

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday January 16, 2014 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present:	Cllr P.Carter	Cllr C.Gray
	Cllr A.H.Bolt	Cllr E.Nicholls
	Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan	Cllr N.Wiseman
	Cllr Miss C.Evans	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Hatton, Mrs Clowes, Mr Carlyon and Mr James (CC Community Network Manager).

Wishing everyone present a happy New Year, the Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the January meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Stating that she quite understood the Parish Council's decision not to supply individual households in Fore Street with Christmas trees for display in their front gardens during the festive season, Mrs Clowes said that nevertheless the village of Constantine had looked distinctly cheerless over the holiday break. With this in mind, she stated that she and others are prepared to resurrect the Feast Concert and to donate half the funds raised to pay for future Christmas lights. She proposed the creation of a small committee to move matters forward. Considerable discussion followed with members agreeing that Mrs Clowes and her team should be supported in their endeavours.

Mr Carlyon stated that he was present to seek the Parish Council's support for the construction of three affordable homes in Port Navas. He said that he understands that new housing would not usually be permitted in the village, but that this proposal

- constitutes infill development
- will not impact adversely either on the AONB or on the village
- could reasonably be considered to be a rural exception site.

He claimed that there are sixty-one people currently on the Cornwall Homechoice list who are actively seeking housing in the parish and that, in terms of the National Planning Policy Framework, the only sustainable village in the Parish is Constantine. This suggests that if these people are to be housed, Constantine will need to grow in such a way that its character will quickly be spoilt.

Introducing himself as the Falmouth and Penryn Community Network Manager, Mr Mark James stated that, although he would like to resurrect the old Community Network meetings (and has arranged the first for February 25), he is aware that in the past such meetings have been browbeaten by the urban conglomerations of Falmouth and Penryn. Accordingly, he would like to offer the rural Parishes in the Network the opportunity to set the agenda for this meeting – and added that he is willing to facilitate future meetings between the rural parishes. He suggested that items of common interest such as rural public transport (he knows that the operator of *Fal Links* is keen to expand his business and to attend the Network meeting) or Neighbourhood Planning might usefully be discussed, but he did not wish to impose an agenda. He is always available to help Councillors and Parish Clerks contact individual officers and his team offers a grant funding advice – although they will not write an application.

In answer to questions, he confirmed that he did not have a budget at his disposal and that he could arrange for Departmental Officers to attend Network meetings if that would be helpful.

Speaking on behalf of Constantine Parish Council, the Chairman offered Mr James his thanks both for an interesting and informative talk and for engaging with the Parish.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs D'Alton (prior appointment), PCSO Huddlestone and PCSO Wood sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour to accept these apologies.

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2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the agenda

As a relative of the applicant, Cllr Nicholls declared an interest in Agenda item 8: PA13/11322.

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 Gray proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, Cllr Miss Evans and Cllr Nicholls being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that, with the addition of the hand-written amendment, the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday December 12, 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 which were not included on this agenda.

5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Huddleston reported that in December a single crime (an assault) was reported to and filed by the police. Ten calls were logged including reports of a domestic incident, drink driving, a traffic collision, concern for a person's welfare and a large branch down on the road.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Hatton reported that

- a meeting of the full council on Tuesday had agreed a figure to be included in the Local Plan 2010-2030 of 47,500 new homes. (This is the Officers' recommended figure: below this number it is believed the final document will not receive Central Government approval.)
- 27,000 of these dwellings have already had been granted planning permission (7,000 have been built to date)
- the Local Plan now goes out to consultation prior to final amendments and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State for approval
- the AONB plan has been adopted both by Cornwall Council and by the Planning Inspectorate
- there are widespread concerns about whether or not Cornwall's infrastructure can keep pace with the proposed rate of construction
- he continues to badger Environmental Services for the return of the refurbished arms of the historic fingerpost at High Cross (witnesses to its removal have come forward)
- consultation on the proposals to alter mobile library routes will follow in due course.

Commending Mr James for attending the meeting, CCllr Hatton stated that in the past the Network (which has no budget, no powers and has been urban centric) has been largely ineffective. However, he believes that, despite the apparent lack of enthusiasm, under Mr James the meetings will be more balanced. Localism, he said, is difficult when there is no money available.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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)

Further to Mr Montag's report last month, Cllr Nicholls reported that the JuMP Advisory Committee has identified a professional designer, Mrs Hawes of MeiLoci, and that her quotation for the preparation of landscape plans and the layout of the play area is £735.00 He asked the Parish Council to consider paying this sum, adding that it was the committee's view that all money raised within the village should be put towards the purchase of play equipment. Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, Cllr Nicholls abstained, all others in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 16, 2013), Constantine Parish Council should pay for this professional help.

