

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday March 17, 2016 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present:

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

Visitors: CCllr J.Bastin and Mrs Williamson.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the March meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Williamson sought the Council's support for her planning application, but acknowledged that, as a corporate body, the Council would probably be unable to state definitively that her statement of facts is accurate.

1 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Miss Evans (personal) sent her apologies for absence. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour to accept those apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

As Officers of the Constantine Garden Society, Cllr Andrew and Cllr Bolt declared a pecuniary interest in the request to the Council (agenda item 7) for financial help towards the costs of the annual show and the prizes for the best kept gardens.

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 Mrs Dunstan seconded, Cllr A.Carter, Cllr Bolt and Cllr Mrs Thomson who were absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday February 18, 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

There was no report from the police.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- the integrated transport scheme (part of the agreed devolution of powers from central government) is expected to be in place in 2018
- he has been appointed to the Shadow Cabinet where he has responsibilities for localism
- the next Community Network Meeting, which will be the AGM, takes place on March 22.

In answer to questions, CCllr Bastin agreed that Cornwall Council sends its Councillors and itself uses huge quantities of paper which, in the light of paperless planning, somewhat goes against the grain. It was also noted that many Cornwall Councillors left meetings without explanation well before the close of business.

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7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-opted members

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

Constantine Cottage Garden Society Annual Show

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 16, 2016. Members agreed unanimously to allow Constantine Cottage Garden Society to use the Recreation Ground for the Annual Show from Thursday July 14 to Monday July 18

Cllr Andrew and Cllr Bolt, having earlier declared a pecuniary interest in the following item, refrained from taking part in either the debate or the voting. They remained in the room.

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 Nicholls, Cllr Andrew and 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.

8 PARISH MATTERS

Village entrances

Members considered progress made in a proposal to site welcoming stones at each of the three entrances to the village. The Chairman reported that he had contacted Mr Olds who is able to supply three suitable, rough-hewn boulders each weighing about a ton for between £350 and £400. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr Wearne about inscribing the word 'Constantine' onto such boulders, but that a cost was still awaited. He undertook to contact Mr Wearne personally before the next meeting.

Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that SSE Contracting had quoted £621.54 plus VAT to replace both the bracket and the lantern on the street light opposite 4 Valley View. Following conversation with the Chairman, he had instructed SSE to carry out this repair.

The bus shelter

The Clerk reported that he has received a quotation from Mr Beckerleg for painting the bus shelter in the sum of £375.00. Cllr Nicholls reported that he has examined the possibility of replacing the existing perspex with laminated glass and that, although it is possible, some adjustment will have to be made to the framework of the shelter. His company will do this work at cost, but the total will be in the region of £1,500.00 Following discussion, Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, Cllr Nicholls abstained, all others in favour to accept Cllr Nicholls' offer to replace the perspex in the bus shelter with laminated glass.

Port Navas

Members considered a quotation from Bob Sanders in the sum of £610.00 plus VAT for the repair and reinstatement of the public access slip-way. This will involve removing the old slab and making good the edge to the main slipway; digging out the beach and boxing in an area for the new slip; installing a metal mesh and infilling with concrete; removing the wooden boxing and replacing the beach to provide a smooth entry to sea. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this work should be done. The Clerk was asked to ensure that the 'Public Slipway' notice is in place.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

Observations

PA16/01344 Mrs Stacey Williamson – Certificate of lawfulness existing use: stationing and use of caravan as a dwelling – The Caravan, Lone Pine Cottage, High Cross. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council can neither confirm nor refute the applicant's statements.*

PA16/01542 Mr S.Ainge – Replacement Dwelling – Riverside, 6 Brillwater Road. Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA16/01609 Mr M.Bruton – Proposed replacement of existing boathouse with new boathouse – Shearwater, Quay Road, Port Navas. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council notes the parlous state of the existing boathouse, but has strong reservations about the planned replacement. The Council believes that the proposed height of the replacement building will have an adverse impact upon the neighbouring property, Bosoljack. It will take light from the windows on its west elevation and consequently will intrude on this property's visual amenities*
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and privacy. Constantine Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

PA16/02064 Mr & Mrs Daly – Convert existing basement into family annexe accommodation and changing a patio door to a window – 10 Brillwater Road, Constantine. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA15/11003 APPROVED – Variation of condition 2 (plans approved) of decision PA14/06663 (erection of 8 dwellings - 4 affordable rented dwellings, 1 shared ownership dwelling and 3 open market dwelling) to allow minor material amendment for rotation of plot 5 plan through 90 degrees – Plot 5 Trebarvah Court, Constantine – *noted*

PA15/00820 REFUSED – Siting of a static caravan for residential use and use as a farm office (retrospective) Maen Pern Farm Office caravan, Tresahor – *noted*

10 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Tower Mint Ltd advertisement for commemorative medals celebrating HM Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday – *noted*

Falmouth Town Council Falmouth Library and access to services – *the Clerk was asked to reply stating that Constantine Parish Council applauded the initiative taken by the Town Council*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at March 17, 2016. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members reviewed the terms of Constantine Parish Council's Insurance Policy and considered an invitation from Came and Company to renew insurance cover with Aviva in the sum of £1,279.61 Following discussion, during the course of which it was agreed that 'mowers and machinery' should be removed from the schedule, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour to renew Constantine Parish Council's insurance with Aviva through Came and Company in the sum of £1, 279.61

The following accounts were presented for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC		£ 430.80		
Mr G.Jorey		£ 301.00		
Mrs J.Jennings		£ 53.60		
SSE (Church Square)		£ 12.02	£ 11.46	£ 0.56
R.Sanders				
Churchyards	£ 280.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 175.00			
	total	£ 546.00	£ 455.00	£ 91.00
E.On (public lighting)		£ 66.85	£ 63.67	£ 3.18
Viridor Waste Management Ltd		£ 49.51	£ 41.26	£ 8.25
Colin Chapman				
Salary (February)	£ 458.27			
telephone	£ 35.30			
office expenses	£ 27.89			
travelling	£ 35.35			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 581.81		

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

Members noted the following receipts

Francis Memorials (Mr Cotterill)	£ 40.00
Gweek Parish Council (defibrillator)	£ 200.00

Members noted that Mr Jorey has intimated that he is willing to continue to open, close and clean the public convenience in the car-park adjoining the Church Hall. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that Constantine Parish Council should pay Mr Jorey £200 monthly for undertaking this work.

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The Clerk left the meeting before discussion of the following item.

Following discussion, during the course of which members noted the fact that a review should possibly have been undertaken at an earlier date, the Chairman proposed and it was agreed that Constantine Parish Council should pay the Clerk at Scale Point 37, with effect from April 1, 2016.

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees or representatives.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no reports from Committees or representatives.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday April 21, 2016 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.17pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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