

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday September 18, 2014 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

Visitors: CCllr Hatton, Mr Fox (Cornwall Community Land Trust), Mr Allen, Mr Andrew, Mrs Clowes, Mr and Mrs Croftson, Mr Hussey, Mrs Moore, Mrs Munn and Mrs Thomson.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the September meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members noted that

- using a very low-key approach, the Christmas Lights appeal has raised a total of £682.83 with further promised sums to come
- a collecting box to help swell the funds has recently been placed in the Spar Shop
- the plan is to decorate the village using white lights
- letters concerning Christmas trees will be sent to residents of Fore Street, Glebe Terrace and Vicarage Terrace
- out-door lights have recently been purchased at a cost of £680.00
- any help the Parish Council can offer will be very gratefully received.

Drawing members' attention to the advertisement in *The Constant Times* concerning the drop-in event at the Tolmen Centre on Saturday September 27, Mr Croftson introduced Mr Alan Fox of the Cornwall Community Land Trust. Mr Fox said that

- the Cornwall Community Land Trust helps locally based trusts to get schemes off the ground
- CLTs are a growing phenomenon: usually they are small local groups which have the backing of the Parish Council
- there are one hundred and forty-six CLTs throughout the country as a whole and nine in Cornwall (of which seven have small local needs housing projects in place)
- apart from local needs affordable housing, CLTs have provided retail outlets, rural work-shops, orchards and, in a single instance, a community farm
- he has spent the day with Mr Croftson looking at legal models and sources of funding
- there are many different sources of funding which, although not easy to access, can be pursued to help with the costs associated with set-up, pre-development and development stages
- the maximum the Cornwall CLT will pay for a building plot is £10,000
- one of the advantages to the community of houses built by CLTs is that they remain Local Needs Affordable Homes in perpetuity
- whilst Cornwall Council encourages cross-subsidised local needs house building, potentially money is available from the Authority using S106 payments
- Cornwall Council has undertaken to sponsor a Housing Survey within the Parish of Constantine.

Members noted that the recent Community Network meeting had concerned itself with Neighbourhood Development Plans and that the Roseland Neighbourhood Development Plan involves the local CLT.

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1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs D'Alton (holiday), Cllr Wiseman (family) and PCSO Wood sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Nicholls seconded, all in favour to accept those 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 Gray proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, Cllr Nicholls being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday July 17, 2014 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 Wood reported that during July and August four crimes (two cases of assault and two incidences of criminal damage) were reported to the police and that thirteen 999 calls were logged, including reports of dangerous driving, anti-social behaviour, a rave, verbal abuse and a missing elderly person.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Hatton reported that

- the old Trengilly Cricket Club Pavillion is due to be re-erected on the Recreation Ground on Saturday. It will house the Youth Club which has been organised by Rev'd Stewart Turner
- an investigation following a complaint has revealed that PROW 20 appears to be wrongly routed on the Definitive Map. The matter has been reported to the Definitive Map Officer
- the decision relating to PA14/01938 will be made at the Planning Committee meeting in October
- the Officer dealing with a Planning Enforcement issue concerning the use of land at Greenacres is seeking answers to certain questions from the owners
- the recent Community Network meeting at Ponsonooth had heard a report from the Roseland and Feock Parish Councils on the development of Neighbourhood Development Plans
- the next Community Network meeting will be held on October 21 when those present will hear from the Cabinet Portfolio Holder who will explain the Authority's plans for making Central Government's imposed savings of £196 million. It will be followed by a short AGM
- budget savings already identified include cuts in funding for the Cornwall AONB (which the Authority has a statutory duty to support). This decision, which is scheduled to come into effect in April 2015, will be challenged
- a decision to cut funding to the *Visit Cornwall* Tourist Board has already been taken. This decision has also been challenged, not least because tourism is a prime economic driver in the county
- it seems likely that there will be a further reduction of 30% in staffing at county level if the required cuts are to be achieved.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that he had received an expression of interest in co-option onto the Council from Mr Andrew.

In view of the confidential nature of this business all members of the public were asked to leave the meeting

Following a short discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in agreement that Mr Andrew should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Members of the public were invited to return to the meeting

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

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Members noted that this document was returned using delegated powers marked *The Council agrees that the recommendations set out on the attached map and schedule are acceptable.* (No amendments to the existing arrangements were proposed.)

