

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Tuesday September 15, 2016 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

**Visitors:** CCllr J.Bastin, Mr and Mrs Lewis, Mr Merton and Mrs Purdy.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the September meeting.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Speaking of an unkempt, uncut grass strip at Penbothidno, Mrs Purdy stated that Coastline had told her that this is not their responsibility and that, as a highway verge, maintenance is the responsibility of Cornwall Council. Cornwall Council had told her that it did not cut highway verges unless there are issues with visibility for drivers. Mrs Purdy thought the best solution would be to replace it with extra parking. CCllr Bastin undertook to look into the matter.

Mr and Mrs Lewis reported that they had been advised by a Planning Officer to discuss their plans for the development of a new home on land adjoining their property at Brill with the Parish Council. Although the Parish Council cannot commit one way or another before a planning application is presented, mention was made of the need for the provision of off-road parking and the need for a design which is sympathetic to the neighbourhood.

Mr Merton reported the problems he and his neighbours in Trebarvah Close experience at the beginning and end of the school day. He spoke of parents who park their cars across driveways and are objectionable and rude when asked to move them to allow residents access to and from their homes and, possibly more importantly, of the dangers relating to the admixture of so many cars and so many young children. Members were reminded of the old 'Walking Bus' from the Penbothidno corner and it was suggested that the school might consider reintroducing this. It was also suggested that in the interests of being good neighbours (and for the health of their children) parents might be encouraged to park their cars alongside the Recreation Ground and walk the hundred yards or so to the School. It was agreed that these thoughtless, self-centered actions do not set a good example to children and that the Clerk should write to the Head Teacher asking if she would try to persuade parents to act thoughtfully and courteously, to leave their cars in more suitable places and to walk with their children to and from school.

## 1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A.Carter (holiday) sent his apologies for absence. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour to accept his apologies.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

Cllr Mrs Thomson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Planning Application PA16/08048

### 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 P.Carter who was absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on July 21, 2016 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

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

Cllr Nicholls reported that because Mawnan Parish Council has decided to draft its own individual Neighbourhood Plan he had not, as he had agreed, arranged a meeting with Councillors from Mawnan.

#### 5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- although not a great deal has happened during the course of the summer, he has been in touch with the Clerk over a number of planning issues
- the Boundary Review proposals suggest that the old Falmouth and Camborne constituency will be reinstated
- flooding both in Constantine and in Port Navas recently caused a number of problems. There are particular issues particularly pooling on the roads between the turn to Nancenoy and Mounts View (where a drain is blocked) and between Gweek and Brill (both near the entrance to Napheane Farm and at Carwythenack Chase). It was also noted that work to remove the sludge from drains throughout the village is long overdue.

#### 6 PARISH MATTERS

##### Alice Hext Trust: repair of the pavilion

Members noted that no further work on the pavilion has been done by the Football Club since Members met a plumber there in early August. In the circumstances it was agreed that the proposed plumbing work should not be considered at this meeting and that a letter should be sent to the Football Club stating that no further expenditure on the pavilion would be undertaken by the Parish Council until the Football Club has completed what it had agreed to do. It was also noted that the Referee's room has been left unlocked for some while.

##### Welcoming Stones

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had met the Highways & Environment Manager, Viv Bidgood, and that he had agreed that welcoming stones might be placed at New Corner (on the way to High Cross), at the corner near the school and on the Gweek road near the existing village sign. The Clerk was asked to remind Mr Bidgood that he had agreed to forward a map of underground service tunnels. It was agreed that the Chairman would obtain three suitable boulders and that they should be inscribed 'Welcome to Constantine'.

##### Parking near the school

This matter was dealt with during Public Question time.

