

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday May 15, 2014 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present:

Cllr P.C.Carter (Chairman)	Cllr C.Gray
Cllr Mrs E.A.D'Alton	Cllr E.Nicholls
Cllr A.H.Bolt	Cllr N.Wiseman
Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Hatton.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour that Cllr Paul Carter be elected to the Chair of Constantine Parish Council for the year 2014 – 2015.

2 CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Carter read aloud, signed and dated the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman of Constantine Parish Council for the year 2014 – 2015 in the presence of the Clerk and the Council.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the police.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Nicholls declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 11 PA14/03665.

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There were no declarations of gifts (received as a result of being a member of the Council) of a value greater than £25

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Mrs D'Alton seconded, all others in favour that, subject to the hand-written amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday April 24, 2014 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

6 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Bolt reported that the gentleman who had made the now defunct notice-board for Seworgan had stated that he would be unable to make a new one.

Cllr Wiseman reported that he was no further forward with a light for Clinton Road, but that he had painted the step so that it is now more visible.

7 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

CCllr Hatton reported that

- using some of his allocation of the funding available under the Community Grant scheme, he may be able to help pay for a new community notice-board at Seworgan
- a consultation document concerning the allocation scheme for affordable housing in Cornwall (Cornwall Homechoice) is available on-line

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- Cornwall's community building grant scheme aimed at introducing 'green' measures has come to an end: Community Energy Plus (a charity with expertise in sustainable energy) can give advice
- a recent meeting of the Community Network Panel had focussed on rural public transport and an assurance had been given by an officer from Cornwall that the local route (number 35) would continue to attract subsidy. Those present had noted the success of Falmouth's shuttle service (which is undertaken by Constantine's O.T.S. Minibus and Coach Hire company)
- there are calls for a relief road to be constructed at Perranaworthal: regular flooding and subsequent closure of the A39 has strategic implications for a large portion of the west of Cornwall
- the next meeting of the Community Network Panel will be in September at Ponsanooth. There are calls for it to be open to members of the public.

8 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Bill Wood reported that there were 50 crimes recorded in the Parish in the year since the last Annual Meeting. Categorized, the crimes logged were 6 thefts, 2 burglaries, 3 criminal damage, 3 assaults, 2 drug-related, 5 harassment, 4 taking of a motor vehicle, 4 child protection incidents and 21 miscellaneous offences. Seven of these crimes have been detected. Although this represents an increase on last year's figure, as a whole crime in the force area is on the decrease and Cornwall remains one of the safest places to live in the country.

Again through the Clerk, PCSO Gardiner reported that three crimes have been recorded in the Parish since the meeting in April. There have been nine further calls relating to nuisance neighbours, missing people, domestic incidents, a road traffic collision and an abandoned 999 call.

9 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Carter proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour that Cllr Nicholls be elected to the position of Vice-Chairman of Constantine Parish Council for the year 2014 – 2015.

Standing Orders

With the proviso that Standing Orders should be fully revised during the course of the coming year, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council should re-adopt Standing Orders as revised in April 2006.

Financial Regulations

With the proviso that Financial Regulations should be reviewed during the course of the coming year, Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Mrs D'Alton seconded all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council should re-adopt Financial Regulations as revised in April 2006

Election of Councillors to posts of responsibility and committees

Members agreed that the following Councillors will undertake the following duties in the coming year

- Bank signatories – Cllr Carter, Cllr Mrs Dunstan and the Clerk
- Emergencies – Cllr Bolt, Cllr Gray
- Finance – Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr Bolt, Cllr Mrs Dunstan, Cllr Wiseman
- Lawn Cemetery – Cllr Bolt, Cllr Gray, Cllr Wiseman
- Footpaths Co-ordinator – the Clerk
- JuMP group – Cllr Nicholls
- Port Navas Village Hall representative – Cllr Nicholls
- Press liaison – Cllr Mrs D'Alton, Cllr Miss Evans
- Play Area Inspection – Cllr Miss Evans
- Community Network Panel – Chairman

Internal Auditor

Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour that Mr Peter Richards (formerly Kerrier District Council's Chief Auditor) should be re-appointed as Constantine Parish Council's Internal Auditor.

Co-option of a Councillor

Members noted that three vacancies exist on the Council. The Clerk reported that he has received an enquiry in relation to co-option from a member of the public.

Resignation of a Councillor

Members noted the resignation of Cllr Mrs Thomson.

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10 PARISH MATTERS

The Lawn Cemetery

Members noted that the hedge between the Lawn and the New cemeteries has now been repaired.

