

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Tuesday July 17, 2018 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present:

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

Visitors: CCllr J.Bastin.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Painter (business) and Cllr Wiseman (illness) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Nicholls seconded and it was agreed 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 Andrew proposed, Cllr A.Carter seconded, Cllr P.Carter, Cllr Bolt and Cllr Nicholls who were absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday June 21, 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 the agenda.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- Cornwall Council's Boundary Review proposals now include the Parish of Gweek with those of Constantine, Mabe and Mawnan
- an open meeting of the Boundary Review Panel will be held on July 31 but, whatever recommendations are promulgated, it is the Electoral Commission which will make the final decisions
- applications for a share in the Community Network funding for street works should be forwarded as a matter of urgency. (Members noted that Constantine Parish Council has already sought funding for increased on-street parking outside the school)
- passengers may now take their dogs with them on the Truro Park and Ride services
- following recent events in other parishes, members noted that a licence to fell any tree which has a trunk greater than four inches in diameter must first be obtained from the Environment Agency.

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6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Financial Regulations

Following the decision taken at the Annual Meeting, members reviewed Constantine Parish Council's Financial Regulations. Following discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to re-adopt Financial Regulations with alterations to *Paragraph 10.1 (a) Procedures as to contracts* such that it now reads

- (a) Where it is intended to enter into a contract exceeding £5,000.00 in value for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works or specialist services other than as set out above the Clerk shall invite tenders from at least three firms.

Delegated Powers

Members considered awarding delegated powers to the Chairman and the Clerk to deal with day-to-day matters relating to the Parish Council during the month of August 2018. Following discussion, Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded, all others in favour that the Chairman and the Clerk should have delegated powers to deal with day-to-day matters relating to the Parish Council during the month of August 2018.

The Alice Hext Trust

Members considered the following statement which, it has been advised, will satisfy the requirements of Charity Law in the matter of the new lease for the Social Club

The Parish Council (in exercise of its power as the Managing Trustee of the Alice Hext Trust) resolved, having considered the report of Edward Buckland (RICS Registered Valuer), that the terms of the proposed lease to the Trustees of the Constantine Social Club are the best that can reasonably be obtained for the Charity, the principal terms being as follows:-

1. *An annual rent of 3.75% of the club's yearly turnover (based on income from all the Club's activities), or £3,750.00 per annum, whichever figure is the higher.*
2. *A review of the above rent (upwards only) every 3 years.*
3. *A term of 21 years.*
4. *The pavilion to be included in and to form part of the lease at an annual initial rent of £1 payable in advance.*
5. *Otherwise on the terms of the draft lease prepared by Messrs Hine Downing and submitted to the Clerk to the Parish Council for approval on February 15, 2018 subject to such amendments as have been recommended by the Parish Council's solicitor.*

The Parish Council further resolved that Paul Charles Carter and Colin Frederic Pleydell Chapman are appointed to sign the Lease on behalf of the Alice Hext Trust.

Following discussion Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded all others in favour that the above statement properly reflect the Parish Council's wishes.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Welcoming Stones

The Chairman reported that he has had a meeting with Mr Robert Bowden with a view to clearing the two sites which need preliminary work (those at the at the south-eastern ends of Brillwater Road and of the village) and that, all being well, this will be done during the course of the current week. He has also spoken to Mr Chris Wearne who has undertaken to clean off the four stones, to deliver them and together with Mr Bowden help with their installation in early August.

Public Conveniences

Following an observation by a member of the public, members considered the decorative state of the public conveniences. It was agreed that the convenience would benefit from re-decoration and accordingly Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr A.Carter seconded all others in favour to instruct Mr Viv Beckerleg to do the job as a matter of some urgency.

The Constantine Lights Committee

Members considered a request from the Constantine Lights Committee for permission to plant one Christmas tree on the green next to the car park and another in the garden in The Square both in memory of Liz Moore. During the course of discussion, members noted that

- Christmas trees are not indigenous
- they grow quickly and, in time, tend to swamp they area in which they are planted
- the garden in The Square is gradually filling with the flowering shrubs planted there and
- existing overhead power lines will cause problems in the fullness of time

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- two commemorative oak trees, which will eventually grow to a considerable height, have already been planted on the green. There is no room for a further large tree.

Members agreed that the sentiment behind the request is kind and fitting of the high regard in which Liz was held in the village and that she would have been touched by the thought that ‘her’ trees would have brought joy into the hearts of many at Christmas. Nevertheless, Councillors agreed that they could not accede to the Committee’s request.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA18/05701 Mr Foster – Stabilisation and reinstatement of estuary bank following landslip event – Dinyan, Port Navas. Cllr A.Carter proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application*.

PA18/05964 Mr H.Kozlowski – Proposed construction of car port over existing parking space – Cedar Cottage, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application*.

PA18/05642 Crownmark Developments Ltd – Proposed construction of single dwelling – Play Area, Comfort Wartha. The Clerk reported that he had sought further information from the Planning Officer concerning the legal implications of this application, the site of which is subject to an S52 agreement. She in turn had spoken to Cornwall Council’s Legal Department and was now awaiting a reply. In the circumstances, members agreed that the Council’s observation should be returned once the full facts are available.

Decisions

PA18/01618 APPROVED – Provision of an earth banked slurry lagoon – Boswidjack Farm, Tucoyse Lane – *noted*

PA18/04520 APPROVED – Works to trees – Rosehill Cottage, Port Navas – *noted*

PA18/04522 APPROVED – Tree works – Port Navas, Constantine – *noted*

9 CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Cornwall Air Ambulance acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council’s financial position as at July 17, 2018. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were tendered for payment.

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mr G.Jorey	£ 306.40		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 78.30		
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 48.66	£ 40.55	£ 8.11
SSE (Public Lighting)	£ 79.22	£ 75.45	£ 3.77
South West Water (cemetery)	£ 9.74		
South West Water (public conveniences)	£ 71.28		
Martin Day (frozen pipes repair, electronic flush etc)	£ 897.20		
Martin Day (lagging, boxing, painting)	£ 1,052.18		
R.Sanders			
Recreation Ground	£ 370.00		
Port Navas	£ 30.00		
Cemeteries	£ 740.00		
	total	£ 1,368.00	£ 228.00
Colin Chapman			
salary (June)	£ 595.47		
telephone	£ 30.15		
office expenses	£ 62.23		
travelling	£ 42.43		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 755.28	

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

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
R.Sanders	£ 300.00	£ 250.00	£ 50.00

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

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from either committees or representatives.

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Members noted that the hedge between the New and the Lawn Cemeteries needs attention as does the car-park where the recycling bins are sited. Members further noted that someone has fly-tipped some garden waste near the pavilion. The Clerk undertook to deal with these matters.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday September 20, 2018 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.04pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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