

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Tuesday December 10, 2019 at 7.15pm 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 E.Batley-Burch	Cllr Mrs T.Thomson
Cllr Mrs P.Bradley-Davis	
Cllr A.Carter	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: Mr Bott, Mr and Mrs Cooke, Mr Haynes, Mrs Kessall Mr Kok and Mr White.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Cooke sought the Parish Council's support for his and his wife's planning application, PA19/10024. Following refusal of their earlier application, they had sought advice both from the Planning Department and the Cornwall AONB and had now acted upon that advice. In particular, the AONB officer had opined that a pitch roof was not necessary within the AONB. Other than that, Mr Cooke said, the proposed dwelling would have a low carbon footprint and sit well within the landscape.

Mr Bott stated that he was present as the applicant's agent to seek the Parish Council's support for application PA19/09613. He gave details of the proposed new agricultural barn and suggested that, because it will be well-screened, the barn's impact upon the surrounding countryside will be minimal.

Mr Kok, acting as the spokesman for the Comfort Wartha Residents' Association, thanked the Council for its support in the matter of the earlier application for the development of the Public Open Space in the close. The more recent application to remove the Section 52 agreement is now a cause of concern. The fact that the play area has not been formalised is the fault of the applicant, but residents actually prefer the green, informal open space. Within eyesight of their parents, children can play safely and naturally and enjoy the open countryside – and have been enjoying doing just that for some thirty years. He asked the Parish Council to seek refusal for the current application PA19/10056.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bastin (Cornwall Council meeting), Cllr Wickins (personal) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed to accept those 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 Painter seconded, Cllr Nicholls who was absent from the meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday November 21, 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.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to consider Agenda Item 7 at this moment

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7 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA19/09613 Mr R.Harris – Construction of timber agricultural building for cattle and machinery storage – paddock opposite Goldstep, Constantine. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council has concerns about the proposed building's visual impact on the line of the horizon, but would not seek refusal for that reason.*

PA19/10024 Mr and Mrs Cooke – Proposed demolition of a house and annexe and construction of a replacement dwelling – The Oyster House, Port Navas. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council still sympathises with the applicants' intentions to rebuild the Oyster House and recognises the efforts they have made to accommodate the concerns expressed about their original proposal by both the Planning Authority and the office of the Cornwall AONB However, it still has concerns about the contemporary design, which it believes is unsympathetic to the character of its immediate surroundings and which will have a detrimental visual impact on the context of both the AONB and the historic harbour village of Port Navas.*

PA19/10056 Crownmark Developments – Revocation of Section 52 agreement in respect of decision 2/06/84/00297/0 for erection of eight cottage style dwellings – land at Comfort Wartha. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked. *Constantine Parish Council understands that an S52 agreement is legally binding on the land-owner and his successors in perpetuity and further that there is no valid reason why this particular agreement should be revoked. This open space is valued so highly by residents of Comfort Wartha that they have banded together and, over the course of the past thirty years, using their own time and garden tools, have created what is nowadays a highly valued open green space within the heart of their immediate community. It is a place which young children can access easily and safely, without having to cross the main road through the village and where they can let off steam in the natural environment. Additionally, the informal walk across the site and down through the fields to Bosahan Woods is highly valued and well used. Constantine Parish Council does not support this application and requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

Decisions

PA19/05240 DISCHARGED – Removal of Section 106 obligation in respect of decision W2/91/00115/F dated 01.06.92 – The Barn, Goongillings Farm – *noted*

PA19/05234 DISCHARGED – Removal of Section 106 obligation in respect of decision W2/91/00115/F dated 10.05.04 – Bens Barn, Goongillings Farm – *noted*

PA19/05241 DISCHARGED – Removal of Section 106 Obligation in respect of decision notice W2/93/00002/F dated 14.09.94 – The Flowerhouse, Goongillings Farm – *noted*

PA19/09190 APPROVED – Oak (T1) - Remove two of the lowest limbs to allow more light into the garden. Oak (T2) - Crown raise to 5 metres to allow more light into the garden – Bosryn Port Navas – *noted*

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of CCllr Bastin there was no Cornwall Councillor's report.

6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Dates of Parish Council meetings 2020/2021

Members agreed that, unless there are pressing reasons for change, the dates of Parish Council meetings in 2020/2021 will be as follows

Thursday, January 16, 2020	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2020	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2020	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2020	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2020	Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2020	Annual Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2020	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 2020	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 2020	Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2020	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2020	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 2020	Ordinary Meeting

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Thursday, January 21, 2021
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Ordinary Meeting
Ordinary Meeting

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are due to begin at 7.15pm
These dates may be subject to change

The Alice Hext Trust

Members noted that the draft lease for the Social Club has been approved by the Committee and has been returned to Fields in Trust with a request that the necessary work has been done and that the lease is in place before December 31.

Members noted the damage done in the recent gale to the fencing between the soccer pitch and the bowling green The Clerk reported that Milburn Fencing has undertaken to make the necessary repairs.

Cllr Painter reported that the next meeting of the advisory committee charged with overseeing the development of a new pavilion will be in January. He added that there are problems concerning the size of the proposed building and its position on the field in relation to the football pitch. However, having spoken to the people living opposite they do not appear to be overly concerned about any future development. Cllr Mrs Bradley-Davis stated that concerns had been raised about the position of the gateway which will be needed to allow emergency vehicles onto the field. It was agreed that this aspect needs to be resolved before the replacement hedge is constructed.

8 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Comfort Wartha Residents' Association letter of appreciation for the support given to the objections raised by residents concerning the proposed removal of the public open space – *noted*

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at December 10, 2019. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered the Precept for the year from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Bolt, all others in favour that the Precept for the year 2020/2021 should be set at £60,000 This sum represents an increase in the precept demanded last year of some £20,000 (which equates to approximately 50p per Band D household per week) and will be used to replace the wire fencing around the Recreation Field. It is anticipated that a similar sum will be demanded in 2021/2022 for the same purpose, but that in following years the demand will be decreased.

The following accounts were tendered for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC		£ 494.80		
Mrs J.Pleasance		£ 351.57		
Viridor Waste Management		£ 53.16	£ 44.30	£ 8.86
SSE (public lighting)		£ 86.91	£ 82.78	£ 4.13
Colin Chapman				
Salary (November)	£ 609.17			
telephone	£ 41.46			
office expenses	£ 36.76			
travelling	£ 49.50			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 761.89		
R.Sanders				
War memorial and gates	£ 162.00			
Pavilion roof	£ 252.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 190.00			
Bus shelter (weed kill	£ 20.00			
Church and Cemetery	£ 380.00			
Lawn Cemetery	£ 1,282.00			
Grave for cremated remains	£ 180.00			
	total	£ 2,872.80	£ 2,394.00	£478.80

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr A.carter, all others in favour that the above six accounts be paid.

Members noted the following receipt

Co-operative Funeral Care (Mrs Danielis)	£ 600.00
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10 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from committees or representatives.

11 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Members agreed that Mrs Tracey Clowes and her team have again made a great success of the Christmas lights display in the village and everyone involved is to be congratulated.

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday January 16, 2020 at 7:15pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.49pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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