

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday December 14, 2017 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present:

Cllr P.Carter	Cllr E.Nicholls
Cllr J.Andrew	Cllr Mrs T.Thomson
Cllr H.Bolt	Cllr N.Wiseman
Cllr A.Carter	
Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: Mr Davies.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the December meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members noted that

- a proposal to move radio therapy treatment for rarer forms of cancer (which is presently available to Cornwall residents at the Sunrise Centre in Treliske Hospital) is scheduled for transfer to Derriford Hospital in Plymouth. Such a move may necessitate daily journeys for very ill patients for up to six weeks at a time, something which can hardly be described as beneficial. It was agreed that Constantine Parish Council should express its alarm about the proposal
- there is a large and dangerous pothole just before the first bend on the road between Carwynthenack Chase and Gweek. The Clerk agreed to report this
- the flooding at Carwynthenack Chase is back
- a car appears to have been abandoned on Bonallack Lane at the Merthen end
- the problem concerning flooding on the road at Bosvathick appears to have been resolved.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs P.Bradley-Davis (family) sent her apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded and it was agreed to accept her 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 Andrew seconded, Cllr Nicholls who was absent from the last meeting abstained, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday November 16, 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

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

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of Cllr Bastin there was no report.

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6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the dates for the meetings in 2017/2018 will be as follows

January 18, 2018	Ordinary Meeting
February 15, 2018	Ordinary Meeting
March 15, 2018	Ordinary Meeting
April 19, 2018	Ordinary Meeting
May 15, 2018	Annual Parish Meeting
May 15, 2018	Annual Meeting
June 21, 2018	Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday July 17, 2018	Ordinary Meeting
September 20, 2018	Ordinary Meeting
October 18, 2018	Ordinary Meeting
November 15, 2018	Ordinary Meeting
December 13, 2018	Ordinary Meeting
January 17, 2019	Ordinary Meeting
February 21, 2019	Ordinary Meeting

Public Question Time will precede all meetings which are due to begin at 7:00pm

Co-opted members

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

New Residential Properties in Rural Hamlets

Cllr Mrs Dunstan raised the question of future residential development in rural hamlets, of which she said there is an increasing number in the Parish of Constantine not least because of the proliferation of redundant farm building conversions. Members noted that

- the preference would be for infill rather than new builds in the open countryside (which, as matters currently stand, are unlikely to be granted permission for development)
- possibly because of the popularity of AirBNB, holiday lets are becoming less and less profitable and their owners are more and more frequently seeking a change of use from holiday to residential use
- recent changes in planning policy means that redundant buildings in the countryside may now be converted to residential use
- the national rules laid down by people living and working in an urban environment take no account of the needs of residents living and working in very rural areas such as Cornwall
- the proliferation of individual caravans in the open countryside is to be deplored
- it is incumbent upon everyone to report breaches of planning permission.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Welcoming Stones

The Chairman reported that the three boulders are still with Wearnes, but that they are ready for installation. Weather permitting, this will be done in late January. He has spoken with Mr Robert Bowden about preparing the three sites

8 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA17/10170 Mrs M.Harris – Outline Planning Permission All Matters Reserved for erection of a single dwelling house – land adjacent Sunny Corner, The Level, Constantine. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council notes that the proposed development is distant from the physical boundaries of the existing settlement of Constantine and may therefore be considered to be in the open countryside. Development in this location would lead to the incremental growth of buildings and domestic paraphernalia to the detriment of the character of the area. Constantine Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA17/10965 Mr M.J.Davies – 1. Prunus (P) - fell 2. Oak (O1 & O2) - lop dead branches, remove loose and falling branches and those close to telephone and power lines – Bridge House, Bridge, Constantine. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr A.Carter seconded and it was agreed 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.*

PA17/11535 Mr and Mrs M.Harris – Replacement of existing conservatory/kitchen extension with new enlarged extension (Amendments to proposal to approved works granted under PA17/03744) – The Reens, Brillwater.