Cllr Nicholls showed members a diagrammatic layout of the items of play equipment that the committee has agreed should be purchased and said that, having spoken to the manufacturers yet again, a preferred supplier would be identified in time for the next meeting.

Cllr Wiseman reported that the lap-larch fencing in the Bowling Club was damaged by the recent high winds and that the Club has asked for financial help to replace the panels. Cllr Bolt proposed and it was agreed that the Bowling Club should purchase the necessary panels at Travis Perkins (Gilly Gabben) using the Parish Council's account.

Cllr Wiseman further reported that damage has been done to the mesh fence behind the goal nearest the Bowling Club and proposed that the Parish Council should undertake a repair as soon as practical. It was agreed to do both this and to strengthen the supporting posts of the fence between the Social Club and the Bowling Club

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The Clerk reported that Mr Jorey wished to draw members' attention to the parlous state of the fence surrounding the play area. He suggests that thought should be given to its replacement before any new play equipment is installed.

Maintenance of the Closed Churchyard at St Constantine

The Clerk reported that, despite widespread advertising, he had only received a single quotation (from Mr Bob Sanders, who has been undertaking this work for the past three months) for the future maintenance of the Closed Churchyard at St Constantine. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour that the contract should be awarded to Mr Sanders.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA13/11599 Ms C.Adams – rebuilding of detached garage – Lower Treviades Bungalow. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/10370 Mr Jon Schofield – Creation of additional floor to adjoining building to create a dining room and play room/study with the inclusion of a balcony – Tredella, Trewine Lane, Port Navas. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

As a relative of the applicant, Cllr Nicholls declared an interest in the following application. He took no part in either the discussion or the voting.

PA13/11322 Mr M.Papastavros – Demolish and replace existing garage – Panoramic View, Constantine. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, Cllr Nicholls abstained, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Subject to a condition that use of the garage and games room remains ancillary to the use of Panoramic View, Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA13/11688 Ms Nicky Barwell – Erection of three affordable dwellings – land adjacent to Port Navas Methodist Church. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Nicholls seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council notes that the application is for three new homes in the countryside (and indeed within the Cornwall AONB) and as such will have an adverse and detrimental effect on the look of the settlement and the surrounding area. Moreover, the development is unsustainable in terms of the National Planning Policy Framework. The existing settlement, which is without any services, is incapable of supporting additional 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.*

PA14/00143 Mr Tim Mills – Extension (to replace greenhouse) and conversion of an existing out building, previously used as a workshop, to a home office and music room – Penolva House, Treviades. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Subject to a condition that use of the home office and music room remains ancillary to the use of Penolva House, Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA13/09472 APPROVED – Barn conversion to form a dwelling – Carloggas Farm, Constantine – *noted*

PA13/08008 APPROVED – Outline Application with all matters reserved: Construction of dwelling garage and formation of parking area – The Gazebo, Bridge – *noted*

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Cornwall Air Ambulance acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Peninsula Community Health Annual Review – *noted*

Peninsula Community Health Newsletter – *noted*

Fields in Trust acknowledgement of renewal of membership – *noted*

CC Oliver Bennett concerning the trees in the new car-park – *noted*

Port Navas Village Hall acknowledgement of and thanks for donation towards the Christmas tree – *noted*

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at January 16, 2014. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 303.60		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 50.48		

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Constantine Stores	£ 41.99	£ 35.00	£ 6.99
Robert Sanders	£ 625.00		
E.On (public lighting)	£ 63.24	£ 60.23	£ 3.01
Peter Tatham (Jubilee Stone)	£ 77.64		
James Agnew (Jubilee Stone)	£ 50.00		
Viridor Waste Management	£ 44.92	£ 37.43	£ 7.49
Edward Noy (welding cemetery gate pin)	£ 60.00		
Colin Chapman			
salary (December)	£ 404.48		
Christmas decorations	£ 8.00		
telephone	£ 19.56		
office expenses	£ 34.31		
travelling	£ 32.71		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 524.06	

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

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Mrs D'Alton reported that

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

The Chairman drew members' attention to the growth of the plants in the garden in the Square, particularly the gorse. Cllr Mrs Dunstan undertook to speak to Ms Hitchcox of Constantine Nurseries with a view to seeking her help.

It was agreed to include the matter of public lighting in the village on next month's agenda.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday February 20, 2014 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.47pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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