

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday February 19, 2015 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

**Present:**

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

**Visitors:** CCllr Hatton, Mr Mason and Mr Webber.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members noted that

- work on the new drainage system at the Oyster House, Port Navas will necessitate the construction of a temporary hard-core track across the field opposite Ponsaverran. Once the work is complete, this track will be removed and the area re-turfed
- an enquiry concerning the positioning of a memorial seat in the Recreation Ground is likely to be forthcoming
- concerns have been expressed about the absence of notices advising local people of the planning application for a new garage at Comfort View, Well Lane.

Speaking on behalf of residents of Port Navas, Mr Webber offered his thanks to CCllr Hatton for the work he has done with and for the community of Port Navas and wished him and his wife well in the future.

### 1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Andrew (indisposed) and PCSO Wood sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all in favour to accept those apologies.

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### in items on the agenda

As the Chairman of the Constantine Cottage Garden Society, Cllr Bolt declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 11 a (request for financial help from the Society).

#### 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 Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, Cllr Mrs D'Alton, Cllr Carter, Cllr Mrs Dunstan, Cllr Gray and Cllr Nicholls being absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that, with the hand-written amendments, the minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday January 15, 2015 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 the agenda.

### 5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Wood reported that during January a single crime of criminal damage had been reported to the police. However, six 999 calls were logged (a tree across the road, two road traffic collisions, a burglar alarm ringing, a neighbour dispute and a call expressing concerns about an elderly lady).

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## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In his last report to the Parish Council, Cllr Hatton stated that

- his resignation had become effective on Wednesday and that he had attended the meeting simply to bid farewell and to say thank you to the Council
- the by-election for a new Cornwall Councillor will be held at the same time as the Parliamentary elections
- in the interim period, Cllr Walter Sanger, who is the member for St Keverne and Meneage, has offered to help if the Council has a matter which needs dealing with at County level.

Speaking on behalf of the Parish Council, the village and the wider community, the Chairman, stated that Cllr Hatton had served the ward exceptionally well and that, in Cllr Hatton's time as a Councillor, a great deal has been achieved. He thanked him for all he has done to serve the people living in the parish and hoped that he and his wife, Sue, would enjoy their new life "up-country"!

## 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.

### Port Navas Village Hall

Acting as the Custodian Trustee, Members considered the appointment of a Parish Council representative to serve on the Management Committee of Port Navas Village Hall. Following discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded all others in favour that Mrs Margaret Scott should be invited to represent Constantine Parish Council on the Management Committee of Port Navas Village Hall for the coming year.

### Public Rights of Way

Members considered an invitation from Cornwall Council to continue with the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme. The grant offered for the year to March 31, 2016 is £2,484.00 (or 100% of eligible costs, whichever is the lower). Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all in favour that Constantine Parish Council should accept the terms relating to the Local Maintenance Partnership as offered by Cornwall Council for the year to March 31, 2016.

### The Alice Hext Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that he had received a quotation in the sum of £3,745.00 + VAT from MNR Projects Ltd (who do installation work for a number of play equipment manufacturers) for the refurbishment of the older set of four swings. Although he has sought other quotations from other installers, none has been forthcoming. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should both seek a breakdown of the global figure given by MNR Projects Ltd and pursue further quotations. The matter to be deferred to the next meeting.

### Constantine Cottage Garden Society

Acting as the Management Trustee for the Alice Hext Charitable Trust, Members considered a request from the Constantine Cottage Garden Society for permission to hold its Annual Show on the Recreation Ground on the week-end of July 18, 2015. Members agreed unanimously to allow Constantine Cottage Garden Society to use the Recreation Ground for the Annual Show from Thursday July 16 to Monday July 20.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### To consider siting a public light on Clinton Road

Cllr Nicholls undertook to have the light in place before the next meeting.

## 9 PLANNING MATTERS

### Applications

PA14/11162 Mrs Kathryn Hunter – Retention of touring caravan, greenhouse, potting shed with lean-to extension, compost loo and shepherds hut – land rear of Glenthams, The Level. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council believes the application to be for a new residential unit in the countryside. The application site is located on designated agricultural land and lies in an Area of Great Landscape Value. It acts as a buffer to the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the SSSI and the Fal and Helford Special Area of Conservation and development is therefore contrary to Policy 23 of the emerging Cornwall Local Plan*

*In terms of sustainability as defined in the National Planning Policy Framework, it is away from the built-up area of Constantine, which has limited facilities. The distance to the centre of Constantine well exceeds the 800m advised in the Manual for Streets as the distance which residents may access comfortably on foot, and the hilly nature of the road and its lack of footways and lighting do not make it conducive to walking or cycling. Indeed, for much of the way the road has no footway or lighting and is subject only to the Helford 40mph speed limit. Traffic volumes in winter are not great but they are much higher in summer due to both tourism and farming operations. For*

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pedestrians going to and from the site to have to walk along the edge of the carriageway is potentially hazardous and would be detrimental to highway safety. The nearest bus stop is at the eastern end of Fore Street, some 800 metres from the entrance to the site.

