

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday February 15, 2018 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

**Present:**

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| 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 A.Carter            | Mr C.Chapman (Clerk) |

**Visitors:** CCllr J.Bastin and Mr White.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members noted that

- Brillwater Road is in a parlous state of repair, indeed it is dangerous for pedestrians (a resident has recently either broken or severely sprained his ankle while using it). The Clerk explained that Cornwall Council classifies both it and Bowling Green as bridleways and is therefore unlikely to undertake repairs. Nevertheless, he agreed to report it to the Authority
- the Community Network Panel has asked each Council to appoint a single representative for voting purposes. Cllr Andrew offered his services, which were gratefully accepted by the Council
- following the recent freezing weather, the owners of The Waymarker have indicated that the road-salt bin in Trewardreva is now empty. It was not felt appropriate to buy a further supply of road-salt as we go into the spring, but Members agreed to consider the purchase and distribution of more road-salt next November
- bags of rubbish have been dumped on the triangle at the Mount View Farm and on the triangle at the top of Cott Hill (where the bumper of a car has also been abandoned).

## 1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Wiseman sent his apologies for absence (health). Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan seconded and it was agreed to accept his apologies.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### in items on the agenda

Cllr Andrew and Cllr Bolt each declared an interest in the request from the Constantine Cottage Garden Society for financial help (agenda item 10).

Cllr Mrs Dunstan declared an interest in the request from Constantine WI for financial help (agenda item 10).

Cllr Nicholls declared an interest in agenda item 6 (the renewal of the Social Club lease).

### 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 Nicholls proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday January 18, 2018 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.

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## 5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- the Community Charge (Council Tax) levied by Cornwall Council will increase by 4.99% in the coming year
- the future of an integrated Health and Adult Social Care system in the county has been thrown into doubt by Central Government, which recently decided to suspend its roll-out of Accountable Care
- it is important that the Parish Council has a representative on the Community Network Panel and he had been encouraged to hear that Cllr Andrew had earlier volunteered his services.

Cllr Nicholls mentioned the 'serious efforts' that have been made by Cornwall Highways to repair the road between Carwythenack Chase and Gweek.

Serious concerns about the Cabinet's proposals for the future fortnightly collection of household waste were expressed: CCllr Bastin indicated that he shared those concerns.

## 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.

### Alice Hext Trust: Use of the Recreation Ground

Members considered a request from Ms Pearce for permission to use the Recreation Ground for a Bunny Hunt on March 31, 2018. Following discussion, the Council, acting in its role as the Management Trustee of the Alice Hext Recreation Ground, agreed to grant permission for Ms Pearce to hold a Bunny Hunt on the Recreation Ground on March 31, 2018 on condition that the event is free of charge and open to all.

Members considered a request from Constantine Cottage Garden Society for permission to use the Recreation Ground for the Annual Flower Show from July 19 to 23, 2018. Following discussion, the Council, acting in its role as the Management Trustee of the Alice Hext Recreation Ground, agreed to grant permission for the Constantine Cottage Garden Society to use the Recreation Ground from July 19 to 23, 2018

*As a Committee Member of the Constantine Social Club, Cllr Nicholls declared a pecuniary interest in the following item. He remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.*

### Alice Hext Trust: Social Club Lease

Members considered the terms of the lease with the Social Club. The Social Club has offered to pay 3.75% of its gross yearly turnover (excluding VAT and any sum refunded to its customers and members) averaged out over three years with that sum being reviewed every three years. The yearly rent payable shall not fall below £3,750 and the rent is to be paid in four equal quarterly sums. The lease will last for twenty-one years (until 2039). Members noted that Edward Buckland, the surveyor who had acted for the Trustee and who had advised a higher rent, has accepted that an alternative secure letting is unlikely and that the offer of 3.75% is the Social Club's best and final offer. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to accept the Social Club's offer and to instruct the Parish Council's solicitor accordingly. The Pavilion will form part of this lease and will be let at a peppercorn rent if demanded.

## 7 PARISH MATTERS

### Recreation Ground

Members considered a quotation from Martin Clemens in the sum of £12,600 for the reconstruction of the Cornish Hedge fronting Trebarvah Road, this sum to include the supply of additional granite stone, labour and plant hire. There will be an additional charge to remove surplus arisings and for a permit from Cornwall Council to close the footpath on a temporary basis. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed to accept Mr Clemens' quotation.

### Welcoming Stones

The Chairman reported that, once again, the weather has been against putting the new Parish Welcoming Stones in position. It will be done!

