

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Tuesday September 21, 2017 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

**Present:**

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

**Visitors:** CCllr Bastin.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the September meeting.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members noted that

- there are again concerns about the puddle which, at times, extends across most of the road outside Bosvathick. Members suggested that what is needed is for the hole through the hedge to be faced with stone and for a ditch or a French drain to be constructed in the field to allow the water to drain away gradually. CCllr Bastin undertook to report this matter to Cornwall Highways
- the recycling bins in the car-park need re-labelling so that there are two bins for glass and three for plastic and metal; additionally the paper/cardboard bin needs to be bigger. In the light of recent collection problems experienced by Biffa, it was agreed that a notice should be put on the wall requesting motorists not to park in the entrance on whichever day Biffa is due to collect. The Clerk will take this matter forward.

## 1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Nicholls (holiday) and Cllr Bolt (holiday) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Thompson seconded, all others 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 of a value greater than £25.

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday July 20, 2017 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

No matters arising from the minutes which were not included on this agenda were raised.

## 5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- there was little to report, so little indeed that the first full meeting of the Unitary Authority is scheduled for November
- in an effort to increase the rate of re-cycling a proposal has been made at County Hall to collect recyclates every week and to collect household waste once a fortnight. Member were very much against this proposal stating that households, currently recycling as much as they can, cannot recycle more; that households

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which do not recycle materials are unlikely to be encouraged to do so as a result of this measure and that to reduce the collection of household waste to once a fortnight will increase the incidence of fly-tipping and that there will inevitably be consequential problems relating to health, vermin and disease

- the link bus, which currently takes some twenty-five students from Constantine and Mawnan, to catch the bus to Truro College had been cancelled but, at his insistence, has since been reinstated, though only for the current academic year
- Neighbourhood Plans are currently being developed in both Mawnan and Budock – and the process itself had been the subject of discussion at the recent Community Network Meeting. CCllr Bastin stated firmly that such Plans afford Parishes some measure of control over planning matters, but admitted that that the Planning Authority has the final say. Both Cllr Mrs Thompson and Cllr Andrew, who had attended the Community Network Meeting, were of the opinion that the creation of Neighbourhood Plans requires a great deal of work and that the result of that work is heavily influenced by the Planning Authority. Members felt strongly that the democratic process appears to be absent from matters relating to planning
- in answer to a question deploring the Unitary Authority's decision to cut entirely the grant of £20,000 to Cornwall's Young Farmers' Club, CCllr Bastin agreed that rural communities appear to be bearing the greater burden of cost-cutting measures. It was noted that the Young Farmers' Club has been responsible for the development of many young men and women whose number includes the Leader of Cornwall Council, CCllr Adam Paynter (and whose debating skills were honed in the Club).

## 6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Co-opted members

The Clerk reported that he had received no expressions of interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor.

## 7 PARISH MATTERS

### Alice Hext Trust: repair of the pavilion

Members noted that a letter detailing those matters that the Parish Council (acting as the Managing Trustee of the Alice Hext Trust) require to be added to any future lease of the Pavilion had been sent to the Social Club Committee; and that the Committee had suggested that representatives from either side should sit down and talk through those details. An answer stating that the lease of the pavilion to the Social Club is dependent on the inclusion of those details has not, as yet, received a reply.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Club stating that the lease does need to be brought up-to-date, regardless of whether or not the pavilion is to be included.

### Welcoming Stones

The Chairman reported that the three boulders are now with Wearnes. Once they have been inscribed, Mr Wearne will install them and for that reason the Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the corner at the south-eastern end of Brillwater road should be cleared out in readiness. The Chairman undertook to speak to Robert Bowden about this.

## 8 PLANNING MATTERS

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

PA17/06047 Mr D.Berryman – Non-material amendment (No. 1) for: Replacement of window to rear of garage with an access door; Removal of chimney stack to south east elevation; and addition of external chimney breast to north west elevation to (PA16/04657) – Rose Cottage, Bowling Green, Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA17/06301 Mrs A.Martin – Certificate of lawfulness existing use for an Domestic Caravan – 1 Seworgan Farm, Dunstan Lane, Seworgan. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council has no comment.*

PA17/06340 Mr R Trewin – Retrospective Planning permission for rear 2 storey extension and a change from flat roof to pitched roof – 21 Penbothidno, Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA17/06502 Mr I.Sinclair – Listed building application for alterations to existing roof including slate roof and battens to be stripped off. Roof to be felted, and re-battened. Lead flashings to be checked and replaced if necessary. Any damaged slates to be replaced. Vertical slate repair work – 1 and 2 Chestnut Cottage, Port Navas. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

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PA17/06675 W.J.Bowden – Construction of an agricultural building for livestock housing (phase 1) – Boswidjack Farm, Tucoyse Lane, Higher Brill. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA17/06676 W.J.Bowden – Construction of an agricultural building for livestock housing (phase 2) – Boswidjack Farm, Tucoyse Lane, Higher Brill. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA17/06677 W.J.Bowden – Construction of an agricultural building for livestock housing (phase 3) – Boswidjack Farm, Tucoyse Lane, Higher Brill. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA17/06678 W.J.Bowden – Construction of an agricultural building for livestock housing (phase 4) – Boswidjack Farm, Tucoyse Lane, Higher Brill. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA17/06679 W.J.Bowden – Construction of an agricultural building for livestock housing (phase 5) – Boswidjack Farm, Tucoyse Lane, Higher Brill. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

