

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday January 18, 2018 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present:

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

Visitors: CCllr J.Bastin and PCSO A.Fuller.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the January meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

PCSO Fuller reported that

- despite occasional reports of criminal damage, the area as a whole is comparatively free of criminal incidents
- however, he has been called to incidents of inconsiderate parking outside the school in Constantine
- signing in to the Devon and Cornwall police alerts web-pages (alerts.dc.police.uk) enables members of the public both to receive information from and to send messages to the police
- any items that have been found should be reported using the 101 telephone number and arrangements will be made either for the finder to drop it off at a police station or for it to be collected
- items that have been lost may be reported by using the web-site www.reportmyloss.com/uk/register

In answer to a question concerning people trafficking and the use of migrant labour in Cornwall, PCSO Fuller confirmed that checks are made both by dedicated PCSOs and by the Gang Master Licence Authority.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

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 Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, Cllr Mrs Bradley-Davis who was absent from the last meeting abstained, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday December 14, 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

Apologising for his absence from the last meeting, CCllr Bastin reported that

- with everything being driven and all questions being decided by the ten-member Cabinet, matters are depressingly slow for individual Councillors at Cornwall Council
- the criteria for Social Housing allocation has recently been changed. For the majority of homes available through Homechoice in any one parish in Cornwall, applicants will need to have a three-year connection to it

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- he had attended a recent meeting concerning Ward Boundary changes at which he was surprised to learn that Falmouth Town Council has proposed that Budock should become part of its wider area. Falmouth further proposes that Constantine should join with Mawnan and Mabe. The final decision on these matters will be made by the Boundary Commission.

In answer to a question from Cllr Wiseman concerning a proposal that a Commercial Accountable Organisation should take on the work of the NHS and Social Care in Cornwall, Cllr Bastin agreed that this will amount to the privatisation of the NHS by stealth, that the lack of public consultation is lamentable and that accountability and democracy are being dismissed out-of-hand because (although individual Cornwall Councillors can make representations) the decision lies entirely within the hands of the Cornwall Council Cabinet.

In answer to a further question concerning the increased incidence of fly-tipping within the countryside, Cllr Bastin agreed that the reason for this increase lies at the door of Cornwall Council because of its present rules and charges concerning leaving waste material at any of the County's recycling depots. Members noted that a DIY-er will be charged if he or she takes rubble or sanitary ware of any sort to the tip, that anyone using a pick-up will be subject to aggressive questioning before being allowed to dispose of waste – and that the consequent increase in fly-tipping is costing Cornish rate-payers a great deal of money. Effectively, Cornwall is shooting itself in the foot! The Chairman observed that sense isn't quite as common as the phrase implies.

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

Welcoming Stones

The Chairman reported that the weather has been against putting the new Parish Welcoming Stones in place. Members agreed that the ground needs to be considerably dryer before anything further can be done.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA17/12038 Mr S.Wickham – Erection of bungalow and formation of new access – land SW of Treviades Bungalow, Treviades, Constantine. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA17/12068 Mr S.Shaw – Construction of four houses – land WNW of 33 Wheal Vyvyan, Constantine. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA17/12076 Mr and Mrs R.Langford – Replacement of existing single garage with new double garage – Ponjeravah Cottage, Constantine. Cllr A.Carter proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA17/12170 Mr and Mrs McLaren – Extensions to rear and side including internal layouts changes – Mayn Cottage, Quay Road, Port Navas. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA17/12139 Mr J.Lyall – Demolition of 20th century stone porch and replacement with lantern-roofed timber conservatory – Bonallack Farmhouse, Bonallack Lane, Gweek. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Wiseman seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA18/00314 Mr Vyvyan, Merthen Manor Trust and The Long Barn Trust – Proposed alteration to existing outbuilding to create home office – “Spingo's Barn”, Merthen Manor. Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA17/09898 REFUSED – Construction of access road – land South of Panoramic View, Tucoyse Lane, Higher Brill – *noted*

PA17/10142 APPROVED – Proposed rear ground floor extension – 28 Fore Street, Constantine – *noted*

PA17/10170 REFUSED – Outline Planning Permission All Matters Reserved for Erection of a Single Dwelling House – land adjacent Sunny Corner, The Level – *noted*

PA17/10965 APPROVED – 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 – *noted*

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PA17/11535 APPROVED – Replacement of existing conservatory/kitchen extension with new enlarged extension (Amendments to proposal to approved works granted under PA17/03744) – The Reens, Brillwater – *noted*

PA17/11637 APPROVED – Removal of Magnolia tree (T1) and removal of Sycamore tree (T2). Works to T3, T4 and T5 (Pittosporums) – Mayn Cottage, Quay Road, Port Navas – *noted*

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that

- he has negotiated a final settlement with EdF for electricity supplied to the Vestry and, in view of its generous nature, sought permission to pay the bill immediately it arrived. This permission was given
- representatives from Danfo (a national company) and from APS (from Par) have undertaken to come to Constantine to assess the options and to quote for refurbishment of the public convenience
- he is awaiting a quotation from Martin Clemens concerning the repair of the Cornish hedge fronting Trebarvah Road.

Correspondence

Cury Parish Council concerning new electoral division boundaries – *noted*

Cornwall AONB Annual Report – *noted*

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Christmas Lights Advisory Committee 2017 Statements (report, activities and financial) – *noted*

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at January 18, 2018. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 305.00		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 60.00		
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (rent)	£ 350.00		
Davey and Gilbert (Seworgan defibrillator electricity)	£ 493.09	£ 410.91	£ 82.18
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SSE Contracting Ltd (Penbothidno light)	£ 1,047.84	£ 873.20	£ 174.64
Constantine Stores	£ 43.94	£ 36.62	£ 7.32
SSE Contracting Ltd (quarterly maintenance)	£ 246.85	£ 205.71	£ 41.14
R.Sanders (Cemetery and Recreation Ground)	£ 648.00	£ 540.00	£ 108.00
SSE (public lighting)	£ 81.73	£ 77.84	£ 3.89
Viridor	£ 55.98	£ 46.65	£ 9.33
Colin Chapman			
salary (December)	£ 585.26		
telephone	£ 33.60		
office expenses	£ 42.76		
travelling	£ 49.50		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 736.12	

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

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports either from committees or from representatives.

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

In answer to a question from Cllr Wiseman the Clerk confirmed that he had sent a letter expressing the Council's concern about the proposal to move radio therapy treatment for rarer forms of cancer (which is presently available to Cornwall residents at the Sunrise Centre in Treリスケ Hospital) to Derriford Hospital in Plymouth.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday February 15, 2018 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.47pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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