

# THE PARISH OF CONSTANTINE

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Constantine held on Thursday May 18, 2017 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine. The Chairman of Constantine Parish Council, Cllr P.C.Carter, presiding Mr C.Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

**Present:** Cllr Andrew, Cllr Bolt, Cllr A.Carter, Cllr Mrs Dunstan, Cllr Mrs Thomson, Cllr Wiseman, Mr and Mrs Bradley and Mrs Collins.

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from CCllr Bastin and Cllr Nicholls.

## 2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2016

Having been previously circulated and agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on June 7, 2015, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday May 19, 2016 are a true record and they were signed as such by the Chairman.

## 3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Carter said

"Welcome everyone to Constantine Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting. The Council year of 2016/2017 has once again been busy and productive. We, as a Council, have looked at sixty-three planning applications on all of which we have made observations and comments. There have also been a number of individual matters reported to the Planning Enforcement department – and, unfortunately, several incidents of fly-tipping on a commercial scale have also had to be reported to the relevant department.

"The play equipment in the Recreation Ground is regularly monitored and maintained. The Council has had the slip-way at Port Navas repaired. The bus shelter in The Square has been refurbished and we have instructed a contractor to repair and replace the fencing around the Recreation ground.

"We have spent some time at Bosahan Quarry sourcing suitable lumps of granite to be engraved as welcoming stones to the village.

"The Council has supported the Friends of Constantine Surgery in the purchase of a defibrillator to be installed in the old telephone box at Seworgan.

"The Council has replaced the bench in the Lawn Cemetery. (The original was placed as a memorial to Dennis Bray by the Parish Council of the time.)

"The Parish Council had a tarmac strip installed next to the kerb in the new car-park to stop the grit from being washed down to Bowling Green.

"The Christmas Lights' Committee works tirelessly to make Constantine a must-see destination for the festive period. We need to thank the whole committee and their helpers for doing such a marvellous job.

"The Parish Council continues to organise the grass-cutting in the closed churchyard around the Church, in the 'New' Churchyard and in the Lawn Cemetery. The Council keeps tidy all the open spaces in and around the village and takes responsibility for trimming the Public Rights of Way within the Parish.

"Geoff Jorey is still opening and closing the public toilets in the village on a daily basis: he also keeps them in sparkling condition. Jean Jennings is still keeping the village free of litter: our thanks go to both of them.

"The Parish Council has supported

The Agricultural and Cottage Garden Shows with a grant of £250.00 each

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Constantine Silver Band with a grant of £300.00  
Helford River Children's Sailing Trust with a grant of £150.00  
HM The Queen's birthday celebrations with a grant of £119.26 (and here we should thank the team for organising all the events)  
Cruse Bereavement Care with a grant of £25.00  
The Royal British Legion with a grant of £50.00  
Victim Support with a grant of £25.00  
Tanya's Courage Trust with a grant of £100.00  
The purchase of Christmas trees for the village with a grant of £500.00  
Port Navas Village Hall with a grant of £251.25 (for repairs following the storm in the autumn)  
Cornwall Air Ambulance with a grant of £150.00  
and The Alice Hext Trust with a grant of £3,936.00 for the continuing care and maintenance of the Recreation Ground

"We have also supported the Football Club with a grant of £1,000 for materials for the repair of the pavilion.

"Port Navas Quay is now in the care of the Port Navas Village Hall Committee. The Parish Council has been involved in brokering the deal and has been asked to take on the maintenance of the newly-seeded grass area. The Quay is now open for use by the community.

"August 6 last year saw Constantine remember the contribution the people of the community made to the Great War. A service was held at the War Memorial where I read the names of the fallen and Cornwall Councillor John Bastin read the 'Ode to the Fallen'. This was followed by a procession down to the Tolmen Centre where an interesting and informative display of photographs and memorabilia was on view. The event was a credit to all who worked so hard to put it all together.

"Cllr Nicholls and myself laid the poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the annual Remembrance Sunday service

"We continue to be very fortunate to have Colin as our Parish Clerk. He keeps us well-informed and updated at all times. Thank you, Colin.

"A few months ago we said our final goodbye to Colin Gray. Colin will always be remembered by those who served on this Council as one who was never shy of giving his opinion.

"We also need to record our thanks to Charlotte Evans who decided not to stand again for a further term.

"Christine and myself led the Pendennis Brass up the village street to the marquee for the annual Brass on the Grass concert. Last Monday we went to Falmouth Town Council Chambers to witness Cllr Grenville Chappel being made Mayor of Falmouth for a second time. This is a very short Annual Meeting: it lasts some fifteen minutes in total. We would thank Falmouth Town Council for always making us welcome and for the very generous hospitality shown.

"My continued thanks go to you my fellow Councillors who work hard, are committed to the job and have supported me as Chairman. I would especially thank Cllr Nicholls for his support as Vice-Chairman. Thanks also go to CCllr John Bastin who continues to work for us at County level.

"My final thanks go to those at home who sometimes have to carry a little extra work load so that I can do those things that need to be done and go to the places that need to be gone to. Thanks to Christine, Alan and Robert!"

#### **4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Speaking on behalf of his fellow Councillors, Cllr Wiseman thanked the Chairman and his family for representing Constantine Parish Council at so many events.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 6, 2017

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 17, 2018

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