## 8 PLANNING MATTERS

### Applications

PA18/00310 Mr and Mrs Rae – Variation of condition 4 in respect of decision PA17/07919 (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) to allow more time to re-site caravan position – Gweal Mellin Bungalow, Polwheveral. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned with the following observation *Constantine Parish Council notes that the original application followed a planning enforcement complaint concerning the siting of the residential caravan in an agricultural field; that the application was recommended for refusal because the plans showed the position of the*

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*residential caravan remaining in the agricultural field; that the plans were given permission once the applicants had agreed to move the caravan within the curtilage of the residential dwelling; that the applicants were granted a period of two months in which to do this. In these circumstances and bearing in mind the words of the second paragraph of Condition 4, Constantine Parish Council would ask the Planning Authority to refuse permission for any variation and to reinstate the planning enforcement complaint.*

PA17/06460 Mr & Mrs Aghdam – Proposed interior remodelling of converted barn, addition of rear extension & window to front elevation – Ponjeravah House, Constantine. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *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*

PA17/12038 APPROVED – Erection of bungalow and formation of new access – land South West of Treviades Bungalow – *noted*

PA17/12068 APPROVED – Construction of four houses – land WNW of 33 Wheal Vyvyan – *noted*

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

The Clerk reported that he has spoken to and met with Newquay Town Council and with APS (the company which refurbished Newquay's public conveniences) and asked for an estimate for Constantine's conveniences to be refurbished in a similar way to those at Newquay. Photographs of the new facilities at Newquay were made available to Councillors.

#### **Correspondence**

**Cornwall Council** consultation on its proposal to change car-parking charges – *noted*

### **10 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at February 15, 2018. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Cruse Bereavement Care for financial help towards its work in the community. Following discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and agreed that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 18, 2017), Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £50.00 to Cruse Bereavement Care.

*As the Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Constantine Cottage Garden Society, Cllr Bolt and Cllr Andrew each declared an interest in the following request. They remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.*

Members considered a request from the Constantine Cottage Garden Society for financial help towards the costs and prizes for the Annual Show. Following discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and agreed that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 18, 2017), Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £250.00 to Constantine Cottage Garden Society.

*As the Chair-person of the Constantine WI, Cllr Mrs Dunstan declared a pecuniary interest in the following request. She remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the voting.*

Members considered a request from Constantine WI for financial help towards the cost of replacing the roof on their Hall. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Andrew and agreed that that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 18, 2017), Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £700.00 to Constantine WI.

Members noted the following account (which was paid following the meeting in January)

|  | <b>GROSS</b> | <b>NET</b> | <b>VAT</b> |
|--|--------------|------------|------------|
| EdF Energy (electricity in The Vestry) | £ 142.79     | £ 135.19   | £ 7.60     |

The following accounts have been tendered for payment

|  | <b>GROSS</b> | <b>NET</b> | <b>VAT</b> |
|--|--------------|------------|------------|
| Mr G.Jorey                                 | £ 305.00     |            |            |
| Mrs J.Jennings                             | £ 60.00      |            |            |
| S.W.Water Business (Public Convenience)    | £ 114.86     |            |            |
| S.W.Water Business (Cemetery)              | £ 16.20      |            |            |
| R.Sanders (Cemetery and Recreation Ground) | £ 648.00     | £ 540.00   | £ 108.00   |

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| SSE (public lighting) | £ 76.84  | £ 73.19  | £ 3.65 |
| Viridor               | £ 55.98  | £ 46.65  | £ 9.33 |
| Colin Chapman         |          |          |        |
| salary (January)      | £ 585.26 |          |        |
| telephone             | £ 27.85  |          |        |
| office expenses       | £ 31.75  |          |        |
| travelling            | £ 49.50  |          |        |
| use of home           | £ 25.00  |          |        |
|                       | total    | £ 719.36 |        |

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

The following account relating to the Recreation Ground has been tendered for payment

|                | <b>GROSS</b> | <b>NET</b> | <b>VAT</b> |
|----------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| EDF Energy Ltd | £ 54.72      | £ 54.05    | £ 0.67     |

Proposed by Cllr Andrew, seconded by Cllr Mrs Bradley-Davis, all others in favour that the above account be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

|                                       |          |
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| Electricity meter (Recreation Ground) | £ 38.00  |
| Constantine Social Club (rent)        | £ 568.75 |

### **11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

There were no reports either from committees or from representatives.

### **12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

There were no comments from Councillors.

### **13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

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

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.48pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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