

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday September 12, 2013 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present: Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman) Cllr Miss C.Evans
 Cllr Mrs E.D'Alton Cllr E.Nicholls
 Cllr A.H.Bolt
 Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Hatton, Mrs Atkins, Mr Boote and Mr Reynolds.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the September meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members noted that, although immediate neighbours of the site of PA13/07082 are aware that planning permission will be granted for a dwelling on this site, they have concerns about the present application particularly the loss of the existing Cornish hedge, parking (and reversing out onto Well Lane), provision for rain-water run-off from the site and the capacity for the existing sewer to cope with the demands of a further dwelling. The Clerk was asked to invite the Case Officer to an informal site meeting.

Members further noted concerns about two trees which are impeding progress along PROW 25 and the proposed repair of the fence in the Recreation Ground which adjoins 13 Brillwater Road.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Lewis (work), Cllr Wiseman (holiday) and PCSO Gardiner sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour to accept these 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 Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday July 18, 2013 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.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Gardiner reported that eleven crimes have been recorded in the Parish since the meeting in July: two thefts, two offences of criminal damage, three offences concerning dogs and individual incidences of harassment, assault, damage to wildlife and of public order.

There were several other calls, notably concerning faulty intruder alarms a fallen tree and a road accident.

PCSO Gardiner asks residents who have information about illegal activities in the area to contact the local policing team by calling 101.

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6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Hatton reported that

- the Community Grant for his three parishes is set at £3,000 for this year. For the following two years it will be reduced to £2,150. Schemes offering benefit to the community as a whole are welcome and the required application form is available from him
- Central Government has published revised planning policy guidance for onshore wind farms
- Mark James has taken on the post of Community Network Manager for the Falmouth and Penryn Network of which he, Cllr Hatton, is now the Chairman. He is hopeful that the rural parishes may be better represented at this level than perhaps they have in the past
- at County level, there are twelve Portfolio Advisory Committees (which are designed to act as a conduit between the Cabinet and ordinary members of the Council). Mindful of the fact that half of the proposed number of new dwellings recommended in Local Plan have either been built or have planning permission, the Planning and Environment PAC has recommended that new housing numbers are increased from the present 42,000 to 47,000
- AGR is proposing to develop a 7MW solar farm on land adjoining Kessel Quarry, Longdowns and accordingly a public consultation event has been arranged at Mabe School on Monday September 16
- Cornwall Councillors are concerned that the present cut (and indeed the proposed cuts) in the Government Support Grant will result in a further reduction of services. Cornwall's Budget for the coming Financial Year will be determined in November and the likelihood is that Cornwall Council will seek an increase in Council Tax payable of 1.97%. Cornwall Councillors have undertaken to lobby their MPs and ask for the disparity between rural and urban support to be rectified. He asked members to consider signing a petition to that effect
- Mr George Eustice MP will be visiting Potager Garden on Tuesday September 17 and constituents are invited to meet him to discuss concerns.

In answer to a question, the Clerk reported that Wendron Parish Council has decided not to make a grant to Constantine from the Community Benefit money received from the developer of the solar farm at Edgcombe.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-option of Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that he had received no expression of interest from members of the public in co-option onto the Council.

Recreation Ground

Dogs exclusion ban

Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, all others in favour to make a Dog Control Order under Part 6 of the Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005. The effect of this order will be to exclude all dogs (other than support dogs for disabled people) from the Recreation Ground

A storage container for use by Constantine Silver Band

The Chairman reported that he had recently met with Mr Down from the Constantine Silver Band, who had suggested siting a container on an unused part of the car-park near the Bowling Club (between the electricity pole and the hedge). Mr Down had argued that the Silver Band is in desperate need of storage space and that a small container placed on this site (which is not overlooked and which the Band will screen behind lap-larch fencing and bushes) will inconvenience no-one. Following discussion, during the course of which the good work the band does with young people was noted, Cllr Carter proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all in favour that the Silver Band should be given permission to site a storage container at this point on the Recreation Ground and that the situation would be reviewed in two years' time.

The renewal of the fencing between the Recreation Ground and 13 Brillwater Road

The Clerk reported that the proposal that the existing fence should be replaced with a post and rail fence and that the hedge (including the trees), which is growing out over the Recreation Ground, should be cut back had been questioned by Mr and Mrs Williams who live at 13 Brillwater Road. They had asked that the mesh fence be reinstated and had offered to pay the difference between the cost of what Constantine Parish Council had agreed and what they wanted. Following discussion, Cllr Carter proposed and it was agreed that the fence should be replaced to the original specification and that the cost will be borne by the Alice Hext Trust.

