

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday November 15, 2012 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

**Present:** Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman) Cllr R.J.Williams  
 Cllr A.H.Bolt Cllr N.J.Wiseman  
 Cllr C.Gray  
 Cllr Mrs S.N.Dunstan Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** CCllr Hatton, Ms Ford and Mr Dungavel, Mr Angell and Mr Wills (Quiet Revolution Ltd).

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the November meeting.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Ms Ford and Mr Dungavel stated that they were present to seek support for their planning application.

Mr Angell and Mr Wills from Quiet Revolution Ltd stated that they were in attendance to present a pre-application case for the erection of two 30kW wind turbines on land at Little Trevease, Edgcumbe. The turbines will be 25 metres tall and will be erected on land which has a "good wind resource" and which, because it has a network of overhead wires, is not unspoilt. The originally proposal for twenty helical turbines has been scaled down to just the two more traditional turbines. Describing the impact the turbines will have on the area, Councillors were told that the noise generated will reach a maximum of 33.4 decibels and that a landscape and visual impact assessment has been commissioned and that that will form part of the application. The company is keen to speak with the community about the proposal and information on it will be posted to people living nearby. The application will be submitted within a fortnight and the project is anticipated to have a twenty year life span, following which the land will be returned to agricultural use. Mr Angell confirmed that he was happy to open a dialogue on the matter of financial benefit for the local community.

*Mr Angell and Mr Wills left the meeting*

## 1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Miss Evans, Cllr Nicholls and PCSO Gardiner sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray 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 of a value greater than £25.

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that, with the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday October 18, 2012 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

Speaking of the Christmas celebrations, Cllr Wiseman reported that Ms Worth and he have been working together. Twenty-five small trees have been ordered for distribution to residents of Fore Street on a first-come first-served basis. To date that offer has been taken up by eighteen households. He asked members for

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help with the collection and distribution of the smaller trees on Thursday November 29 and with the three taller trees (for the Church, The Square and Seworgan) on December 1. Ms Worth has organised a Christmas lights switch-on ceremony at which carols will be sung and Rev'd Stewart Turner will give a blessing at 6:30pm on December 8.

Members noted that the two trailers have, as requested, been removed from the car-park.

It was noted that the problems arising from inconsiderate parking on Bowling Green Road persist.

## **5 POLICE REPORT**

Through the Clerk, PCSO Gardiner reported that there have been two crimes (a theft and neighbour dispute) recorded in the Parish since the meeting in October. There was a single call concerning anti-social behaviour related to the neighbour dispute. The Police received no calls either on Hallowe'en or on Bonfire Night.

## **6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

CCLlr Hatton reported that

- the grant for the JuMP committee had indeed gone astray, but, he understands, has now been received by the Committee
- the solar Farm at Little Trevease was approved by the planning committee. He suggested that once the farm is up and running, the Chairmen of Wendron and Constantine Parish Councils should meet to discuss how to use the money arising from the community benefit
- Cornwall Highways propose to replace the existing black and white reflective bollards at Cott Farm and to position others in the hope that they will make drivers behave more responsibly
- Cornwall Council's Cabinet is supportive of the construction of 48,000 new homes in the County over the course of the next twenty years. The matter will be put to the full Council in the near future
- it is clear that policies written into the Core Strategy will over-ride the wishes of community wishes
- the question of whether or not the Community Network based on Falmouth and Penryn is of any use to the rural parishes has been raised initiating talk of creating a separate and distinct Network solely for the rural parishes
- Cornwall Council has created a revolving fund of £1million to help Community Groups develop renewable energy. He will pass the information on to Transition Constantine
- a meeting to discuss the introduction of a 20mph limit in all residential areas has been called for November 26
- the lane down to Merthen is being repaired during the first week of December
- he understands that Mr George Eustice has written to the Primary Care Trust about the problems relating to the Constantine Dental Practice: he further understands that a reply both to Mr Eustice's letter and to his is being written.

In answer to a question, he confirmed that no planning application relating to the generation of renewable energy has been refused permission for development by Cornwall's Planning Authority. Members noted further that Cornwall has received the greatest number of renewable energy applications of any county in England.

## **7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

### **Code of Conduct**

Further to the decision made in July formally to adopt the Interim Code of Conduct, Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all others in favour to adopt the final draft of the Cornwall Code of Conduct for City, Community, Parish and Town Councils with paragraph 2.6 reading as follows

*You must record in a register of interests maintained by the Proper Officer any gifts or hospitality that you are offered or receive in connection with your official duties as a member and the source of the gift or hospitality worth £25 or over*

### **Dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011**

Members considered the procedure for the award of dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011. Following discussion, Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Williams seconded all in favour to delegate the power to grant dispensations to the Clerk.

