

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday April 20, 2017 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present:

Cllr P.Carter	Cllr Miss C.Evans
Cllr J.Andrew	Cllr Mrs T.Thomson
Cllr A.Carter	Cllr N.Wiseman
Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Bastin, Mr Bradley, Mrs Bradley Davies, Mrs Purdy and Mr Reynolds.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the April meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Purdy again raised the question of creating extra parking on the Penbothidno estate by using the wide (unkempt) grass verge. Because the verge in question belongs to Cornwall Council, she was advised to keep in touch with CCllr Bastin.

Mr Reynolds stated that he was present simply to learn about the progress of the welcoming stones project (agenda item 6).

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Nicholls (work) and Cllr Bolt (holiday) tendered their apologies for absence. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded all in favour to accept their 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 received as a result of being a member of the Council.

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 Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday March 14, 2017 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

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

There were no matters arising that were not included on this agenda.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- as a result of a peer review, the future composition of the Strategic Planning Committee will better reflect the geography of Cornwall. Additionally, the number of members will be lowered to 15
- a further recommendation, which allows Ward Members to put a case to a Planning Committee but not to vote, has also been adopted

In answer to a question concerning any future sale of the County's estate and in particular County owned farms, CCllr Bastin said that he would not be in favour of such a move and drew members' attention to the protection that the recently published Local Plan gives to Grade 2 farm land

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Speaking on behalf of the Parish as a whole, the Chairman thanked CCllr Bastin for everything he has done during the course of the past two years and wished him well.

6 PARISH MATTERS

Seworgan

Members noted a request from residents of Seworgan for consideration to be given to the siting of a defibrillator in the now-disused telephone kiosk (which belongs to the Parish Council). Members further noted that the Friends of Constantine Surgery have contributed £1,000 towards the cost of a defibrillator and that the community itself has raised the funding necessary for connection to the electricity supply. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded all others in favour both to install a defibrillator in the Council owned telephone kiosk at Seworgan and to make good any deficit in funding which may occur.

Alice Hext Trust: repair of the pavilion

Members noted that, within the last month, no visible progress has been made with the refurbishment of the pavilion. It was agreed to make the repair and future use of the pavilion an item for discussion at the next meeting.

Alice Hext Trust: repair of chain-link fencing

The Clerk reported that Mr Searle of Countryside Contracting is confident that the work can be done by the end of the first week in June

Welcoming Stones

The Chairman reported that a small representative group had met with Mr Olds at Bosahan Quarry and had chosen six suitable stones which have since been extracted and placed on pallets. Mr Olds will liaise with Mr Wearne as to which three he, Mr Wearne, thinks are most suitable and once that is done the Chairman will transport them to Mr Wearne's workshop in Wendron. Following a suggestion from Mr Reynolds it was agreed that the wording on each of the stones should read "Constantine welcomes you."

7 PARISH MATTERS

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Members considered an invitation to renew membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils for the year to March 31, 2018 in the sum of £454.30 + VAT. Following discussion, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour to renew membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils in the sum of £454.30 + VAT

Insurance Policy

Members reviewed the terms of Constantine Parish Council's Insurance Policy and considered an invitation from Came and Company to renew insurance cover with Ecclesiastical in the sum of £1,231.38 Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Miss Evans seconded, all others in favour to renew Constantine Parish Council's insurance with Ecclesiastical through Came and Company in the sum of £1, 231.38

8 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA17/02976 Mr and Mrs Clifton – Removal of Section 52 Agreement 2/06/84/00768/F dated 20.09.1985: Erection of an extension and conversion of former mill building to form extension to existing dwelling – Tewardreva Mill Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed. Cllr Andrew seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council makes no comment.*

PA17/02883 Mr and Mrs Robertson – Replacement garage to include annex – Mullberrys, Retallack Farm, Tresahor. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed. Cllr Andrew seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council considers that the information available to view on the website which should enable Councillors to make an informed decision about this application is distinctly lacking and therefore reserves the right to comment at a later stage.*

PA17/03060 Mr Robinson – Change of use of land for the siting of Gypsy Wagon to be used for holiday letting – Bryn Hy Log, 3 Brillwater Road. Cllr Andrew proposed. Cllr Wiseman seconded all others in favour that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council has strong reservations about the visual impact the proposed gypsy caravan will have on the residential setting, about vehicular access and about parking. It requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for change of use of the land.*

Decisions

PA17/01041 PART APPROVED/PART REFUSED – Works to Oak trees – Polpenwith Creek, Constantine – *noted*

PA17/01385 APPROVED – Internal layout changes, new roof structure with increased ridge height, installation of roof lights and construction of a rear dormer – 10 Parc Monga Road, Constantine – *noted*

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PA16/10603 APPROVED – Proposed siting of six new holiday retreats within an existing holiday site and associated works – Trecombe Lakes, Mawnan Smith – *noted*

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Rt Hon John Bercow MP notification that UK Parliament week will be between 13 – 19 November, 2017 – *noted*

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at April 20, 2017. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted that the Internal Auditor, Mr Peter Richards, had made no comment concerning the financial accounts for the year April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017.

Parish Councillors considered the Statement of Assurance required by the Audit Commission for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2017. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council should answer "Yes" to all the questions posed by the Statement of Assurance which forms part of the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2017.

Members noted that during the course of the year April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017 invoices incurred by the Alice Hext Trust Recreation Ground amounting to the sum of £3,936.00 had been paid by Constantine Parish Council using the General Power of Competence adopted at the Annual Meeting on May 16, 2013

The Clerk presented the accounts for Constantine Parish Council for the year April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017. Cllr A.Carter proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council should approve the Parish Council's accounts for the year April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the Alice Hext Trust for the year April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council, as the Management Trustee of the Recreation Ground, should approve the accounts for the Alice Hext Trust for the year April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 305.20		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 75.00		
Cornwall Council (Rates for the car-park)	£ 377.46		
Cornwall Council (Rates for the lawn cemetery)	£ 171.06		
E.On (public lighting)	£ 82.99	£ 79.04	£ 3.95
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 55.98	£ 46.65	£ 9.33
J.P.Richards (Internal Auditor)	£ 286.50		
SSE Contracting	£ 45.50	£ 38.00	£ 8.50
R.Sanders			
Cemeteries	£ 350.00		
Recreation Ground	£ 175.00		
	total	£ 630.00	£ 525.00
Colin Chapman			
salary (March)	£ 583.93		
telephone	£ 24.36		
office expenses	£ 64.95		
travelling	£ 21.22		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 719.46	

Proposed by Cllr Miss Evans, seconded by Cllr Wiseman, all others in favour that the above ten accounts be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

CC Precept (1 st instalment)	£ 19,000.00
CC CTS grant (1 st instalment)	£ 764.95
J.H.Ching (Mr Maw)	£ 40.00
St Constantine PCC (cemetery maintenance)	£ 150.00
Friends of Constantine Surgery	£ 1,000.00

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees or Representatives.

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12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Members noted that the Guerrilla Gardeners have tidied up the public garden in The Square and that it looks very well. The Guerrillas were thanked on behalf of the community as a whole.

Speaking on behalf of the Council, Cllr Wiseman thanked Cllr Miss Evans (who, because of other commitments, will not stand for election) for all the work she has done for the community as a Councillor. He added that her contribution will be missed. The Chairman said that Cllr Wiseman had taken the words out of his mouth: Miss Evans had been a good Councillor and members had come to rely on her sound common sense.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday May 18, 2017 at 7:00pm

The Annual Meeting of Constantine Parish Council will be held on Thursday May 18, 2017 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting. Both the above meetings will be held in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.18pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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