

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday February 18, 2016 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

**Present:** Cllr P.Carter  
 Cllr J.Andrew  
 Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan  
 Cllr Miss C.Evans  
 Cllr N.Wiseman  
 Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

**Visitors:** CCllr J.Bastin, Mr Beckett, Mrs Bennett, Mr Burnett, Mrs Bygrave, Mrs Dewar, Miss Dewar, Mr Dickinson, Mr Green, Mr Hassett, Mr Penhaligon and Mr and Mrs Trickey.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Hassett stated that, as the applicant's agent, he was present simply to seek the support of the Parish Council for planning application PA16/00949. The applicant's father, Mr Dickinson, added his support to that request, stating that his son has lived in Cornwall all his life. He is in the fortunate position of being able to gift his son this parcel of land which, clearly, will make it considerably easier for his son to build a home. The Clerk was able to offer advice to the applicant through his representatives.

Speaking as the applicant's agent, Mr Green sought the support of the Parish Council for planning application PA16/00698

Speaking of his neighbour's application for planning permission at Greystone, Bowling Green, Mr Beckett said that the boundary of his neighbour's property is incorrectly drawn on the application. His neighbour has acknowledged this error and Mr Beckett understands the application will be withdrawn and re-submitted.

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

PCSO Fuller, Cllr Bolt (family duties), Cllr A.Carter (work), Cllr Nicholls (family duties) and Cllr Mrs Thomson (holiday) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Miss Evans proposed, Cllr Wiseman 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 Andrew proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday January 21, 2016 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 covered on the agenda.

## **5 POLICE REPORT**

Members noted the contents of a letter from Inspector Ian Thompson outlining the future service which Parish Councils in Cornwall may expect: in Constantine's case this means that the police will only attend a single meeting in any given year, possibly the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk read an e-mail from PCSO Ashley Fuller in which he stated that he recognised that the incidents of crime registered on the Police website are somewhat out-of-date: however, he undertook to pass on crime prevention advice and information concerning crime trends. Mr Beckett, who

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is a Police Officer and who works out of Falmouth Police Station undertook to make every effort to inform the Parish Council of crimes committed within the parish.

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

Cllr Bastin introduced Mr Geoff Penhaligon, who works for George Eustice MP. He is employed to be Mr Eustice's ears and eyes within the community. Mr Penhaligon stated that he was present to listen and also to take back any issues that Mr Eustice may be able to help resolve.

Cllr Bastin reported that

- Cornwall Council has increased its Council Tax demand by 3.98% which means that the average Band D house in the County will pay a further £50 per annum
- a video has been made by Cornwall Council to explain the reasoning behind this rise
- Cornwall Council has secured central government funding in the sum of £1.3m to be spent in installing brand new central heating systems in homes that need it.

## **7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

### **Co-opted members**

The Clerk reported that he had received no expression of interest in co-option onto the Council.

### **Financial Regulations**

Members considered a proposal to update references to the Accounts & Audit Regulations 1996 in Constantine Parish Council's Financial Regulations (paragraphs 4.1 and 4.3) to the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015. Following the Clerk's explanation, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council's Financial Regulations be altered to reflect the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015.

### **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, 2017 is £2,732.00 (or 100% of eligible costs, whichever is the lower). Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Andrew 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, 2017.

### **Public Highway application of herbicide**

Members considered an offer from Cormac to spray off the weeds on pedestrian surfaces in Constantine during the coming season in the sum of £398.10 + VAT. Following a short discussion it was agreed not to accept this offer.

## **8 PARISH MATTERS**

### **Village entrances**

Members considered a proposal to site welcoming stones at each of the three entrances to the village. Following discussion, it was agreed that, although the proposal is acceptable in principle, there are probably other projects which may properly be considered to be of a higher priority: additionally, it may be that Parish Boundary Stones are more appropriate. Nevertheless those members present agreed to seek a cost for boulders and the Clerk was asked to seek a quotation for carving the word Constantine in a boulder. The matter is to be discussed again at the next meeting.

### **Disabled Access to the Social Club**

Members noted problems (reported by the Secretary of the Social Club) experienced by a disabled visitor to the Club during the recent wet weather. Following discussion, it was agreed to write to the Social Club stating that the Parish Council, acting as the Management Trustee of the Alice Hext Trust, will monitor the situation. It was also agreed to ask the Social Club to ensure that the lights at the rear of the Club are kept in working order.

### **Street Lighting**

The Clerk reported that the street light lantern opposite 4 Valley View is full of water and needs replacement. He has sought quotations but has, as yet, received no response. Following discussion, during the course of which it was noted that the bracket requires replacement within the next twelve months, it was agreed to seek a quotation from SSE Contracting for the replacement of both the lantern and the bracket.

### **The bus shelter**

The Clerk reported that he has received a quotation from Mr Osgood for painting the bus shelter, but that Cllr Nicholls has expressed some concern about the replacement of the 'glass'. Someone from Cllr Nicholls' company will be sent to see if there is a way around this problem.