Accordingly, Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

PA15/00124 Mr Brad Watson – Proposed new dwelling – land adj to 31 Trebarvah Road. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council made the following observation about the original application for a house on this site ‘In principle, Constantine Parish Council would support the erection of a smaller dwelling on this site. However, it cannot support the present proposal. Not only does the Council consider the application to be for an over-development of this smallish site, but it has grave reservations about the proposed design. As has been stated on a number of occasions, the use of weather-boarding in the historic setting of this granite-built village is inappropriate and, further, the use of zinc as a roofing material and the introduction of aluminium window frames is completely out-of-keeping with neighbouring properties. For these reasons, Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.’ Apart from a minor reduction in the size of the proposed dwelling, Constantine Parish Council notes the present application makes no concessions to its concerns. Its observations therefore remain the same and the Council reiterates its request for the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA15/00199 Mr Jason Whitmore-Payne (Ocean Services (SW) Ltd) – Retention and completion of extensions and roof alterations including a dormer window on both the south-east elevation and north-west elevation to include alterations to fenestrations (amendment to PA13/03455) – Crofters, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Mrs D’Alton seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council expressed reservations about the original application which was nevertheless approved. Permission for development having been granted the proposed changes are so minimal that the Council can have no objections.*

PA15/00200 Mr Jason Whitmore-Payne (Ocean Services (SW) Ltd) – Retention and completion of orangery extension – Crofters, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council has no objections.*

PA15/00627 Mr C.Mitchell – Extension to dwelling – Golden Eye, Port Navas. 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 made the following observations about the application in October 2011 for an extension to Goldeneye ‘Constantine Parish Councillors are saddened to receive yet another application for an extension to an already large house in the hamlet of Port Navas. They believe that the settlement is already over-developed and therefore request the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development in this instance.’ Despite that observation the Planning Authority granted permission for development. With this in mind Constantine Parish Council can find no material planning reason to object to the present application.*

PA15/00677 Mr and Mrs Nick Rogers – Single storey extension to provide new entrance porch and extended kitchen area – 22, Brillwater Road, Constantine. Cllr Gray proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA15/00682 Mrs Jennifer Power – Replacement shed/summer-house – Stable Cottage, Treviades. Cllr Gray 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.*

PA15/00990 Mr and Mrs M.Bowden – Conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling – Crowgey Farm, Road from Trengove Cross To Higher Brill. Cllr Mrs D’Alton proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council regrets the proposed use of fibre cement roofing tiles and weatherboarding (both of which are out of character in this location): it would have much preferred the use of slate and granite. Nevertheless, the Council supports this application.*

## **Decisions**

PA14/11568 APPROVED – Construction of a garage – Comfort View, Well Lane, Constantine – *noted*

PA15/00241 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Submission of details to discharge conditions 3 and 4 in respect of decision notice number PA14/02937 – Oyster Boathouse, Quay Road, Port Navas – *noted*

PA15/00323 Disch of cond not all conditions agreed – Submission of details to discharge conditions 2, 4, 6 and 7 in respect of decision notice PA14/03374 – 2 Brillwater Cottages, Brillwater – *noted*

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## Correspondence

**Dr P.Kennedy** copy of letter of objection to PA14/11162 addressed to the Planning Authority – *noted*

**Mr and Mrs Thomson** copy of letter of objection to PA14/11162 addressed to the Planning Authority – *noted*

**Mr Jackson** copy of letter of objection to PA14/11162 addressed to the Planning Authority – *noted*

## 10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

**Cornwall Council** Draft Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document Consultation – *noted*

**Church Hall Trustees** acknowledgment of and thanks for donation towards the cost of new chairs – *noted*

**Savills** notification that the administration of the Glebe Estate (car park and public convenience) has been passed to Savills – *noted*

## 11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at February 19, 2015. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust for financial help towards the day-to-day costs involved in running the Trust. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Bolt, seconded by Cllr Gray, all others in favour that, using the General Power of Competence, Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £100.00 to Helford River Children's Sailing Trust.

*Cllr Bolt, having declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item, refrained from taking part in both the debate and the voting.*

Members considered a request from the Constantine Cottage Garden Society for financial help towards the costs and prizes for the Annual Show. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Mrs Dunstan, Cllr Bolt abstaining, all others in favour that, using the General Power of Competence, Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £250.00 to Constantine Cottage Garden Society.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Mr G.Jorey	£ 304.00		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 52.00		
SW Water (Lawn Cemetery)	£ 15.71		
SW Water (Public Conveniences)	£ 112.79		
NPower (supply at Church Square)	£ 55.38		
Landstone Construction Ltd (PN Hall window)	£ 990.00	£ 825.00	£ 165.00
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 49.18	£ 40.98	£ 8.20
E.On UK plc (public lighting)	£ 63.24	£ 60.23	£ 3.01
R. Sanders (Churchyards)	£ 320.00		
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 458.27		
telephone	£ 25.93		
office expenses	£ 27.61		
travelling	£ 35.36		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 572.17		

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

The following account in relation to expenses for the Recreation Ground was presented for payment

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Falmouth Garages	£ 40.02	£ 33.52	£ 6.70
EdF Energy (Youth Shack, pavilion)	£ 10.32	£ 9.83	£ 0.49
Di-Mar Garden Machinery	£ 189.00	£ 157.51	£ 31.49

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

Members noted the following receipts

HMRC (Gift Aid)	£ 340.00
Kerroe Memorials (Mrs Watson)	£ 32.00
Keith Penrose (Mrs Richards)	£ 275.00

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**12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

No reports were tabled.

**13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The question of responsibility for the day-to-day running and maintenance of the Youth Hut was raised and it was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.

**14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday March 19, 2015 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:02pm.

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