

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday September 12, 2019 at 7.15pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

Present:	Cllr P.Carter	Cllr E.Nicholls
	Cllr J.Andrew	Cllr C.Painter
	Cllr Mrs P.Bradley-Davis	Cllr Mrs T.Thomson
	Cllr A.Carter	Cllr R.Wickins
	Cllr Mrs S.Dunstan	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: 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 Bolt (holiday) sent his apologies for absence. Cllr A.Carter proposed, Cllr Wickins seconded and it was agreed to accept these 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 Mrs Bradley-Davis proposed, Cllr A.Carter seconded Cllr P.Carter, Cllr Painter and Cllr Wickins who were absent from the meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 16, 2019 are 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.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- Cornwall Council has agreed to a capital expense of £62 million towards equipment required to underwrite the new contract for household waste collection
- household waste (using wheelie bins capable of holding three black plastic bags) will be collected on a fortnightly basis and recycling materials will be collected on a weekly basis. The Council will also collect food waste for re-cycling (using facilities outside the county). Residents' household waste bins will be subject to inspection and will not be collected if they include recyclable materials
- re-cycling depots will be upgraded and the United Downs depot will be closed
- at a meeting of the full Council, a motion to allow Cornwall Councillors to vote from home was lost
- he has reported the perennial flooding at Carwythenack Chase to Cormac and agreed with Cllr Nicholls that until the spoil is removed from site the problem will continue

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- he reminded members that the planning application for the play area at Comfort Wartha will be decided in Committee (Members agreed that Cllr Nicholls will represent the Parish Council and state its point of view at this meeting)

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.

7 PARISH MATTERS

The Church Hall and the Church

Members considered tentative suggestions made by Savills, acting as the Diocese's Agent, for the future of the car-park and public convenience if and when the Diocese sells the Church Hall. In the absence of any firm statement of intent, it was agreed to worry about consequences at a later date. During the course of discussion it was noted that the present lease on the car-park comes to an end on September 29, 2021.

The Alice Hext Trust

Members noted the purchase of a bank of three small recycling bins for the Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that he expects them to be delivered and installed before the end of the month.

Members considered a recommendation from the Clerk to appoint a RoSPA qualified contractor (Mr Tim Taylor from SouthWest Playground Safety Inspections) on an annual basis to carry out both monthly inspections and routine repairs of equipment in the Recreation Ground. Following a short discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to appoint Mr Taylor initially for a year at an annual cost of £1,000 (monthly inspections at £25 a month and minor, routine repairs to be carried out at the discretion of Mr Taylor up to a total of £700).

Members noted that the contactor, Martin Clemens, has indicated that he will make a start on the repair and reinstatement of Cornish hedge between the Recreation Ground and Trebarvah Road in the week commencing September 16.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

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

PA19/05510 Mrs B.Williams – Notification of proposed works to a Chestnut tree (T1) in a conservation area to reduce the northwestern side by approximately 2 metres to remove the tips overhanging the fence – 33 Fore Street. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA19/06326 Mr A Layton – Erection of new dwelling house and new access road – land North of Magpie Hill, Brillwater. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA19/06407 – Mr C.Bunbury – Reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) following outline approval PA16/09408 (construction of a dwelling, garage and the formation of a parking area) | land South of The Gazebo, Bridge This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA19/06516 Mr Kozlowski – Fell Oak tree – Cedar Cottage – Trewince Lane, Port Navas. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supportst this application.*

PA19/06665 and PA19/06666 Mr T.Richardson – Listed Building Consent for the renovation of a grade 2 listed farmhouse. The proposal includes the repair and replacement of historical fabric on a like for like basis, with minimal changes to the internal layout of the building. The proposal also includes the addition of a conservatory – Polanguy Trebarvah Woon. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council will support Gweek Parish Council's observations about this application.*

PA19/06899 Miss T.Rickard – Conversion of a redundant stone farm building into a dwelling – redundant buildings North West of Trengove Cottage, Buckshead. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council does not believe that the existing building is either worthy of retention or that its development would result in the enhancement of the immediate setting as required under Policy 7 of the Cornwall Local Plan. It is firmly of the opinion that this is an application for a new domestic dwelling in the countryside; one which will not only have a detrimental effect on the character of the surrounding countryside, but which will be situated in an unsustainable position necessitating the use of a private vehicle to access services, goods, facilities and employment. As it has in the past when permission to develop this building has been sought, Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

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PA19/06987 Mr D.Brierly – T1 1 x large beech: crown lift by 2m to achieve an approximate clearance of 4m from base of tree to lowest leaf bearing material (clearing garage roof by approx. 2m, road by approx. 5m) – Terracotta Bowling Green. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA18/10518 APPROVED – Demolition and construction of a replacement oysterage with office and manager's accommodation – Oyster Farm, Quay Road, Port Navas – *noted*

PA18/10919 APPROVED – 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, Constantine – *noted*

PA19/04271 APPROVED – Proposed ground floor extension and alterations – The Gazebo, Bridge – *noted*

PA19/04405 APPROVED – Proposed garage/stable and tack room with home office over. Revised vehicular access within site. Relocation of previously approved sewerage treatment plant – Pixies Garden High Cross – *noted*

PA19/05294 APPROVED – Replacement dwelling – Trenarth Bungalow, Trenarth – *noted*