## **9 PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Observations**

PA16/00577 Second Solar Project Ltd – Non-material amendment for minor changes to layout and panel design to decision PA12/04493 – Nancrossa Farm, Rame. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council makes no comment.*

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PA16/00670 LittleT Solar Ltd – Non-material amendment for the retention of a composting toilet on site in respect of decision notice PA12/04124 – Little Trevease, Trevease. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council makes no comment.*

PA16/00691 Mr R.Butler – Extension and alterations to dwelling including a balcony – Hillside House, Port Navas. Cllr Andrew 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 in principle. However, it strongly objects to the use of weather-boarding which is out of character in this location and would respectfully refer the Planning Authority to the Cornwall Design Guide 2013 which recommends ‘enhancing the locally distinctive features of the area by avoiding an excessive variety of building styles, materials and colours’.*

PA16/00698 Mrs J.Gowland-Jones – Construct a detached dwelling, formation of new vehicle and pedestrian access and installation of a domestic packaged sewage treatment plant to replace existing septic tank – land rear of number 12 Parc Monga Road. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA16/00949 Mr H.Dickinson – Outline planning permission with all matters reserved: Proposed construction of a single infill dwelling – land adj The Old Smithy, Jobs Water. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, one member abstaining, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council views this application as being one for a new home in the countryside. As such it represents an intrusion of the built environment into the rural landscape – on which it will have an adverse effect. Additionally, development in this location is unsustainable in terms of the National Planning Policy Framework. The existing settlement is remote from services, and, as such, is incapable of supporting more housing. If permitted, it will create further vehicular movements on the narrow, twisting roads which serve the surrounding area. Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA16/01113 Mr and Mrs Davies – Front extension to existing dwelling – Greystones, Bowling Green, Constantine. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application in principle, but understands that the boundary of the applicant’s property is incorrectly shown on the accompanying plans. Constantine Parish Council therefore expects the application to be resubmitted with the corrected information.*

PA16/01383 Mr R.Gunlak –Listed Building Consent for the demolition of existing porch within courtyard and construction of proposed new porch – Treviades Barton, Treviades. Cllr Carter proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council believes this proposal to be out of keeping with the historic nature of the building. It therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

## **10 CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that

- the slip at Port Navas has been eroded and is need of immediate repair. It was agreed to ask Bob Sanders to undertake the necessary work
- the repair of the chain-link fencing around the Recreation Ground is well underway
- those responsible for the soil left on the car-park have undertaken to remove it in the near future
- Cllr Nicholls has offered to speak for the Council at the Planning Committee meeting on March 7 when PA15/10900 (erection of a single storey local needs dwelling at Trewarne, High Cross) is decided
- Savills, who act for the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (from whom the land on which the public convenience stands), has asked for sight of the electrical installation certificate. It was agreed to instruct a competent electrician to inspect the electrics and to supply a certificate
- Mr Jorey is willing to carry on opening, cleaning and closing the public convenience.

### **Correspondence**

**Cornwall Council** schedule of significant changes to the Cornwall Local Plan for consultation – *noted*

**SSE Enterprise** Annual Report – *noted*

**Devon & Cornwall Police** concerning the future Service Level Agreement – *noted*

**Constantine School Samba Band** Acknowledgment of and thanks for the donation towards the new Samba drums–*noted*

## **11 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council’s financial position as at February 18, 2016. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

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Members noted and approved the placement of an order with the Ronnie Richards Memorial Fund for four defibrillators and three cabinets, the order being accompanied by a cheque to the value of £5,136.00

The following accounts were presented for payment

		<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Mr G.Jorey		£ 301.00		
Mrs J.Jennings		£ 53.60		
Jewell & Co. Ltd (plans for bus shelter)		£ 365.05		
SSE (lighting maintenance)		£ 743.80	£ 619.83	£ 123.97
South West Water (public convenience)		£ 112.57		
South West Water (cemetery)		£ 16.23		
E.On (public lighting)		£ 71.46	£ 68.06	£ 3.40
Viridor Waste Management Ltd		£ 60.45	£ 52.04	£ 8.41
Shaw & Sons Ltd (Exclusive Right of Burial book)		£ 117.88	£ 98.23	£ 19.65
R.Sanders				
Churchyards	£ 320.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 175.00			
	total	£ 594.00	£ 495.00	£ 99.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (January)	£ 458.27			
telephone	£ 28.54			
office expenses	£ 24.91			
travelling	£ 28.28			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 565.00		

Proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Andrew, all others in favour that the above eleven 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>
EdF Energy	£ 36.34	£ 34.61	£ 1.73

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Dunstan, seconded by Cllr Miss Evans, all others in favour that the above account be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

CC (closed cemetery grant)	£ 433.01
Frederick Wearne & Sons (Mrs Venning)	£ 40.00
CC (Community Chest grant)	£ 600.00

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

There were no reports from Committees or representatives.

## **13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Members noted that

- there are broken tiles on the roof of the public convenience. The Clerk was asked to arrange to have them repaired
- a resident has recently experienced some unacceptably poor behaviour from a group of youngsters acting together. The Clerk was asked to notify the Police.

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

Thursday March 17, 2016 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.37pm.

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