

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Tuesday September 20, 2018 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr P.Carter	Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan
	Cllr H.Bolt	Cllr C.Painter
	Cllr J.Andrew	Cllr Mrs T.Thomson
	Cllr A.Carter	Cllr R,Wickins
	Cllr Mrs P.Bradley-Davis	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

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

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting and invited Mr Chris Gregory, the Land Steward for the Duchy of Cornwall (Western District and the Isles of Scilly), to address the Council.

Mr Gregory said that he was present simply to outline the Duchy's proposals to re-establish the oysterage at Port Navas but more particularly to explain the need to replace the existing depot building. He made the following points

- the Duchy has negotiated the surrender of the tenancy of the Oyster House and associated oysterage and has been looking for new tenants who are willing and able to farm native oysters and none others
- a prospective tenant, who has well established oyster farming businesses in Scotland and in Ireland, has expressed his interest
- however, the Oyster House at Port Navas has been condemned. Consequently, the Duchy is looking to demolish and rebuild
- with minor alterations, the plan is to replicate the original building, but the new build will include a flat for an on-site manager on the first floor
- a planning application for the Oyster House must be in place before funding from the EU Maritime and Fisheries Fund is sought – and time is short
- the Parish Council's support for Duchy's application would be appreciated
- the project should take about forty-five weeks
- the quay will not be used for the oysterage
- it is anticipated that the oysterage will employ three or four people throughout the year
- it is anticipated that one truck a week (during the oyster season) will take oysters from Port Navas. He does not expect the rural road system to suffer in any way
- Pacific Oysters will gradually be removed from the river.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

## **1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Nicholls (business) sent his apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed to accept his 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.

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### 3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, Cllr Painter and Cllr Wickins who were absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday July 17, 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

- Mr Phil Mason the current head of Planning at Cornwall Council has been appointed to the position of Strategic Director of Economic Growth
- the Boundary Commission is in the process of deciding the final boundaries for the new electoral wards for Cornwall Council
- a Local Boundary review led by Sarah Mason of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils will commence in November. (In particular this will look at Parish Council boundaries and make recommendations for their re-alignment. It has been authorised neither by Cornwall Council nor by the Cabinet and would therefore appear to be an officer's initiative.)

Considerable discussion followed this last comment. Members were outraged that small, historic communities might lose their voice in the name of electoral equality. The Clerk undertook to look into this.

### 6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

#### Co-opted Members

The Clerk reported that, following the resignation of Cllr Wiseman, members of the public will be offered an opportunity to elect a new member. If no-one puts himself or herself forward for election then the Council will be required to co-opt a member.

### 7 PARISH MATTERS

#### Welcoming Stones

The Chairman reported that the welcoming stones are now in place – and looking rather smart! Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Wickins seconded and it was agreed to offer a vote of thanks to those who have given both their time and their energy to this project. A suggestion was made that flowers such as geraniums and begonias might be planted at the foot of each stone to make the village even more welcoming.

#### The new car-park and green space

Members considered a request from Transition Constantine to use the new car-park and adjacent green space for the Constantine Community Day on October 13, 2018. Members agreed that there may be problems encouraging owners of vehicles parked on the car-park to move. The Chairman offered the use of Glebe Field for the day and the Clerk undertook to relay this offer to Transition Constantine.

### 8 PLANNING MATTERS

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

PA18/07263 Mr R.Clowes – Listed building consent application to remove the existing scantle slate on the original part of the house and replace – Quilters, Bridge. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA18/06851 Mr C.Watt – Removal of mature Beech tree – The Old Orchard, Port Navas. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application subject to the agreement of the County Tree Officer.*

PA18/07036 Mr and Mrs J.Olds – Proposed conversion and extension of existing barn to form offices – Barn East of Bosahan Farm, Trewardreva. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA18/07229 and PA18/07230 (LBC) Mr K.Jewson – Demolition of garage and the construction of a self-contained annex – Thatch Cottage, Higher Tregidgwith. This application was returned marked *With the proviso that use of the self-contained annex remains ancillary to the use of Thatch Cottage, Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA18/07571 Mr and Mrs R.Langford – Replacement of existing garage – Ponjeravah Cottage, Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

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PA18/07661 Mrs D.Baker – Various tree works – The Old Vicarage, Constantine. *Constantine Parish Council supports this application subject to the agreement of the County Tree Officer.*

### **Applications**

PA18/07877 Mr P.Dangerfield – Proposed extensions and alterations, internal alterations and single storey extension to rear – 1 Valley View, Bowling Green, Constantine. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA18/08048 Mr and Mrs D.Parkes – Replace existing single storey extension with conservatory – Alstone, Brill. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Wickins seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA18/08268 Mr and Mrs Jeffery – Extension of a farmhouse with an improved entrance elevation; a two story side extension to the west and a garage at the rear, north of the house – Seworgan Farmhouse, Seworgan. Cllr Mrs Bradley-Davis proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application in principle. However, it has serious concerns about the proposed design. The use of timber cladding on the extension is not in keeping with the residential dwellings in this small hamlet none of which have been clad in timber. The proposed fenestration is not in keeping with the existing, original casements and, to go back to the first objection, should be edged with granite quoins to match those existing. The Council is sympathetic to the use of Velux windows in the roof, but would prefer to see them on the northern roof, to preserve the integrity of the southern aspect of the dwelling. To repeat, while Constantine Parish Council supports the principle of development it has strong objections to the proposed design and therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA18/08525 Mr L.Christie – Various tree works – Inow House, Port Navas. Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council has concerns about the proposed felling of T6, which being an elm makes it something of a rarity in this area of Cornwall. It would therefore request the Planning Authority to refuse permission for this aspect of the proposal. Thus, Constantine Parish Council part seeks refusal (T6) and, subject to the consent of the County Tree Officer, part supports the application.*