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8 PARISH MATTERS

Cemetery Gates

The Chairman reported that the gate which needs welding, is still awaiting the blacksmith. The Clerk reported that once this is done, Mr Beckerleg will paint both gates (Cllr Nicholls having advised that, being galvanised, they do not need blast cleaning and powder coating as previously suggested).

Members noted that the stone marking the Garden of Remembrance is in place. The Clerk agreed to ask Mr Wearne to cut off the protruding ends of the bolts securing the stone to the anchors.

Churchyard

The matter of cutting the grass in the closed churchyard immediately surrounding St Constantine's was again discussed. The Clerk reported that Cornwall Council is willing to allow Constantine Parish Council to take on responsibility for this duty and has backed that offer with an annual grant of £900. Additionally, if Constantine Parish Council takes on the work with immediate effect, a grant of £450 to cover the work done in the rest of the Financial Year will follow. Following discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded all in favour that Constantine Parish Council should, with immediate effect, take on the duty of cutting the grass in the closed churchyard of St Constantine. The Clerk was asked to contact Bob Sanders with a request that the grass should be cut before the end of September and the question of a contract will be discussed at a later date

9 PLANNING MATTERS

Members noted the following planning applications received during August and returned with the attached observations using delegated powers

PA13/05622 Mrs V.Bruce – Erection of a dwelling – plot at Magpie Hill, Brillwater. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/05920 Mr Manger – Demolition of existing cottage and construction of two new detached properties – Treetops, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council has no objection in principle to the erection of a single replacement dwelling, however the proposed scheme is not acceptable. This application seeks a sevenfold increase in the built footprint on this site and further seeks permission for an additional new home in the countryside (and indeed within the Cornwall AONB). It represents a further intrusion of the built environment into the natural environment – on which it will have an adverse effect. Moreover, any additional dwelling is unsustainable in terms of the National Planning Policy Framework. The existing settlement, which is without any services, is incapable of supporting more housing. If permitted, it will create further vehicular movements on the already crowded narrow roads which serve the settlement. Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA13/06543 Mr and Mrs Fletcher – The existing agricultural barn is proposed to be converted to a private dwelling, the works will involve rebuilding and stabilisation of the existing barn structure, there will be a new built extension to provide appropriate accommodation for a three bedroom house – Trevaney Farm, High Cross. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/06868 Mr Jeff Meadows – Various tree works including the felling of 5 trees with replanting – Poltoge, Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/07269 Mrs M.Hatfield – Coppice Hawthorn – 7, Fore Street, Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Applications

PA13/05118 Ms Linda Jenkin – Certificate of Lawful Development for existing use required for residence order and use of land for stationing of resident caravan – Chy Coose, Tewardreva Mill. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *As a corporate body, Constantine Parish Council has no evidence either to support or to contest this application. However, it notes that individual Councillors and members of the public challenge the application on the grounds that the caravan has not been in continuous occupation for longer than two years.*

PA13/07082 Mr Richard Mann Lamanva Developments Ltd – Erection of a new dwelling (previously granted outline planning permission) – land adjacent to Comfort Farm, Well Lane. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Mrs D'Alton seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports the application in principle. However, it has particular concerns about the loss of the Cornish hedge between the parking area and the garden of the proposed dwelling and suggests that a block-built wall faced with stone as proposed would be out of keeping with the area as a whole. It also has concerns about parking and the likelihood that vehicles will reverse out onto Well Lane (which is busier both with*

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pedestrian and vehicular traffic than might reasonably be expected) at this point: about provision for dealing with rain-water run-off onto and across the road: and about the capacity of the public sewer to cope with the extra demands of the dwelling.

Decisions

PA13/02221/PREAPP Planning Permission Not Required (Felling of defective tree) – The Queens Arms, 64 Fore Street – *noted*

PA13/03559 WITHDRAWN (Installation of 2 x 5kw wind turbines (E Vance R9000) on 15m towers) – Boswidjack Farm, Tucoyse Lane, Higher Brill – *noted*

PA13/04303 APPROVED (Outline application with some matters reserved: Erection of dwelling) – Land off Wheal Vyvyan, Constantine – *noted*

PA13/05243 WITHDRAWN (Installation of a single small-scale wind turbine (up to 35m blade tip) and associated equipment) – Bosahan Farm, Trewardreva – *noted*

PA13/06868 APPROVED (Various tree works including the felling of 5 trees with replanting) – Poltoge, Port Navas – *noted*

PA13/07185 APPROVED (Non-material amendment for repositioning of vehicle access and parking provision to (PA13/01886) change of use from redundant chapel to domestic dwelling incorporating extension and improvement works) – Port Navas Methodist Church – *noted*

PA13/07269 Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps) (Coppice Hawthorne) – 7 Fore Street Constantine – *noted*

