

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday October 15, 2015 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr P.Carter	Cllr Miss C.Evans
	Cllr J.Andrew	Cllr E.Nicholls
	Cllr H.Bolt	Cllr Mrs T.Thomson
	Cllr A.Carter	Cllr N.Wiseman
	Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** Mr and Mrs Clowes, Mr Johnston and Mrs Moore.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the October meeting.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Members noted that there are a number of places in the Parish (and particularly in Seworgan) where Broadband speeds are very low indeed.

Mr and Mrs Clowes, who together with Mrs Moore were present to represent the Christmas Lights Committee, presented the Parish Council with a summary of fund raising to date and asked that consideration might be given to making a donation similar to that of previous years. The Committee is experiencing difficulties sourcing a large tree and may have to adopt a more artistic approach for The Square. On a brighter note, it has already received requests for ten trees from residents living in Fore Street. The Committee was congratulated on its achievements to date.

Speaking on behalf of the Constantine Community Land Trust, Mr Johnston sought the Parish Council's help in moving the issue of the provision of Local Needs Affordable Housing forward by hosting an open meeting at which the Land Trust can present its aims and potential to a wider audience and gather information on what the community wants. He undertook to compose a written explanation of the capabilities of and the resources available to a land trust for publication in both the Parish magazine and the Constant Times in advance of any public meeting. Finally, he asked if a representative from the Parish Council might be appointed to sit on the Board of the Constantine Community Land Trust. Following extensive discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would call a Parish Meeting on a Wednesday evening in November and that Cllr Nicholls would meet Mr Johnston on an informal basis and so keep the Parish Council abreast of any progress regarding the Constantine Community Land Trust.

## **1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

CCllr Bastin and PCSO Fuller sent their apologies for absence.

## **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 Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded, Cllr Miss Evans and Cllr Nicholls who were absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday September 17, 2015 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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#### 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES BUT NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA

Members noted that the Friends of Constantine Surgery have agreed to underwrite the cost of three defibrillators to be sited in Constantine, Port Navas and Gweek and are going ahead with the purchase.

#### 5 POLICE REPORT

Through the Clerk, PCSO Fuller reported that during September five crimes were reported to the police: these included criminal damage, violence without injury and anti-social behaviour. He will be speaking to the children at the school about their behaviour and safety on Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night

#### 6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Through the Clerk, Cllr Bastin reported that

- Cornwall Council is holding an 'Open Doors' event at Falmouth Town Council Offices starting at 6.30pm on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The Leader of the Council, John Pollard, will answer questions about any area of the Authority's activities
- following consultation with Officers, it has been agreed that the housing number for the Falmouth and Penryn Community Network Area should be uplifted by a further 100 dwellings – this because the Secretary of State Inspector thought the houses lost to second homes should be taken into the final equation
- the key areas of powers and duty, which have now been devolved down to Cornwall Council are Health, Transport and the Economy – although health is still dependant on receipt of an acceptable business plan
- Neighbourhood Plans are now seen as the key to protecting villages from unwanted development and a team has been set up to help parishes start the process.

#### 7 PARISH MATTERS

##### The bus shelter

Members considered the plans for a replacement bus shelter on The Square as drawn up by Mr Simon Jewell, Following discussion, it was agreed that the plans should be sent to three builders with a request for an estimate of building costs.

##### The Recreation Ground

The Chairman reported that two representatives of the Football Club had attended the informal meeting on Tuesday evening. It was his opinion that the two sides had parted each with a greater understanding of the other's position. The Football Club had outlined its plans for a Junior team and agreed to let the Council have a copy of the Club's annual accounts and a key to the Pavilion, the state of repair of which is a cause for concern. The Club's intention is to seek grant-funding to replace the pavilion and will keep the Council informed of developments.

The Clerk reported that he had met Mr Atkinson of Atkinsons Fencing in the Recreation Ground and that much of the fencing is in a poor state of repair. In particular, the high fencing between the goal mouth and the Bowling Club and the high fencing which protects the three homes along Trebarvah Road need replacement.

The Clerk further reported that the replacement seats and chains for the swings have arrived and that Cllr Andrew has agreed to do the necessary work.

#### 8 PLANNING MATTERS

##### Applications

PA15/08836 Mr B.Newton – Bedroom extension to ground floor, new utility extension to first floor and garage conversion. Refurbishment of roof, exterior walls and installation of new double-glazed windows – Cove Hill, Port Navas. 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*

PA15/08846 Mr Simon Ainge – Erection of two new linked dwellings replacing an existing bungalow – Riverside, 6, Brillwater Road. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council has concerns both about the adequacy of access to these two proposed dwellings and about rain-water run-off from the site and its consequent effect on properties further down-stream. If these concerns can be adequately addressed, it supports the application.*

PA15/08878 Mrs Mary Harris – Outline planning permission with all matters reserved: erection of a single dwelling house – Sunny Corner, The Level, Constantine. Members noted that this application has been withdrawn.

##### Decisions

PA15/07048 APPROVED – External bridge and terrace to garden – Polwheveral Mill Cottage – *noted*

PA15/08166 Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps) – Crown reduction of a Cypress and Hazel tree and removal of a trunk on the Cypress tree – Quilters, Bridge, Constantine – *noted*

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PA15/07312 APPROVED – Removal of Condition 3 attached to W2/PA06/01921/F dated 04.01.2007 (Holiday Use) – Goongillings Farm, Nancenoy – *noted*

PA15/06633 REFUSED – Proposed construction of a dwelling-house and associated works – land opposite Ponsaverran, Port Navas – *noted*

## 9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

RTP Surveyors Party Wall 1996 Act 1996 (re safeguard of fabric, Port Navas Village Hall) – *noted*

Victim Support acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Cruse Bereavement Care acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

CC Open Doors community event Falmouth Town Council Offices 6.30pm October 20 – *noted (Cllr Mrs Thomson will be attending)*

Constantine Community Land Trust request for help from the Parish Council – *the contents of this letter were discussed during public question time*

The Royal British Legion invitation to lay a wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday – *it was agreed that the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman would again represent Constantine Parish Council at the service. Following discussion Cllr Miss Evans proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded 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 £50.00 to the Royal British Legion as payment for the wreath.*

## 10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at October 15, 2015. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered the earlier request from Mr and Mrs Clowes for financial support towards the costs involved in the Christmas festivities. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Nicholls seconded all others in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 16, 2013), Constantine Parish Council should set aside the sum of £450.00 to help cover the costs incurred by the Christmas Lights Committee.

The following accounts were presented for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey		£ 301.00		
Mrs J.Jennings		£ 53.60		
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (conveniences)		£ 150.00		
E.On (public lighting)		£ 69.16	£ 65.87	£ 3.29
Viridor Waste Management Ltd		£ 49.98	£ 41.95	£ 8.33
R.Sanders				
Churchyards	£ 700.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 305.00			
	totals	£ 1,206.00	£ 1,005.00	£ 201.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (September)	£ 458.47			
telephone	£ 30.68			
office expenses	£ 37.80			
travelling	£ 35.35			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 587.30		

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

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

		GROSS	NET	VAT
EdF Energy (pavilion)		£ 140.03	£ 137.73	£ 2.30
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd		£ 502.15	£ 418.46	£ 83.69

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

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Members noted the following receipt

CC Paperless Planning bribe	£ 700.00
Keith Penrose (Mrs Beckerleg)	£ 284.00

**11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

Members noted that, reportedly, the Spar Shop has withdrawn its offer to host the Post Office.

**12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

There were no comments from Councillors.

**13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

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

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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