The Recreation Ground

Cllr Nicholls reported that old railway sleepers have been laid in readiness for the hut to be erected; that a recommendation for the purchase of an outdoor table tennis table will be made by the JuMP advisory committee in the near future; that the play area has now been levelled and turfed; that the play equipment company (Proludic) intends to start installation work on Monday and that the plan is for the area to be officially opened during the carnival weekend in late June.

11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA14/02311 Mrs Josey Hall – Outline Application with some matters reserved for a replacement dwelling – Gatley, High Cross. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/03577 John Kent Ltd – Variation of Condition 2 to allow non-material amendment change attached to Planning Permission PA11/03632 – Part OS plot 1030, off Well Lane. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Mrs D’Alton seconded all in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Council makes no comment.*

Having already declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in the following item, Cllr Nicholls refrained from participating in both the debate and the vote.

PA14/03665 Mr L.R.Nicholls – Erection of a dwelling and associated works in rear of garden and extension to existing dwelling – Trelawney House, Bowling Green. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded all in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Council has concerns about the capacity of the existing public sewer to service yet another dwelling and the potential for problems relating to loss of privacy for neighbouring properties (both built and yet to be built) but otherwise supports the application.*

PA14/03751 Dr Swann– Alterations and extensions to existing boathouse – The Boathouse, Calamansac. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray seconded all in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/04067 Mr A B Vyvyan – Construction of single storey extension and associated works – Merthen Forge, Constantine. Cllr Mrs D’Alton proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded all in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/04068 Mr A B Vyvyan – Listed Building consent in respect of construction of single storey extension and associated works – Merthen Forge, Constantine. Cllr Mrs D’Alton proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded all in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA14/02659 Erection of a detached single storey double garage to serve the existing dwelling– Cedar Cottage, Trewince Lane – *noted*

Correspondence

Mr Boote copy of letter to Cornwall Council concerning PA14/03577– *noted*

12 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that he has asked both Cormac and W.B.Bowden and Sons for quotations to continue the repair of the bank between the Recreation Ground and Brillwater Road.

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

13 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council’s financial position as at May 15, 2014. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The Clerk reported that Mr Peter Richards, Constantine Parish Council’s Internal Auditor, has signed off the Annual Return for the year to March 31, 2014 making no comments, observations or suggestions.

As an officer of the Constantine Agricultural Association, Cllr Carter declared a pecuniary interest in the following request for help with funding from the Constantine Agricultural Association.

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As a member of the Constantine Agricultural Association, Cllr Nicholls declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following request for help with funding from the Constantine Agricultural Association.

Cllr Carter relinquished the Chair. Cllr Nicholls assumed the Chair.

Members considered a request from the Constantine Agricultural Association for financial help towards staging the Annual Show. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Gray, seconded by Cllr Bolt, Cllr Carter refraining from voting, all others in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 16, 2013), Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £250.00 to Constantine Agricultural Association.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 296.40		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 50.48		
R.Sanders (churchyards)	£ 670.00		
Kernow Tree Surgery Ltd	£ 354.00	£ 295.00	£ 59.00
E.On	£ 61.19	£ 58.28	£ 2.91
Viridor Waste Management	£ 47.94	£ 39.95	£ 7.99
Roy R.Osgood	£ 225.00		
R.Sanders			
Footpaths 18, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30, 32, 33, 36	£ 303.26		
R.Sanders			
Footpaths 4, 5, 6, 10, 23, 30, 31, 32,	£ 274.64		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (April)	£ 444.96		
telephone	£ 19.72		
office expenses	£ 58.76		
travelling	£ 35.80		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 584.24		

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

Members noted the following receipt

St Constantine PCC (churchyard)	£ 150.00
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Members noted the following transfers to the Alice Hext Trust account

Youth Club monies held	£ 1,300.00
VAT repayment	£ 638.06

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Falmouth Garages	£ 53.07	£ 44.40	£ 8.67
Julians Building and Timber	£ 107.56	£ 89.63	£ 17.93
W.B.Bowden and Sons	£ 999.60	£ 833.00	£ 166.60

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

14 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairman reported that he had attended the recent Community Network Panel meeting at which, because of the present uncertainty surrounding the Cornwall Local Plan, there had been much talk of Neighbourhood Plans. Such documents were, he said, expensive and time-consuming to produce, may possibly fall at the final hurdle of the required local referendum and the Planning Authority was obliged only to take them into consideration. He could not recommend them to Constantine Parish Council.

15 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Wiseman asked if Bob Sanders might be instructed to remove a number of large bushes from the New Cemetery. This was agreed.

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16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday June 19, 2014 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.53pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

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