#### 7 PLANNING MATTERS

Members noted the following planning applications which were received during August and returned with the attached observations using delegated powers

PA16/06161 Mr H.Dickinson – Outline planning permission with all matters reserved: Proposed construction of a single infill dwelling – land adj. The Old Smithy, Jobs Water. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council does not agree with the applicant's statement that the proposed development shows "exceptional quality or innovative nature" and may therefore be considered to be in line with Paragraph 55 of the National Planning Policy Framework. It views this application as being one for a new home in the countryside and believes that development in this location is unsustainable. The existing settlement is remote from services, and is incapable of supporting more housing. If permitted, it will create further vehicular movements on the narrow, twisting roads which serve the surrounding area and represents an intrusion of the built environment into the rural landscape on which it will have an adverse effect. Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA16/06328 Mrs K.Hill – Tree works to a Sycamore tree subject to a TPO - removal of overhanging branches affecting neighbouring property – 1 and 3 Clinton Road, Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application subject to the agreement of the County Tree Officer.*

PA16/06586 Mr R.Tiptaff – Scot pine (T3) - remove one branch from southern crown, resting in adjacent tree (2) – Point Cottage Port Navas. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application subject to the agreement of the County Tree Officer.*

PA16/07003 Mr G.Williams – Various tree works – The Old Kiln, Quay Road, Port Navas. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application subject to the agreement of the County Tree Officer.*

PA16/07022 Mr M.Talbot – Various tree works – Paradise Cottage, Bridge. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application subject to the agreement of the County Tree Officer.*

PA16/07064 Mr and Mrs S.Smith – Proposed rear extension – 3 Well Lane, Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application. Nevertheless, it would request that it is made clear to the applicants that PROW 1 which leads to the historic well should be kept clear at all times.*

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PA16/07161 Mr J.Kent – Erection of four flats – land WNW of 33 Wheal Vyvyan. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA16/07460 Mrs V.Bruce – Erection of dwelling, identical to dwelling approved in PA16/05011 but revision to position of driveway – Magpie Hill, Brillwater. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports the amended application.*

PA16/07474 Mr D.Tully – Various tree works subject to a TPO – Linden Lea, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application subject to the agreement of the County Tree Officer.*

PA16/07710 Mr G.Sole – Application for amendment to application PA15/09347 (Extension to dwelling) to raise the roof of the single storey dining room extension – 52 Fore Street, Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports the amended application.*

### **Applications**

PA16/08200 Mr and Mrs Stanford – Proposed garden store shed – Ponsaverran Barn Cottage, Port Navas. 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.*

PA16/08434 Mr David Martin – Application for the variation of condition 1 and removal of condition 10 in respect of Decision Notice PA14/01105 (Conversion of barns to form 3 dwellings with associated highway and drainage works)

Condition 1 The site layout plan was revised to accommodate Phase II of the development (PA15/09199). The layout plan has been approved for this scheme but conflicts with the approved layout for PA14/01105. Proposed SITE PLAN 100A to be replaced with drawing number 1321 200h

Condition 10 The extension of the PRoW has been executed in accordance with the adopted Section 38 plans and is open to the public now making the condition obsolete – Trebarvah Farm, Constantine., Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council makes no further comment.*

*As an immediate neighbour of the applicant, Cllr Mrs Thomson declared a pecuniary interest in the following application.*

PA16/08048 Mr L.Gilewicz – Non-material amendment following grant of planning permission PA16/02728 – Hendrawna House, Polwheveral. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council does not believe this application can be considered as being one for non-material amendments. The Council notes and approves of the change to the roof design which introduces overhanging eaves. However the proposed addition of glass bricks to the three elevations introduces a new and unwelcome element into the traditional build design. Constantine Parish Council further notes the inclusion of a shower-room into this garage of which there is no mention in the application. This would appear to be contrary to Condition 3 of the Grant of Conditional Planning Permission for application number PA16/02728.*

### **Decisions**

PA16/04926 APPROVED – Replace existing conservatory – 3 Clinton Road Constantine –*noted*

PA16/05411 APPROVED – Removal of part of the cornish hedge to create a parking space – 1 Inow Terrace, Port Navas –*noted*

PA16/05463 APPROVED – Proposed garage/store and change of use of land to garden – The Carhouse, Trevaney, High Cross –*noted*

PA16/05508 APPROVED – Proposed two storey extension and modifications – Trewince Lodge, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

PA16/04621 APPROVED – Proposed plot division, creation of new dwelling, and new access to existing dwelling, as per lapsed planning approval PA12/05952 – Rose Cottage, Bowling Green – *noted*

PA16/05929 Granted (CAADs and LUs only) – Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of a building with associated curtilage, as a dwelling – Land at Tucoyse Lane, Higher Brill – *noted*

PA16/07022 Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps) – Various tree works – Paradise Cottage, Bridge – *noted*

## **8 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** Management Plan 2016 - 2021 – *noted*

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

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## 9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at September 15, 2016. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted the conclusion of the audit for the year to March 31, 2016. The External Auditor had made no comments.