PA13/07815 APPROVED (Non-material amendment for repositioning of vehicle access and parking provision to (PA13/01886) change of use from redundant chapel to domestic dwelling incorporating extension and improvement works) – Port Navas Methodist Church – *noted*

Correspondence

CC confirmation of Tree Preservation Order at The Garage, Quay Road, Port Navas – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

South West Water Water Future Proposals and changes 2015 – 2020 – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct magazine – *noted*

JuMP Workshop Report August 2013

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at September 12, 2013. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted a request from Cruse Bereavement Care in Cornwall for financial help towards volunteer costs. Following discussion, Members agreed that Germoe Parish Council cannot accede to this request.

Members noted the following payments made in August using delegated powers

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 303.60		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 49.52		
SW Water (Cemetery)	£ 13.02		
SW Water (public convenience)	£ 95.53		
Mr R.Sanders (Cemetery)	£ 190.00		
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PROWs 5, 10, 18, 20, 21, 24, 27, 34, 39, 40	£ 397.66		
Constantine Stores	£ 51.89	£ 43.24	£ 8.65
SSE Contracting	£ 210.78	£ 175.65	35.13
E.On	£ 63.24	£ 60.23	£ 3.01
Viridor	£ 44.92	£ 37.43	£ 7.49
Mr B.Jorey	£ 228.00		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 30.00		
Colin Chapman			
salary (July)	£ 420.37		
telephone	£ 29.65		
office expenses	£ 35.92		

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travelling	£ 25.64	
use of home	£ 25.00	
	total	£ 536.58

Members noted the following payments made in August on behalf of the Alice Hext Trust using delegated powers

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Falmouth Garages	£ 50.02	£ 41.68	£ 8.34
Tony Mogford Associates Ltd	£ 126.00	£ 105.00	£ 21.00

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 61.90		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 303.40		
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 370.80		
W.B.Bowden and Sons	£ 525.00	£ 437.50	£ 87.50
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (car park)	£ 350.00		
Mrs Sinclair (repayment)	£ 22.00		
Terminate Pest Control	£ 50.40	£ 42.00	£ 8.40
Frederick Wearne and Sons (Garden of Remembrance)	£ 243.60	£ 203.00	£ 40.60
R.Sanders (Graveyards 13/08 & 27/08)	£ 380.00		
E.On	£ 63.24	£ 60.23	£ 3.01
Viridor	£ 44.92	£ 37.43	£ 7.49
Bob Sanders (footpaths)	£ 600.02		
Colin Chapman			
salary (August)	£ 404.48		
telephone	£ 22.80		
office expenses	£ 20.96		
travelling	£ 14.14		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 487.38	

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

Members noted the following receipts

J.H.Ching (Mrs Clarke)	£ 32.00
Pendle Funeral Services (Mrs Freeman)	£ 63.00
T.Cooke (Mr Lawer)	£ 156.00
CC Precept (final payment)	£ 17,000.00
CTS grant	£ 1,757.54
Recycling credit	£ 632.56

The following accounts in relation to expenses for the Recreation Ground were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Viv Beckerleg	£ 282.00		
Brian Jorey (materials on account)	£ 700.00		
Falmouth Garages	£ 80.04	£ 66.70	£ 13.34
Julians Building and Timber Merchants	£ 865.62	£ 721.34	£ 144.28
CC (On-line DBS system set-up fee)	£ 36.00	£ 30.00	£ 6.00

Proposed by Cllr Bolt, seconded by Cllr Mrs D'Alton, all others in favour that the above five accounts be paid.

Members noted the following receipts in relation to the Recreation Ground

Cornish Mutual	£ 100.00
Anonymous	£ 100.00
Mr and Mrs Roberts	£ 600.00
Constantine Cottage Garden Society	£ 20.00
Cash	£ 74.40

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12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Nicholls reported that, having held ten highly-successful Workshops (which, he stated, were well-advertised, well-attended and well-organised), the JuMP Committee had been particularly busy during August. A further workshop with the School will be held shortly. Additionally, a group of young people have repaired the gazebo, which is now in daily use and it is hoped that the Youth Drop-In Centre will similarly soon be in place and in use. As for funding, the SITA bid for grant aid goes to the panel in October: the application to the Cory Environmental Trust for £6,000 for a zip wire has been successful: work is beginning on an application to the Big Lottery Fund and a further source of funding, Sport England, has been identified. All being well there will be some new equipment in place by the Spring.

Members were most impressed with the progress which has been made and Cllr Nicholls was asked to pass on to the Committee the admiration and thanks of the Parish Council.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no further comments from individual Councillors.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday October 17, 2013 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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