

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Tuesday June 7, 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 Mrs S.Dunstan	
Cllr Miss C.Evans	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr J.Bastin Ms Hitchcox and Mr B.Jorey.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the June meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Ms Hitchcox rehearsed the history of her attempts over the past year to fulfil the requirements of the Planning Authority and asked the Parish Council for its support for her application.

The Clerk was asked to report two incidences of fly-tipping: along the Nanceloan road and along the lane between High Cross and Polwheveral.

Members noted the untidy nature of the hedgerows (presently garlanded with plastic waste) along the lane between Brill and Silverhill.

The Clerk was asked to remind the Council's contractor about

- the slipway at Port Navas
- clearing the brambles etc. from the graves in the bottom left-hand corner of the New Cemetery
- clearing the footpath between Bowling Green and the Penbothidno Estate

additionally to ask if he would

- spray off the weeds along the roads and footpaths within the village as a matter of urgency

and, come the autumn (or earlier if he can), to

- cut off the lower branches from the fir trees overhanging the Lawn Cemetery
- cut off the lower branches (particularly those growing though the chain-link fencing) from the trees in the Recreation Ground (near the play area)
- reshape the cherry tree on the footpath between Bowling Green and the Penbothidno Estate (though this must be done when the tree is dormant to avoid killing the tree).

Members noted that the glass has been replaced in the bus shelter and thanked Cllr Nicholls who has arranged for this to be done. They wondered if time would permit Mr Beckerleg to paint the shelter before Friday (the official birthday of Her Majesty the Queen).

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bolt (mechanical problems) sent his apologies for absence. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Nicholls 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.

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3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 19, 2016 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday May 19, 2016 should be adopted as a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

A question was asked about the permitted height of fences: the questioner was told that these do not require planning permission if they are below two metres in height.

5 POLICE REPORT

There was no report from the Police. In the absence of reports from the Police it was agreed to remove this item from future agendas.

6 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that the recent Community Network Meeting had concerned itself entirely with the distribution of the Network's share of devolution funding: the vast majority (90%) had gone to projects in Falmouth and Penryn.

He encouraged members to attend the next meeting of the Community Network Panel which will take place on June 28 when CCllr Mrs Hannaford (Portfolio Holder for Planning) and Mr Phil Mason (Head of Planning and Enterprise) will talk about 'Planning for the Future' and answer questions. He will be asking them why Parish Councils are not invited to make observations either on pre-applications or on changes to S106 agreements.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-opted members

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

8 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour to suspend Standing Orders to allow Mr Brian Jorey to speak during the course of discussion of the next item.

Alice Hext Trust: repair of the pavilion

Members noted that the immediate jobs would appear to be

- the replacement of the doors and their frames
- the repair of the ceiling
- painting the windows and the exterior and the interior walls.

Mr Jorey stated that the Football Club would supply the labour to do this work, if the Parish Council would purchase the necessary materials. Following discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded all others in favour that the Parish Council should authorise expenditure on materials for the above work up to a total of £1,000.00 In answer to questions, Mr Jorey stated that he did not expect the work would cost that amount of money and anticipated that it would be completed in time for the start of the new football season in September.

Members further noted that the plumbing and the showers need attention and it was agreed that Mr Jorey, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Andrew should seek quotations from local plumbers in time for discussion at the meeting in July

The Chairman proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour to resume Standing Orders.

Welcoming Stones

The Clerk reported that Mr Douglas Wearne of Frederick Wearne and Sons had estimated that the cost of engraving 'Constantine' onto a panel carved into a block of granite would be about £250.00 Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with Cornwall Highways about the location of these welcoming stones.

Closure of the Post Office

No written request for financial help towards the cost of a taxi to allow those residents with no other means of transport access to a Post Office having been received, the matter was left in abeyance.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA16/04307 Miss S.Hitchcox – Occupation of dwelling without compliance with condition 2 (relating to agricultural occupancy only) of planning permission reference PA08/01451/F dated 13/10/2008 – Fir Tree Farm Nursery, Tresahor. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

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