

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

www.constantinecornwall.com/council

C.F.P.Chapman  
Clerk to the Council  
Chy Lean  
St Keverne Road  
Mawgan  
Helston TR12 6AY  
telephone 01326 221648  
colinchapman@lineone.net

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday June 11, 2015 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

**Present:**

Cllr P.Carter	Cllr Miss C.Evans
Cllr J.Andrew	Cllr E.Nicholls
Cllr H.Bolt	Cllr Mrs T,Thomson
Cllr A.Carter	
Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** Mr Pound (Post Office – Field Change Advisor), Mr Fox.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the June meeting.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Introducing himself, Mr Colin Pound stated that he was present on behalf of the Post Office to rehearse the question of the future of the Post Office in the village of Constantine

- the present postmaster wishes to retire
- the Spar Shop is not interested in taking on the day-to-day business of the Post Office
- the Church is exploring the possibility of creating a post office cum café within the body of the Church itself, though this may take some time
- there is therefore a distinct possibility that the village of Constantine may be without a Post Office for a period of some months
- he, Mr Pound, is exploring the possibility of a visiting sub-postmaster who will deliver the service on behalf of the Post Office for a few hours every week
- if this is to be done, suitable premises will have to be identified.

It was suggested that the function room of the Social Club or the Vestry in the Tolmen Centre might prove suitable. (the Parish Council Vestry is unsuitable because of the absence of a disabled access).

Members expressed concerns that, if the village is left without a Post Office for any length of time, residents will make other arrangements and that there may then be difficulties in establishing a new Post Office.

## 1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Wiseman (holiday) and Cllr Gray (indisposed) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, all others 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 Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 21, 2015 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday May 21, 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 from the minutes of the last meeting.

*Chairman's initials.....*

## 5 POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police.

## 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of CClr Bastin there was no report

## 7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that the democratic process for the election of a Councillor is still in progress.

## 8 PARISH MATTERS

### Christmas Lights

Members considered a request from the advisory Christmas Lights committee for an indication of financial support to enable plans to be made for this year's Christmas celebrations. Following discussion, members agreed to support the advisory committee in principle, but to ask for more detailed (and costed) proposals for consideration at a future meeting.

### The Post Office

This matter was dealt with during Public Question Time.

### The bus shelter

Members agreed to defer this matter to a later meeting.

## 9 PLANNING MATTERS

### Applications

PA15/04174 Mr Geoff Trebilcock – Change of use of dental surgery to a residential dwelling – Landscape View, Penbothidno. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA15/04318 Mr Simon Ainge – Resubmission of details previously approved under application PA11/02976 with additional information to address the previously attached conditions – Nans Avallon, Brillwater 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 makes no observation.*

PA15/04772 Mr Raymond Denny – Works to Turkey Oak trees – land to the rear of Trewince Lodge, Port Navas. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council will support the view of the County Tree Officer.*

### Decisions

PA15/02298 APPROVED – Formation of new vehicle access and driveway – Trebarvah Farm, Constantine Constantine – *noted*

PA15/02526 APPROVED – Proposed new agricultural building approx 23m x 12m – Trevassack, Constantine – *noted*

## 10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Cornwall AONB Review of the Cornwall AONB Management Plan 2011-2016 – *noted*

## 11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at June 11, 2015. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC	£ 431.40		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 301.00		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 52.00		
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 50.45	£ 42.04	£ 8.41
E.On UK plc (public lighting)	£ 71.46	£ 68.06	£ 3.40
R.Sanders			
Churchyards	£ 700.00		
Recreation Ground	£ 335.00		
total	£ 1,035.00		

Chairman's initials.....

Colin Chapman		
Salary (May)	£ 458.27	
telephone	£ 26.59	
office expenses	£ 41.69	
travelling	£ 35.35	
use of home	£ 25.00	
	total	£ 586.90

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

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

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Sovereign Design Play System Ltd (deposit)	£ 859.80	£ 716.50	£ 143.30
DR Building Materials	£ 57.61	£ 48.01	£ 9.60

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

Members noted the following receipt

Western Power (wayleave)	£ 43.63
--------------------------	---------

## **12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

The Chairman reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Falmouth and Penryn Community Network Panel. Although interesting, the meeting had again been dominated by the Falmouth/Penryn conurbation. Concerns had been expressed about the lack of available development land in Falmouth and the future expansion of the University Campus at Tremough both with the consequent flood of residential planning applications in Mabe and Penryn.

Falmouth is undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan and members about which doubts were expressed by members of Constantine Parish Council, not least because the principles developed within them can be overturned on appeal.

There is a proposal to replace the two roundabouts on the A39 at Treluswell with a single, larger roundabout with the intention of easing traffic flow: grave doubts both about the effectiveness of such a roundabout and its cost (at £1.5 million) were expressed at the Network Meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Tremough University when the University's aspirations for expansion are discussed and when it is hoped both Sarah Newton and George Eustice will be present.

## **13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

There were no further comments from Councillors.

## **14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday July 16, 2015 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.58pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

*Chairman's initials.....*