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8 PARISH MATTERS

New Car Park

Cllr Gray reported that two four-seater picnic tables from *Yellow Duck Pine* have been sited on the green adjacent to the new car-park. They have already been well used – in particular as the venue for *Teas on the Green* which have raised funds for the Christmas Lights.

Parking at the top of Well Lane

Members noted a resident's complaint about inconsiderate and dangerous parking at the top of Well Lane and the response he had received from the Police to the effect that Cornwall Council may be liable at law for any accident which may occur as a result of such inconsiderate parking.

Signage pointing the way to the Public Convenience

Members considered a resident's request for signage to point the way to the public convenience. The Clerk reported that a four-armed post from a firm in Redruth will cost in the region of £1,000. Following discussion, Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded all in favour to purchase a sign worded *Public Convenience* which will be fixed to the gable end of the building.

Public Lighting

Members again considered siting a public light on Clinton Road. Cllr Nicholls undertook to look at the possibility of attaching a galvanised post to the granite pillar and to report back to the next meeting.

Members considered SEC's annual report on public lights throughout the village which had identified a number of issues. It was agreed to accept Cllr Wiseman's suggestion that consideration should be given to replacing the brackets identified as being in need of replacement and that the lanterns should be left until SEC reports them as being in need of immediate replacement. The Clerk was asked to contact SEC to obtain a quotation for replacing the brackets.

Members noted that a tree is obscuring the light near the Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to contact Smiths Gore about this matter.

The Square

Members noted that the apparently abandoned car has been removed from The Square.

Christmas in Constantine

Members considered ways that the Parish Council might support the Christmas Lights' Committee. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mrs Liz Moore to gain a better understanding of what the Christmas Lights' Committee would like the Parish Council to do.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

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

PA14/04945 Mr Martyn Roskilly – Demolition of existing single-storey extension and garage and erection of a two-storey extension and change of use of land to create outside parking (amended plans) – Creek Cottage, Polwheveral. This application was returned marked *Despite reservations about the inappropriate use of timber cladding in this location (which represents a change to the vernacular), Constantine Parish Council supports the amended application.*

PA14/05365 Mr Richard Waters – Demolition of existing shack. Construction of new timber framed agricultural building including installation of solar panels and woodburner – Fir Tree Farm Nursery, Tresahor. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/06627 Mr M.Dickinson – Erection of a detached barn – Calevan, Jobs Water. This application was returned marked *Subject to the County Land Agent's approval, Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/06635 Mrs M.Vodden and Mrs C.Todd – Various works to two Monterey Pine trees – Old Kiln, Quay Road, Port Navas. This application was returned marked *With the proviso that the Tree Officer considers the work to be necessary and appropriate, Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/06663 Mr David Martin – Erection of a total of 8 houses to include affordable rented or affordable homes for sale at 50% of open market value for persons with a local connection and open market homes – Trebarvah Farm, Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council views this application as one for eight new homes in the countryside. Eight new homes which will have a considerable visual and ecological impact on the character and appearance of the countryside surrounding the village. There are already concerns about vehicular traffic (particularly along the very narrow lane from Trebarvah Road through to Treadreva Cross) which will be augmented by the adjoining development. Constantine Parish Council does not support the development of this exception site and requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

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Applications

PA14/06845 Mr J.P.Mangan – Demolition of existing cottage and construction of replacement dwelling – Treetops, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council is not opposed to the redevelopment of this site. However, it does have concerns both about the design of the proposed new dwelling (principally the use of timber boarding but also the shape of the windows) and about its size and more particularly its height, which the Council believes will have an adverse visual impact upon the immediate surroundings and indeed upon the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (especially when viewed from Porthnavas Creek). Constantine Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA14/07002 Mrs Sarah Slade – Extensions and alteration – Tenant, Polwheveral. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Gray seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/07166 Mr J.Foster – Discharge of Planning Obligation attached to Planning Permission W2/PA98/00532/F – Polwartha Farm, Bowling Green. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/07900 Mr and Mrs Luke and Morwenna Bennett – Replacement of existing conservatory including new upper level terrace and associated works – Trebarvah Cottage, Seworgan. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/08434 Mr Jason Whitmore-Payne – Retention and completion of landscaping of rear garden to include new planting, patio and garden areas with provision of replacement garden sun room – Crofters, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA14/08527 Mr C.Coleman – Felling of an ash and pruning of an unspecified tree – Chy Yn Gwyth, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Carter seconded, one member abstaining all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *With the proviso that the Tree Officer considers the work to be necessary and appropriate, Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA14/02937 APPROVED – Listed Building Consent for the proposed replacement Cesspools – Oyster Boat House, Port Navas – *noted*

