

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday March 21, 2019 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 C.Painter
	Cllr Mrs P.Bradley-Davis	
	Cllr A.Carter	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: Mr Perry, Mrs Ridley Mr K.White and Mr V.White.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr V.White asked if either the Parish Council or Cornwall Council owned land within the Parish where an electric vehicle charging point might be sited. It was questioned whether or not there is a proven need and, if there is, how well such a unit might be used. It was suggested that details concerning use might profitably be put to Falmouth Town Council, which has a unit in service on The Quarry car-park. Mr White asked a further question concerning the availability of land for a young person interested in starting a business and was told that, although the Parish Council knows of no suitable land, it is possible that a local farmer may have a disused barn which might be available – although he was warned that there would be considerable planning hurdles to be jumped.

Mr K.White stated that he was present to ask about the car which is parked on the pavement outside Vicarage Terrace. In reply, the Clerk said that he had reported the matter to the police and had been told that someone would speak to the owner about it.

Speaking of the Planning Authority's refusal to grant permission for PA18/03489 and his consequent intention to appeal that decision, Mr Perry asked whether or not the Parish Council would be able to help. It was made clear that the Parish Council has no influence on a Planning Inspector, but suggested that he might do worse that to speak to the Planning Officer concerned with a view to finding a way forward. It was further suggested that a word with CCllr Bastin about the application might also prove helpful.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Thomson (holiday) and Cllr Wickins (holiday) both sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that their apologies should be accepted.

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 Painter proposed, Cllr Mrs Dunstan 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 February 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.

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5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of Cllr Bastin there was no report.

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.

Parish Council Car-Parks

Members noted that each of the two car-parks is currently being used for long-term storage/parking. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Bradley-Davis seconded and it was agreed that a notice should be displayed in both car-parks reminding residents and visitors alike that parking is provided by the Parish Council for short-term use only.

Insurance Policy

Members reviewed the terms of Constantine Parish Council's Insurance Policy and considered an invitation from Came and Company to renew insurance cover with Ecclesiastical in the sum of £1,356.08. Following discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour to renew Constantine Parish Council's insurance with Ecclesiastical through Came and Company in the sum of £1,356.08.

7 PARISH MATTERS

The Alice Hext Trust – Pavilion

Members again 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. Cllr Painter suggested that a flyer should be produced explaining that

- retention of the existing building is not an option
- the question needs to be asked whether or not the community as a whole wishes to replace it

and, if it does, with what

- a building solely for team sports (although if this option is agreed the teams concerned will have to agree to pay towards its maintenance)
- or a joint use building: for team sports and for a community room

If either of the two building options are adopted (and pictures of possible options will be made available), then the project relies on members of the public stepping up and working towards a successful conclusion.

Cllr Painter kindly offered to design a flyer. His offer was gratefully accepted.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA19/02002 Mr & Mrs Pugh – Proposed internal alteration with new single-storey porch and two-storey rear extension with balcony – The Dairy, Goongillings Farm. Cllr Mrs Bradley-Davis proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application*.

Decisions

PA18/03489 REFUSED – Conversion and extension of single storey boathouse to provide living accommodation at first floor level with ancillary/storage areas below – Treetops, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

PA18/10133 APPROVED – Construction of access lane – land South East of Panoramic View, Tucoyse Lane, Higher Brill – *noted*

PA19/01471 Decided not to make a TPO – 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 – *noted*

PA19/00266 APPROVED – Erection of a single-storey wooden shed in field – Thatch Cottage, Ponjeravah – *noted*

PA19/00512 APPROVED – Proposed extension and associated works – Sunny Corner, The Level – *noted*

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Constantine Cottage Garden Society acknowledgement of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Iron Orchid an offer to plant and maintain various trees on land under the control of the Parish Council – *in the absence of suitable land within the control of the Parish Council, it was agreed to reply suggesting that the Bosahan Woods Committee might have suitable planting areas.*

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10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

The following accounts were tendered for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC	£ 629.20		
Mrs J.Jennings	£ 62.64		
Mrs J.Pleasance	£ 243.17		
SSE Contracting (015BJ, 035BJ & 036BJ)	£ 2,785.19	£ 2,320.99	£ 464.20
Viv Beckerleg (Public Convenience)	£ 243.00		
Constantine Stores Ltd (public convenience)	£ 15.98	£ 13.32	£ 2.66
SSE (public lighting February 2019)	£ 71.84	£ 68.42	£ 3.42
Viridor Waste Management	£ 88.74	£ 73.95	£ 14.79
Mr N.Pentreath (solar PIR floodlight)	£ 32.99	£ 27.50	£ 5.49
R.Sanders			
Recreation Ground	£ 185.00		
Pavilion roof	£ 186.00		
Cemeteries	£ 370.00		
	total	£ 889.20	£ 741.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (February)	£ 595.67		
telephone	£ 30.38		
office expenses	£ 57.34		
travelling	£ 28.29		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 736.68	

It was proposed by Cllr A.Carter, seconded by Cllr Andrew, all others in favour that the above eleven accounts be paid.

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Painter reported that he had attended the Cornwall Community Resilience Workshop at St Beward, which had been jointly arranged by the Environment Agency and the Cornwall Flood Forum. The meeting had, in the main, been attended by representatives of large, well-funded Town and Parish Councils who already have contingency plans in place. The worst-case scenario appears to be an increase in episodes of particularly heavy rainfall and a rise of one metre in sea levels by 2030. Cornwall Council has the wherewithal to respond to life-threatening emergencies, but the geography of the parish of Constantine makes it likely that we will have to look to our own resources to clear blocked streams and the like. He suggested that perhaps the Parish Council should formulate a plan, identify vulnerable people and potential sources of emergency aid and thereby fulfil our duty of care to residents. Members noted that, in the current litigious climate, a volunteer who offers time and machinery has legitimate concerns.

Cllr Bolt and Cllr Andrew reported that they had met Viv Bidgood of Cormac outside the school. Mr Bidgood had been reluctant to agree to the creation of parking places outside the school (it is Cormac's belief that if vehicles are unable to move freely then there is less risk of accidents). Mr Bidgood's preferred option would be to paint double yellow lines outside the school to prevent parking and to install traffic calming measures outside the pre-school. Nevertheless, after some discussion, he undertook to cost the removal of the verge and the creation of parking places. There was general agreement that the project as a whole appears to have been a complete waste of time.

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no comments from Councillors.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday April 16, 2019 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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