### **Decisions**

PA18/01266 APPROVED – Provision of a log cabin for an agricultural worker – Little Trevease, Constantine – *noted*

PA18/02851 APPROVED – Conversion of agricultural building into dwelling – Rosevine Farm, Seworgan – *noted*

PA18/04451 APPROVED – Conversions of farm buildings to dwellings – land and buildings East of Trevaides Manor Farm Bungalow, Trevaides – *noted*

PA18/04624 APPROVED – Outline planning permission with all matters reserved: proposed building plot – land South of Pixies Corner, Brill – *noted*

PA18/04891 APPROVED – Erection of conservatory to the rear – 20 Wheal Vyvyan – *noted*

PA18/05701 APPROVED – Stabilisation and reinstatement of estuary bank following landslip event – Dinyan, Port Navas – *noted*

PA18/05964 APPROVED – Proposed construction of car port over existing parking space – Cedar Cottage, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

PA18/06851 APPROVED – Removal of mature Beech tree – The Old Orchard Port Navas – *noted*

PA18/07571 APPROVED – Replacement of existing garage – Ponjeravah Cottage, Constantine – *noted*

PA18/07661 Decided not to make a TPO – Various tree works – The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Terrace – *noted*

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

The Clerk reported that Mrs Pouget, who has only recently moved in to Ponjerevah, has contacted him twice this week. Her grand-child was nearly killed at the beginning of the week by the driver of an Alpha Romeo who, she says, was driving at a dangerously high speed and last night some oak logs were stolen from her garden. Both incidents have been reported to the Police.

### **Correspondence**

**Cornwall Council** consultation on the allocation of monies arising from the Community Infrastructure Levy – *noted*

**Neil Wiseman** letter of thanks and resignation – *noted*

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

**CPRE** Protect Rural Cornwall 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 20, 2018. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted the conclusion of the audit for the year to March 31, 2018. The External Auditor had made no comments.

Members considered a request from the Constantine Bowls Club for help with funding repairs to the roof of the Club House. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was 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 £500 to the Constantine Bowls Club. (This sum to be augmented by the VAT paid originally which the Parish Council is in a position to reclaim.)

Members considered a request from the Constantine Woods Management Team for financial help with the cost of repairs to the surface of the public path near Comfort Barton. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 18, 2017), Constantine Parish Council should offer to pay for the hire of a self-drive mini-digger for two days.

Members considered a request from the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was 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 £150 to the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust.

Members noted the following payments made during August using delegated powers

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Mr G.Jorey	£ 306.20		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 62.64		
Constantine Stores	£ 43.94	£ 36.62	£ 7.32
PKF LittleJohn (audit fee)	£ 360.00	£ 300.00	£ 60.00
SSE (public lighting)	£ 74.35	£ 73.19	£ 3.65
Viridor Waste Management	£ 48.90	£ 40.75	£ 8.15
R.Sanders			
Recreation Ground, open spaces cemeteries	£ 1,050.00	£ 875.00	£ 175.00
R.Sanders (PROWs)	£ 3,238.05	£ 2,698.38	£ 539.67
Colin Chapman			
Salary (July)	£ 595.67		
telephone	£ 41.55		
office expenses	£ 25.62		
travelling	£ 32.94		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 720.78		

Members noted the following payment made during August using delegated powers in relation to expenses for the Recreation Ground

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
EdF Energy	£ 38.07	£ 36.26	£ 1.81

The following accounts were tendered for payment

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
HMRC	£ 502.80		
Mr G.Jorey	£ 306.40		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 78.30		
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (car-park)	£ 350.00		
SSE (The Square)	£ 27.87	£ 26.55	£ 1.32
SSE (public lighting)	£ 84.24	£ 80.23	£ 4.01
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 48.90	£ 40.75	£ 8.15
Corido	£ 267.49	£ 222.91	£ 44.58
SSE Contracting Ltd	£ 777.60	£ 648.00	£ 129.60
W.B.Bowden (welcome stones)	£ 536.40	£ 447.00	£ 89.40
SSE (replacement of street light Bowling Green)	£ 1,022.12	£ 851.77	£ 170.35

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Bob Sanders			
Recreation Ground, Churchyards, cemetery	£ 1,654.80	£ 1,379.00	£ 275.80
Colin Chapman			
Salary (August)	£ 595.47		
telephone	£ 48.92		
office expenses	£ 13.03		
travelling	£ 7.07		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 689.49	

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

Member noted the following receipts

CC Precept (2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment)	£ 19,375.00
CC CTS grant (2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment)	£ 662.13
Anonymous donation towards cost of seat	£ 50.00

## 11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Andrew reported that, although clearly there is no guarantee of success, the application for the creation of a lay-by to ease traffic problems outside the school is one of just five from our Community Network Area which are going through for evaluation.

Cllr Andrew asked if Constantine Parish Council would consider hosting the January meeting of the Community Network Panel. No objections were raised.

## 12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Members noted that

- BT had made an error in selling the telephone kiosk at Port Navas to the Parish Council That error has now been rectified
- a contribution towards the purchase of a new notice-board at Port Navas will be sought at the meeting in October
- the street light in Trebarvah Close is out. The Clerk undertook to report it
- the notice-board in The Square is untidy and its use of presents problems not least because many of advertisements pinned on it are out of date.

## 13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

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

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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