Members considered a request from Cruse Bereavement Care in Cornwall for financial help with support for bereaved people. Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Nicholls seconded and it was that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 16, 2013), Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £25 to Cruse Bereavement Care in Cornwall.

Members noted the following payments made in August using delegated powers

|  | <b>GROSS</b> | <b>NET</b> | <b>VAT</b> |
|--|--------------|------------|------------|
| Mr G.Jorey                                   | £ 299.80     |            |            |
| Mrs J.Jennings                               | £ 57.60      |            |            |
| Grant Thornton                               | £ 240.00     | £ 200.00   | £ 40.00    |
| SW Water (public convenience)                | £ 89.79      |            |            |
| SW Water (cemetery)                          | £ 16.82      |            |            |
| R.Sanders (PROWs)                            | £ 3,000.85   | £ 2,500.71 | £ 500.41   |
| R.Sanders (grass cutting, slipway, spraying) | £ 2,227.20   | £ 1,856.00 | £ 371.20   |
| Viv Beckerleg (bus shelter and convenience)  | £ 385.00     |            |            |
| E.On (public lighting)                       | £ 71.46      | £ 68.06    | £ 3.40     |
| Viridor Waste Management                     | £ 52.14      | £ 43.45    | £ 8.69     |
| Truro Diocesan Board of Finance              | £ 350.00     |            |            |
| Colin Chapman                                |              |            |            |
| Salary (July)                                | £ 583.73     |            |            |
| telephone                                    | £ 34.51      |            |            |
| office expenses                              | £ 31.96      |            |            |
| travelling                                   | £ 35.36      |            |            |
| use of home                                  | £ 25.00      |            |            |
|  | total        | £ 710.56   |            |

The following accounts were presented for payment

|   | <b>GROSS</b> | <b>NET</b> | <b>VAT</b> |
|---|--------------|------------|------------|
| HMRC  | £ 518.40     |            |            |
| Mr G.Jorey                                  | £ 299.80     |            |            |
| Mrs J.Jennings                              | £ 57.60      |            |            |
| Grant Thornton (External Audit)             | £ 240.00     | £ 200.00   | £ 40.00    |
| E.On (public lighting)                      | £ 71.46      | £ 68.06    | £ 3.40     |
| Viridor Waste Management Ltd                | £ 52.14      | £ 43.45    | £ 8.69     |
| SSE Southern Electric (The Square 6 Months) | £ 42.31      | £ 40.30    | £ 2.01     |
| R.Sanders                                   |              |            |            |
| Churchyards                                 | £ 760.00     |            |            |
| Recreation Ground                           | £ 350.00     |            |            |
|   | totals       | £ 1,332.00 | £ 222.00   |
| Colin Chapman                               |              |            |            |
| Salary (August)                             | £ 583.93     |            |            |
| telephone                                   | £ 24.57      |            |            |
| office expenses                             | £ 6.69       |            |            |
| travelling                                  | £ 7.07       |            |            |
| use of home                                 | £ 25.00      |            |            |
|   | total        | £ 647.26   |            |

Proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Wiseman, all others in favour that the above nine accounts be paid.

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Members noted the following receipts

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Pendle Funeral Services (Mrs Beeney)  | £ 550.00    |
| F.Wearne & Sons (memorial)            | £ 40.00     |
| CTS Grant                             | £ 1,096.43  |
| Precept (second and final instalment) | £ 17,500.00 |
| CC LMP repayment                      | £ 2,732.00  |

#### **10 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

Cllr Mrs Thomson reported that she and Cllr Andrew had attended the Community Network meeting which representatives from the Police had attended. Attendees had been told that an officer will attend a Council meeting at least once a year, that the current 101 number is recognised as not being fit for purpose, that on a year-on-year basis violent crime is up by 15% and that there has been an increase in non-dwelling (sheds) crimes. It was also noted that the on-line crime reports are months out-of-date.

#### **11 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Members noted that the re-cycling area in the car park is being abused by someone who is leaving black sacks of household waste next to there-cycling bins.

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

Thursday October 20, 2016 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.33pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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