### **Constantine Parish Council website**

Members considered commissioning a Parish Council website with links to and from the community website. The Clerk reported that Mr Meadows, who is the webmaster of the community website, had offered to create one based on text, photos and documents supplied by the Parish Council for £300 with future

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hosting charged at £75 per annum. Following discussion, it was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting.

### **Constantine Lawn Cemetery**

Following considerable discussion as the result of a most unfortunate misunderstanding, Cllr Carter proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, Cllr Wiseman and Cllr Williams against, all others in favour that those who so wish may place a memorial plaque no more than one foot square over buried cremated remains. The plaque is to be on a level with the earth, so that a lawnmower may pass over it without hindrance. No decoration of the plaque will be permitted. The Clerk was asked to ensure that undertakers are aware of the regulations and to ask that they, in turn, make bereaved families aware of them.

Members agreed to explore the possibilities of surrounding the memorial area for cremated remains with a low fence.

## **8 PARISH MATTERS**

### **The Bier House**

The Clerk reported that he had received a quotation from Mr Beckerleg for the maintenance of and repairs to the Bier House all in the sum of £530. The quotation includes all labour and material and covers

- removing old ivy and rubbish from the roof
- replacing broken roof tiles
- cleaning down doors
- replacing rotten timber on the doors
- replacing two broken hinges and
- painting doors (2 x undercoats and 1 gloss coat)

Following discussion, Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that Mr Beckerleg should be asked to carry out the work described above. It was agreed that the top gloss coat of paint should be in 'National Trust' green.

## **9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS**

### **Applications**

PA12/09478 Mrs E.Moore – Change of use of room from music shop to residential use – 48, Fore Street. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA12/09972 Mr and Mrs Williams – Erection of a two-storey extension – 16, Wheal Vyvyan. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council notes that the proposed enlargement of this dwelling extends the northern elevation beyond the existing building line. Nevertheless, it supports this application.*

PA12/10174 Mr Dungavel and Ms Ford – Refurbishment of dwelling and addition of a second storey extension with a balcony – Springmoor, Trenarth. Cllr Williams proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports to this application.*

PA12/10422 Miss J.Jones – Erection of extension and associated works – Maen Toll, Jobs Water. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

*Ms Ford and Mr Dungavel left the meeting.*

## **10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Members noted that there are now three vacancies on the Council which must be filled by co-option.

### **Correspondence**

CC closure of Tucoyse Lane November 20 – 27 – *noted*

**The Royal British Legion** acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

**Constantine Literary Pod** acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

**Mr J.Boote (on behalf of the residents of Port Navas)** copy of letter to Mr Webber concerning the telephone kiosk and equipment at Port Navas – *noted*

**Helford Marine Conservation Group** notice of a photography competition – *noted*

**CCllr Hatton** copy of a letter to Cornwall and Isles of Scilly PCT concerning the closure of the Constantine Dental Practice – *noted*

**Port Navas Village Hall** acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

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**Clerks and Councils Direct** newsletter – *noted*

**CPRE** Countryside Voice Newsletter – *noted*

**Cornwall County Playing Fields Association** acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

**War Memorial Trust** Bulletin – *noted*

## 11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at November 15, 2012. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 49.52		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 302.80		
South West Water (cemetery)	£ 1.63		
R.Sanders (cemetery)	£ 165.00		
EdF Energy (The Square)	£ 15.19	£ 14.47	£ 0.72
Gweek Garage	£ 73.43	£ 61.19	£ 12.24
E.ON (public lighting)	£ 63.24	£ 60.23	£ 3.01
Viridor	£ 39.86	£ 33.22	£ 6.64
Geoff Jorey (work in the cemetery)	£ 30.00		
Constantine Stores Ltd	£ 79.31	£ 66.09	£ 13.22
Colin Chapman			
Salary (October)	£ 400.46		
telephone	£ 26.45		
office expenses	£ 49.87		
travelling	£ 21.22		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 523.00	

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

Members noted the following receipts

Mr and Mrs Bolt (donation)	£ 12.00
Mr and Mrs Axe (donation)	£ 36.00
Cash donation	£ 135.00
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CC (LMP repayment)	£ 2,494.00

## 12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports under this heading

## 13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

### Roadside salt bins

The Chairman reported that he had put the Parish Council owned salt bins in position. The Clerk was asked to arranged for the supply of a 1 tonne dumpy bag of salt to be delivered to Trengilly Farm for safe storage.

### Rubbish bin in The Square

It was noted that the remains of the rubbish bin from opposite the Spar Shop have been removed.

## 14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday December 13, 2012 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.04pm.

Signed.....

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