PA19/05547 APPROVED – Non-material amendment (1) in respect of decision PA15/09199 for removal of cycle store – land adjacent to Trebarvah Court – *noted*

PA19/05510 Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps) – Notification of proposed works to a Chestnut tree (T1) in a conservation area to reduce the northwestern side by approximately 2 metres to remove the tips overhanging the fence – 33 Fore Street – *noted*

PA19/05741 APPROVED – Non material amendment in respect of decision PA17/12038 to remove stone from elevations – land South West of Traviades Bungalow – *noted*

PA19/06326 – Erection of new dwelling house and new access road – land North of Magpie Hill, Brillwater – *noted*

PA19/06987 Decided not to make a TPO – T1 - large beech - crown lift by 2m to achieve an approximate clearance of 4m from base of tree to lowest leaf bearing material (clearing garage roof by approx. 2m, road by approx. 5m) – Terracotta, Bowling Green – *noted*

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter – *noted*

Mrs Gambier concerning the state of the car-park in late August – *noted*

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at September 12, 2019. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted receipt of the completion of the audit for the year ended March 31, 2019 and the comments made therein by the External Auditor. These stated that "The AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review: responses given in Section 1, Box 9 and Section 2, Box 11 are not consistent. The Council has confirmed that it does act as a sole managing trustee for trust funds and that the answer to Section 1, Assertion 9 is incorrect and should have been 'Yes'.

Members considered a request from the Merlin MS Centre for financial help towards the cost of outreach physiotherapy in Cornwall for people with Multiple Sclerosis. Following discussion, Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that, using the General Power of Competence (re-adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 18, 2017), Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £100.00 to the Merlin MS Centre.

Members noted the following payments made during August using delegated powers

		GROSS	NET	VAT
R.Sanders (PROWs)		£ 3,265.77	£ 2,721.47	£ 544.30
R.Sanders				
Recreation Ground	£ 380.00			
Cemeteries	£ 760.00			
Open spaces	£ 465.00			
	total	£ 1,926.00	£ 1,605.00	£ 321.00
Mrs J.Pleasance		£ 351.37		
PKF LittleJohn (audit fee)		£ 360.00	£ 300.00	£ 60.00
SSE (public lighting)		£ 86.91	£ 82.78	£ 4.13
Viridor Waste Management		£ 53.40	£ 44.50	£ 8.90

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Shopify (loo paper)	£ 160.00	£ 133.33	£ 27.67
SSE (Feeder pillar in The Square)	£ 32.11	£ 30.59	£ 1.52
Colin Chapman			
Salary (July)	£ 609.17		
telephone	£ 32.26		
office expenses	£ 33.70		
travelling	£ 35.36		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 735.49	

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
EdF Energy	£ 39.09	£ 36.26	£ 1.81

The following accounts were tendered for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC	£ 494.80		
Mrs J.Pleasance	£ 351.57		
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance	£ 350.00		
Mr Pleasance (painting The Vestry)	£ 250.00		
Constantine Stores (public convenience)	£ 38.11	£ 30.51	£ 7.60
Viridor Waste Management	£ 53.40	£ 44.50	£ 8.90
SSE (public lighting August 2019)	£ 89.68	£ 85.41	£ 4.27
Colin Chapman (second-hand carpet)	£ 80.00		
Travis Perkins (Paint etc for Vestry)	£ 176.58	£ 147.14	£ 29.44
R.Sanders			
Recreation Ground	£ 380.00		
Cemeteries	£ 868.00		
Open spaces	£ 35.00		
	total	£ 1,539.60	£ 1,283.00
			£ 256.60

Colin Chapman			
Salary (August)	£ 608.97		
telephone	£ 22.17		
office expenses	£ 12.78		
travelling	£ 23.87		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 692.79	

It was proposed by Cllr A.Carter, seconded by Cllr Mrs Bradley-Davis, all others in favour that the above ten accounts be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

Electricity Meter (Alice Hext)	£ 20.00
CC LMP payment	£ 3,005.46
CC Precept (2 nd instalment)	£ 20,000.00
CTS grant (2 nd instalment)	£ 577.98

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Andrew reported that he had attended the recent Community Network Meeting. A representative from the Police had told attendees that there are currently twenty-eight Police Officers covering the Falmouth and Helston areas. He had further stated that reports from members of the public are prioritised with many not being investigated. The best way to contact the police about non-emergency concerns is by e-mail at 101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Members noted serious concerns about Cormac which appears to act as monopoly. Potholes are poorly repaired (repairs completed by Cormac can themselves require repair within a week), spoil removed from drains is piled next to the drain concerned and immediately begins to wash off the pile and back down the drain, employees sit around in their vehicles doing little or nothing all day, the company sets its own prices, inspects its own work (sometimes), works unbelievably slowly and Cornwall Council brooks no competition. The Chairman reported that spoil from a

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ditch had been dumped by Cormac on one of his fields, where it presented a hazard to farming vehicles and a health hazard to his dairy herd: the Clerk agreed to report this.

Cllr Painter reported that he will be attending the Planning Conference at Camborne on Wednesday October 13 and that he is willing to offer a lift to anyone who wishes to attend the same meeting.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday **October 17, 2019** at 7:15pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.56pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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