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Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA17/11637 Mr I.McLaren – Removal of Magnolia tree (T1) and removal of Sycamore tree (T2). Works to T3, T4 and T5 (Pittosporums) – Mayn Cottage Quay Road Port Navas. Cllr A.Carter proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed 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

PA17/01245 APPROVED – Change of use of land to a traveller pitch and associated works including 1no. day room, 2 no. mobile homes, 2no. touring caravans, utility block and compost toilet, retention of 3no. sheds/stables for use as storage and associated works to replace existing permission PA14/01938 – land on the SE side of Glenthams, Ponjeravah – *noted*

PA17/07919 APPROVED – Demolition of garage and utility and erection of proposed rear extension to existing dwelling with temporary siting of caravan for use as temporary living accommodation during the development period – Gweal Mellin Bungalow, Polwheveral – *noted*

PA17/08902 APPROVED – Renew and extend the top floor increasing ridge height of roof, balcony to front, terrace to sides and rear. Garage conversion – The Old Kiln, Quay Road, Port Navas – *noted*

PA17/09435 APPROVED – Creation of new gateway access – land WSW of Tredella, Port Navas – *noted*

PA17/09772 APPROVED – Application for removal of condition number 3 in respect of decision notice W2/88/00522/F – Penbothidno House, Constantine – *noted*

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had no matters to report.

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at December 14, 2018. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered the Precept for the year from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Bolt, all others in favour that the Precept for the year 2018/2019 should be set at £38,750

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC	£ 500.80		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 305.20		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 75.00		
SSE (electricity in The Square)	£ 21.06	£ 20.06	£ 1.00
Cornwall Council (election recharge)	£ 234.62		
Bob Sanders (green spaces etc.)	£ 708.00	£ 590.00	£ 118.00
SSE (public lighting)	£ 76.84	£ 73.19	£ 3.65
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 55.44	£ 46.20	£ 9.24
Colin Chapman			
salary (November)	£ 585.46		
telephone	£ 28.80		
office expenses	£ 28.06		
travelling	£ 28.29		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 695.61		

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

The following account relating to the Recreation Ground was presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Edward Buckland Ltd	£ 380.88	£ 317.40	£ 63.48

Proposed by Cllr Andrew, seconded by Cllr Bolt, all others in favour that the above account be paid.

Members noted the following receipt

Pendle Funeral Services (Mrs Martin)	£ 291.00
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11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports either from committees or from representatives.

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mrs Thomson asked if an update on the Planning Enforcement allegation about the caravan and green-house on land SE of Green Acres was available. The Clerk said that he would follow this up.

Cllr Andrew reported that, at a recent meeting of the Community Network Panel, CCMrs Hannaford had indicated that Cornwall Council intends to give more responsibility and some money to the Community Networks for distribution to the respective Town and Parish Councils they represent. There is currently some discussion about quite how this money should be distributed: whether in equal portions to each Council or in proportion to the electorate. Whatever the final decision on that, individual Councils will have to apply for funding in much the same sort of way as they do at the moment when applying for funding from the Community Chest. That is to say, they must have a properly costed project in mind.

Speaking on behalf of the Council as a whole, Cllr Wiseman congratulated the Christmas Lights Committee on the work it has done and said how very festive the village was looking.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the recent Planning Committee meeting to represent the Parish Council's views on PA17/01245. He felt that the decision was a foregone conclusion in that the Councillors sitting on the Committee appeared to have no grasp of the implications of approving the application and that despite limiting the number of caravans and static mobile homes to two of each had imposed no restrictions on numbers of vehicles parked or of people living on the site. The root of the problem appears to lie with an inadequate gipsy and traveller policy and more particularly with the absence of provision of properly equipped permanent and transit sites. Members felt strongly that use of an agricultural field for this purpose is unacceptable.

The Chairman stated that he had nothing further to say other than to wish everyone present a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday January 18, 2018 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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