### **Applications**

PA17/08195 Mr C.Watt – Works to trees covered by a TPO – The Old Orchard, Port Navas. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr A.Carter seconded, all others in favour that this application should be returned with the following observation *Subject to the agreement of the County Tree Officer, Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

### **Decisions**

PA16/08495 REFUSED – Variation to condition 5 of PA11/06671 – Bosvathick Riding Stables, Constantine

PA16/11871 APPROVED – Outline planning permission with all matters reserved: detached 3 bedroom property and off road parking – Land adj to Willow Cottage, Brill – *noted*

PA17/02883 APPROVED – Replacement Garage to include Annex – Mullberrys, Retallack Farm – *noted*

PA17/03060 APPROVED – Change of use of land for the siting of Gypsy Wagon to be used for holiday letting – Bryn Hy Log, 3 Brillwater Road – *noted*

PA17/03290 APPROVED – Outline planning permission with some matters reserved: Demolition of existing buildings and construction of a dwelling – Land South of Panoramic View, Tucoyse Lane, Higher Brill – *noted*

PA17/04088 REFUSED – Creation of new gateway and access track – Land WSW of Tredella, Port Navas – *noted*

PA17/04096 APPROVED – Change of use only: existing summerhouse used at present for hobbies and arts/crafts to be converted into a Dog grooming salon for commercial use – 22 Trebarvah Road, Constantine – *noted*

PA17/04542 APPROVED – Construction of an agricultural building for livestock housing – Higher Calamansack Farm, Port Navas – *noted*

PA17/04545 APPROVED – Erection of an agricultural building for livestock housing – Higher Calamansack Farm, Port Navas – *noted*

PA17/05313 APPROVED – Change of use from holiday accommodation to an unrestricted C3 residential use – Tresahor Vein Barn, Constantine – *noted*

PA17/05325 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps – Application to remove the S106 agreement dated 31/01/1995 under decision notice W2/90/00368/F – Tresahor Vein Barn, Constantine – *noted*

PA17/05483 WITHDRAWN – Demolish existing dilapidated extension and garage and construct new kitchen and garage – Gweal Mellin Bungalow, Polwheveral – *noted*

PA17/06301 WITHDRAWN – Certificate of lawful existing use for a domestic caravan – 1 Seworgan Farm, Dunstan Lane, Seworgan – *noted*

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

**Clerks and Councils Direct** newsletter – *noted*

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## 10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at September 21, 2017. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted the following payments made during August using delegated powers

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Mr G.Jorey	£ 305.20		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 60.00		
SW Water (public convenience)	£ 109.82		
SW Water (cemetery)	£ 14.50		
R.Sanders (PROWs)	£ 786.91	£ 655.76	£ 131.15
Viridor Waste Management	£ 55.98	£ 46.65	£ 1.50
SSE (public lighting)	£ 74.35	£ 65.38	£ 2.71
R.Sanders (grass cutting, cemeteries)	£ 1,431.60	£ 1,193.00	£ 238.60
Colin Chapman			
Salary (July)	£ 583.93		
telephone	£ 30.57		
office expenses	£ 31.98		
travelling	£ 36.69		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 708.17	

The following accounts were presented for payment

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
HMRC	£ 497.40		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 305.20		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 60.00		
Grant Thornton	£ 240.00	£ 200.00	£ 40.00
SSE (lighting in The Square)	£ 21.17	£ 20.17	£ 1.00
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 55.98	£ 46.65	£ 9.33
SEC (public lighting)	£ 79.22	£ 73.45	£ 3.77
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (Conveniences)	£ 150.00		
Constantine Stores Ltd (sundries)	£ 69.12	£ 57.60	£ 11.60
Bob Sanders			
Recreation Ground, Churchyards, cemetery	£ 1,332.00	£ 1,110.00	£ 222.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (August)	£ 657.29		
telephone	£ 27.85		
office expenses	£ 6.57		
travelling	£ 14.14		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 657.29	

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

Members noted the following account relating to expenses for the Recreation Ground paid during August using delegated powers

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
EdF Energy	£ 26.49	£ 25.23	£ 1.26

Proposed by Cllr A.Carter, seconded by Cllr Wiseman, all others in favour that the above account be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

Constantine Cottage Garden Society	£ 20.00
CC Precept (2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment)	£ 19,000.00
CC CTS grant (2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment)	£ 764.95
Donation towards cemetery expenses	£ 150.00
Electricity meter	£ 12.00

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**11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

Cllr Mrs Thompson and Cllr Andrew confirmed that they had attended the Community Network meeting and that they had nothing to add to what had already been said.

**12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Mrs Bradley-Davies reported that mothers and their children who use the Recreation Field after school would like to make use of the hut to serve refreshments. Members had no objections to this, but the hut itself is the property of the Church; Cllr Mrs Bradley-Davies undertook to let the people concerned know.

The Sycamore tree and the ivy have been removed from the land adjoining Mrs Parshall’s home.

The Cherry tree on the path between Bowling Green and Penbothidno will be felled once the leaves have fallen.

**13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday October 19, 2017 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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