

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday February 21, 2019 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

**Visitors:** CCllr J.Bastin, Mr Evans and Mrs Lawson-Evans and Mr White.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Evans stated that he was present simply to offer his thanks to both CCllr Bastin and the Clerk for their help in encouraging Cornwall Council to clear the drains outside his home.

### 1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs P.Bradley-Davis (indisposed) sent her apologies for absence. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Nicholls seconded and it was agreed that her apologies should be accepted.

### 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 (agenda item 10).

### 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 Wickins seconded, Cllr A.Carter and Cllr Nicholls who were absent from the last meeting abstained and it was agreed that, with two spelling corrections, the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday January 21, 2019 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 in this month's agenda.

### 5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- he understood that, following the recent outrage expressed at the Community Network Panel Meeting (when it was learnt that Constantine's bid for the creation of a lay-by outside the school had been omitted from this year's Network Highways' funding round), Viv Bidgood from Cormac will have a site-meeting with Cllr Andrew in the near future to discuss the matter further
- the next Community Network Panel meeting will be on Tuesday March 26 in Penryn
- there will be a meeting of the full Council next Tuesday when a proposal to introduce a 3.99% increase in Council Tax will be debated
- new parking barrier systems will be introduced on Cornwall Council Car-Parks with effect from next Monday. The rationale behind the change is that it will be more cost effective and will allow Traffic Wardens time to carry out their work on the streets. CCllr Bastin was unable to answer a question concerning the length of time it will take Cornwall Council to re-coup the capital outlay

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- Central Government has returned the business plan for the proposed stadium in Truro to Cornwall, stating that it lacks detail
- the newly-constructed Treluswell roundabout has been poorly designed and will undergo changes in the not-too distant future. The central area will be maintained by Falmouth Town Council, despite the fact that it is sited in the Parish of St Gluvias and to the north of Penryn

In answer to questions Cllr Bastin

- confirmed that the Community Network's £50,000 highways grant is only available to finance work done by Cormac
- stated that Cornwall Council is considering taking the running of some of its arms-length companies back in house
- agreed to look into problems created by commercial vehicles being inappropriately directed by sat-navs along the tiny lanes between Nancenoy and Port Navas
- agreed to report drainage problems on Retallack Hill.

## 6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### Parish Councillors

The Clerk reported that he had received no expression of interest in co-option onto the Council from members of the public.

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

Members considered a request from Constantine Cottage Garden Society for permission to use the Recreation Ground for the Annual Flower Show from July 18 to 22, 2019. 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 18 to 22, 2019

### Public Rights of Way

Members considered an invitation from Cornwall Council to continue with the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme. The grant offered for the year to March 31, 2020 is £3,005.46 (or 100% of eligible costs, whichever is the lower). Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded all in favour that Constantine Parish Council should accept the terms relating to the Local Maintenance Partnership as offered by Cornwall Council for the year to March 31, 2020.

### St Constantine Closed Churchyard

Members considered extending the contract with Cornwall Council for cutting the grass in the closed churchyard of St Constantine for a further year. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded all others in favour to continue with the maintenance of the closed churchyard at St Constantine.

## 7 PARISH MATTERS

### The Alice Hext Trust – Pavilion

Members noted that the Church Hall has been booked for a Parish Meeting on Wednesday April 3, at which the future of the Pavilion will be considered. Members agreed that the event should be extensively publicised

## 8 PLANNING MATTERS

### Applications

PA18/10919 Mrs G.Norris – Demolition of existing concrete block stables and conversion of existing stone-built smithy into a residential dwelling – The Old Smithy and land off Fore Street. Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Although it has concerns about access for emergency vehicles, Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA19/00512 Mr Ratcliffe – Proposed extension and associated works – Sunny Corner, The Level. The Chairman proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council notes that the applicant has clearly assumed that permission for this development has been granted: much of the shell of the proposed extension has already been completed. The Council further notes the creation of an excessively large entrance at what it believes to be a dangerous point on the highway: had it been consulted, it would have sought the continuing use of the original entrance. The Council has further concerns about the design: the proposed extension will overwhelm the existing dwelling which is a pretty house in a tranquil setting and considers that the proposal as a whole will have a significant, harmful effect upon the wider location. Constantine Parish Council believes that, at this point in time, an application for permission for development is inappropriate, but would nevertheless request the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

