constantine PCC (Memorial)	£ 104.00
EdF Energy refund	£ 302.89
David Hendy Funeral Services	£ 500.00
St Constantine PCC (for the youth drop-in centre)	£ 300.00

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports under this heading

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13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

The new car-park – parking

It was noted that a second trailer has been parked in the car-park. The Clerk was asked to affix a notice to this trailer asking the owner to remove before October 31. He was also asked to write to the owner of the catering trailer reminding him that he has until October 31 to remove it.

Bowling Green – inconsiderate parking

The issue of inconsiderate parking in Bowling Green was again noted. Members fear that the day will come when emergency vehicles will need access which will be denied because of inconsiderate parking.

Rubbish bin in The Square

It was noticed that only the damaged carcass of the rubbish bin opposite the Spar Shop remains. The Clerk agreed to ask Cornwall Council to remove it.

Thefts from allotment sheds in nearby parishes

It was noted that, in nearby parishes, sheds belonging to allotment owners have recently been the target of thieves. Members were asked to warn residents to be on their guard.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday November 15, 2012 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.38pm.

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