PA14/03808 APPROVED – Erection of a new secure boat house – Barrans, Port Navas – *noted*

PA14/04945 APPROVED – Demolition of existing single storey extension and garage and erection of a two storey extension and change of use of land to create outside parking – Creek Cottage Polwheveral – *noted*

PA14/05365 APPROVED – Demolition of existing shack. Construction of new timber framed agricultural building including installation of solar panels and woodburner – Land to the West of Fir Tree Farm Nursery, Tresahor – *noted*

PA14/05414 REFUSED – Felling of T1 and T2 Monterey Pines with replanting – Old Kiln, Quay Road, Port Navas – *noted*

PA14/05608 APPROVED – Proposed replacement Cesspools – Oyster Boat House, Port Navas – *noted*

PA14/05688 APPROVED – Rebuild garage destroyed by fire – The Garage, Lower Treviades Bungalow – *noted*

PA14/05749 WITHDRAWN – Outline application for proposed dwelling (access to be decided all other matters reserved) – Ivy Cottage, Brillwater – *noted*

PA14/06476 APPROVED – Amendment to application PA12/08838 (Erection of extension) to position 3 rooflights within the new extension roof – Brook Cottage, Bridge – *noted*

PA14/06627 WITHDRAWN – Erection of a Detached Barn – Calevan, Jobs Water – *noted*

PA14/06635 APPROVED – Various works to two Monterey Pine trees – Old Kiln, Quay Road Port Navas – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Constantine Silver Band acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

RTP Surveyors concerning the disputed boundary between The Cottage and Port Navas Village Hall – *noted*

Cornwall Council Schedule of focused changes to the Cornwall Local Plan – Strategic Policies – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

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11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at September 18, 2014. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted the following payments made in August using delegated powers

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 304.00		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 63.10		
SW Water (public convenience)	£ 111.16		
SW Water (cemetery)	£ 14.85		
Yellow Duck Pine (picnic tables)	£ 325.00		
R.Sanders (churchyards)	£ 680.00		
Constantine Stores	£ 56.08	£ 46.74	£ 9.34
E.On UK plc (public lighting)	£ 63.24	£ 60.23	£ 3.01
Brian Jorey	£ 475.00		
Viridor Waste Management	£ 49.18	£ 40.98	£ 8.20
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R.Sanders PROWs 30, 33, 34, 35, 39, 40, 47,48, 49, 52	£ 654.62		
NPower (Church Square)	£ 25.39	£ 24.37	£ 1.02
Colin Chapman			
Salary (July)	£ 444.96		
telephone	£ 27.33		
office expenses	£ 47.30		
travelling	£ 47.85		
locks (for pavilion)	£ 5.98		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 598.42		

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 87.29	£ 72.74	£ 14.55
Falmouth Garages	£ 31.08	£ 25.90	£ 5.18

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 414.60		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 304.00		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 50.48		
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Glebe a/c	£ 350.00		
R.Sanders (footpaths)	£ 557.52		
R.Sanders (footpaths)	£ 422.46		
E.On UK plc (public lighting)	£ 63.24	£ 60.23	£ 3.01
R.Sanders (churchyards)	£ 680.00		
Viridor Waste Management UK Ltd	£ 49.18	£ 40.98	£ 8.20
Mrs Moore (Christmas Lights - repayment)	£ 608.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (June)	£ 446.96		
telephone	£ 20.33		
office expenses	£ 13.08		
travelling	£ 21.22		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 524.59		

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

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Members noted the following receipts

Keith Penrose (Mrs Symons, Mr Green, Mrs Farrington)	£ 769.00
Frederick Wearne and Son (Mr Ford)	£ 32.00
R.E.Lawrence (Mrs Laity)	£ 32.00
CC Councillor Community Grant Scheme	£ 350.00
Precept (2nd instalment)	£ 17,000.00
CTS Grant (2nd instalment)	£ 1,717.26

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 79.78	£ 66.48	£ 13.30
Hockerill Engraving	£ 189.84	£ 158.20	£ 31.64
Glasdon UK Ltd	£ 568.02	£ 473.35	£ 94.67
Falmouth Garages	£ 32.20	£ 26.83	£ 5.37

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

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees and Representatives

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Gray asked the Clerk to notify members if he is aware that a visitor will be present in an official capacity at meetings.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday October 16, 2014 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.04pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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