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PA19/00609 Mr A.Shepperd – Conversion of garage to form additional accommodation – Pennance, Port Navas. Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA19/01471 Mr R.Thomas – Notification of proposed works to a tree in a conservation area. Crown reduction of cherry tree to six metres in height, three metres in width on the south and east sides, one metre on the west side and two metres on the north side – The Old Doctors House, Doctors Lane, Constantine. Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application subject to the approval of the County Tree Officer.*

### Decisions

PA18/11280 GRANTED – Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use - use of building as a C3 single dwelling house – Trenarth Bungalow, Trenarth Constantine – *noted*

PA18/11653 APPROVED – Lopping of branches - various tree species Port Navas Chapel – *noted*

PA18/11689 APPROVED – Retrospective application for 2.25m increase in length of carport forming garden store to previously approved application PA18/07571 – Ponjeravah Cottage – *noted*

PA18/11924 REFUSED – Removal of a Fir tree – Bettys Meadow, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

## 9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence

CPRE Protecting Rural Cornwall newsletter – *noted*

## 10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at February 21, 2019. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

*As the Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Constantine Cottage Garden Society, Cllr Bolt and Cllr Andrew each declared a pecuniary 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, (Cllr Bolt and Cllr Andrew abstaining) 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.

Members considered a request from Miss Daisy Chapman-Gardner for financial help with costs relating to an educational trip to Honduras under the auspices of Operation Wallacea (a conservation research organisation). Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wickins, seconded by Cllr Andrew 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 Miss Chapman-Gardner for costs relating to her conservation work with Operation Wallacea.

The following accounts were tendered for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 62.64		
Mrs Pleasance	£ 243.37		
EdF Energy (Vestry)	£ 15.95	£ 15.20	£ 0.75
SSE (public lighting)	£ 76.84	£ 73.19	£ 3.65
Viridor Waste Management	£ 49.50	£ 41.25	£ 8.25
SW Water Business (Cemetery)	£ 13.18		
SW Water (Public convenience)	£ 98.24		
SSE (The Square)	£ 31.53	£ 30.03	£ 1.50
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 595.47		
telephone	£ 30.59		
office expenses	£ 37.66		
travelling	£ 42.43		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 731.15	

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R.Sanders				
Recreation Ground	£ 185.00			
Cemeteries	£ 370.00			
	total	£ 666.00	£ 555.00	£ 111.00

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Bolt, all others in favour that the above ten accounts be paid.

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

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
EdF Energy (The Pavilion)	£ 42.93	£ 40.89	£ 2.04

Proposed by Cllr A.Carter, seconded by Cllr Mrs Dunstan, all others in favour that the above account be paid.

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

Speaking of the recently held Community Network Panel meeting, Cllr Andrew reported that, having been voted top of the list by members of the Panel, it had become apparent that Constantine's bid for funding for a lay-by near the school had been totally ignored by the Unitary Authority. This had caused outrage amongst members, the result of which had been that arrangements have been made for Viv Bidgood (Cornwall's local Highways and Environment Manager) and Mark James (Falmouth, Penryn Community Link Officer) to meet with Cllr Andrew on-site on Monday afternoon. Nevertheless, Cllr Andrew warned that the Panel had been told that Cormac has no spare capacity to undertake further work and that any new project may consequently take up to a year to complete.

Proposals for the next Network Highways' funding round are invited. It was suggested that Constantine might like to consider the installation of an electric car charging point and Cllr Andrew undertook to mention it at the meeting

It was agreed that, with effect from June, Public Question time will start at 7.00pm and the Parish Council meeting will follow at 7.15pm.

## **12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

There were no comments from Councillors.

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

Thursday March 21, 2019 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.17pm.

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