

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Cllr P.Carter Cllr Mrs T.Thomson  
Cllr J.Andrew Cllr N.Wiseman  
Cllr H.Bolt  
Cllr A.Carter Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** Mr Fox, Mr and Mrs Pascoe.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the November meeting.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no comments from members of the public.

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

CCllr Bastin, Cllr Mrs Dunstan, Cllr Miss Evans, Cllr Nicholls and PCSO Fuller sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew 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 Thomson proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday October 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**

Referring to a matter raised by CCllr Bastin, the Chairman asked Members whether or not they thought that Constantine Parish Council should initiate a Parish Plan. Following some discussion, it was agreed to make this an agenda item for the meeting in December.

### **5 POLICE REPORT**

Through the Clerk, PCSO Fuller reported that during October two crimes (both of criminal damage) and nine incidents were reported to the police. He reminds residents that, as Christmas approaches, it is wise to ensure that both homes and cars are secure to avoid opportunistic theft – and, with the darker, colder evenings, to be mindful of any older people living nearby.

### **6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Through the Clerk, CCllr Bastin reported that

- there is little to report – the meeting of the full Council is next week
- Newquay Airport is to be rebranded as Cornwall Newquay Airport
- Cornwall Council has set aside £30,000 to encourage the use of the Cornish language across Council staff and Councillors.

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## 7 PARISH MATTERS

### The bus shelter

Members considered estimates for a replacement bus shelter on The Square. It is clear the builders who have been asked to estimate are not really interested in carrying out this work: further avenues will be explored.

### Defibrillators

Cllr Wiseman reported that the Friends of Constantine Surgery have agreed to fund the purchase of four defibrillators to be provisionally sited at the Social Club, the Tolmen Centre, in Port Navas and in Gweek. However, the defibrillators having been purchased, the Friends are unable to fund the running costs associated with disposable items including batteries. Cllr Wiseman asked if the Parish Council would consider taking on this expense. Following discussion Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded, Cllr Wiseman abstaining, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council would underwrite the on-going costs relating to the defibrillators within the parish.

### The Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that he had yet to receive a quotation from Mr Atkinson of Atkinsons Fencing for the repair/replacement of the fencing around the perimeter of the Recreation Ground. He will keep trying.

The Clerk stated that Cllr Andrew had reported that the seats and, subsequently, the chains for the cradle swings were in immediate need of replacement. Following a telephone conversation with the Chairman he had ordered replacements and they had been received. Cllr Andrew reported that he will install them when the weather permits.

## 8 PLANNING MATTERS

### Applications

PA15/09199 Mr D.Martin – Erection of 9 affordable and 6 open market homes with associated highway and drainage work – Trebarvah Farm, Constantine. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr A.Carter seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *The application site occupies a prominent position outside of the built form of development in the village of Constantine and on land which, for land use planning purposes, would be deemed to be Open Countryside. It adjoins land which benefits from exception site status.*

*In terms of the National Planning Policy Framework, the Parish Council considers that an extension of the built environment and its associated paraphernalia at this location rides roughshod over the obligatory consideration for the natural environment and moreover will neither enhance nor maintain the vitality of the rural community of Constantine. In addition, far from reflecting the recognised aim of reducing the need to travel, future occupants will rely on the use of private car/s for access for both occasional and day-to-day shopping, services, work and entertainment.*

*In terms of the emerging Cornwall Local Plan, the Parish Council does not believe that there is sufficient evidence available to demonstrate that the market and the affordable housing mix will meet a genuine local need and can state, with confidence, that the principle of a further mixed tenure exception site in this location is not supported by the local community.*

*The five dwellings which have recently been granted planning permission on the area immediately surrounding Trebarvah Farmhouse together with the eight currently being constructed on the exception site have already raised alarm about the increase in traffic using the very narrow network of roads serving the community and the inevitable detrimental impact it will have on road safety. The cumulative impact of twelve further dwellings on the village infrastructure is considered by Constantine Parish Council to be unacceptable in terms of residents' quality of life.*

*Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development*

PA15/09347 Mr & Mrs Sole – Extension of dwelling – 52, Fore Street. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr A.Carter seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

### Decisions

PA15/06302 APPROVED – Works to oak. (Reduce height by 5 metres to a height of 25 metres. A 3 metre reduction on the branches reaching towards the house, the branches around the sides will be matched in so that they are shaped in with the branches reaching away from the house. The branch length on Tree 2 before reduction is approximately 10 metres. The branch length following reduction will be approximately 7 metres. Remove two crossing branches at approximately 10 metres) – Trevean, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

PA15/08836 APPROVED – 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 – *noted*

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## 9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted that Mr Geoff Jorey is still in hospital and sent him their best wishes for a speedy recovery. Additionally, they sent their congratulations to Cllr Miss Evans and Colin on the birth of a daughter, Briony.

### Correspondence

**Peninsula Community Health** Annual Review – *noted*

**Clerks and Councils Direct** Newsletter – *noted*

## 10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

The following accounts were presented for payment

		<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Mr G.Jorey		£ 301.00		
Mrs J.Jennings		£ 67.00		
S.W.Water (Public Conveniences)		£ 132.04		
S.W.Water (Churchyard)		£ 17.69		
E.On (public lighting)		£ 71.46	£ 68.06	£ 3.40
Viridor Waste Management Ltd		£ 50.45	£ 42.04	£ 8.41
SSE (The Square)		£ 25.74	£ 24.52	£ 1.22
R.Sanders				
Churchyards	£ 410.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 350.00			
	total	£ 912.00	£ 760.00	£ 152.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (October)	£ 458.27			
telephone	£ 25.68			
office expenses	£ 35.12			
travelling	£ 49.49			
Cllr Miss Evans	£ 11.80			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 605.36	£ 603.40	£ 1.96

Proposed by Cllr A.Carter, seconded by Cllr Wiseman, all others in favour that the above nine 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>
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd		£ 341.12	£ 284.27	£ 56.85
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd		£ 105.00	£ 87.50	£ 17.50

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

## 11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Mrs Thomson reported that she, Cllr Andrew and Cllr Mrs Dunstan had attended an Open Meeting in Falmouth with the leader of Cornwall Council, CCllr John Pollard. The meeting was poorly attended, the majority of those present being councillors from Falmouth and Penryn. Constantine Parish Councillors had asked a number of questions but were unconvinced by the replies. The overwhelming impression they had received from the leader of Cornwall Council was that Constantine is out-in-the-sticks and its opinion counts for very little.

## 12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Reporting on his inspection of the Recreation Ground, Cllr Andrew stated there are a number of minor issues which he would like to address. Accepting his offer and speaking for the Council as a whole, the Chairman said how grateful he was to Cllr Andrew.

## 13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday December 17, 2015 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.19pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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