

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday February 20, 2020 at 7.15pm in The Vestry, Constantine.

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

Visitors: CCllr J.Bastin, Mr Hussey and Mr White.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Hussey stated that he was present as the representative of the Constantine Enterprises Company to bring Councillors' attention to the letter requesting the Parish Council to nominate the Church Hall and the Queen's Arms public house as Assets of Community Value. He pointed out that, if they were nominated and they were to come up for sale, it would give the community as a whole six months to raise money and put in a bid although he added that the owners of nominated buildings are under no obligation to sell to the community

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

As the husband of the volunteer running the Penryn Food Bank, Cllr Painter declared a non-registrable interest in Agenda item 6 (The Lower Vestry) and in particular the request to use The Lower Vestry as a satellite food bank.

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 Mrs Dunstan seconded, Cllr Mrs Batley-Birch and Cllr Painter who were absent from the meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday January 16, 2020 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES BUT NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA

Members noted that the footpath signs both at Bridge and at Polwheveral have been replaced.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- Cornwall Highways have taken delivery of four new machines that will mend potholes in a fraction of the time presently taken. Moreover, they use hot asphalt rather than cold with commensurately better long-term results
- the new 'eyes-in-the-dark' dog-fouling notices appear to be having a remarkable effect
- the budget for the coming year will be set at a meeting of the full Council next week. It looks as if Council Tax will again rise by 3.99% (of which 2% will be directed solely towards the provision of Adult Social Care in the county)

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- the Community Network Climate Change group will next meet at the Daphne du Maurier building on the Penryn Campus on February 27 at 5.30pm
- in respect of the Forest for Cornwall, the Authority will ask Parish Councils to forward notification of all trees planted (both by the Council and by private landowners) within the community. Funding for community orchards is available and, come September, the Woodland Trust will again gift trees to those individuals who wish to plant them on privately-owned land
- Falmouth Town Council has agreed to host a meeting for Parishes to engage with Tour of Britain organisers on Wednesday 4th March, in The Old Post Office Building on the Moor in Falmouth at 3.15pm.

Cllr Bastin noted considerable problems with the Nancenoy road as it passes over the badger tunnel and suggested that it might be a project for the Community Network Highways Scheme. He also noted damage done to Trewince Lane following the uprooting of a tree in recent gales.

Cllr A.Carter asked CCllr Bastin about the reported £45m penalty clause for exiting an RBS Lender Option Borrower Option (with an inverse floating rate note) agreement early. Cllr Bastin said that he knew very little about this, but could report that it had been initiated by Cornwall County Council (before the Unitary Authority).

The effect of the proposed new Langarth estate on people living at some distance from Truro was questioned. The suggestion mooted by the developer that people presently living miles away from but working in Truro would move to the new estate and therefore reduce traffic flow was also questioned.

Having declared a non-registrable interest in the following item, Cllr Painter remained in the room but refrained from comment.

6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Lower Vestry

Members considered a request from Rev'd Stewart Turner to use the Lower Vestry for community purposes and in particular to host a weekly satellite food bank and a monthly young families health and well-being clinic. The Church proposes to re-carpet the main area, install new low surface temperature heaters, install a new water-heater in the toilet and re-decorate throughout. It will also ensure that all necessary insurance cover is in place. Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, Cllr Painter abstained and it was agreed that the Church may host both a weekly satellite food bank and a monthly young families health and well-being clinic in the Lower Vestry.

The Community Right to Buy

Members considered the request from the Constantine Enterprises Company to nominate both the Church Hall and the Queen's Arms as Assets of Community Value and, following discussion Cllr Mrs Dunstan proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed to nominate the Church Hall, the Queen's Arms public house and each of the two car-parks as Assets of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011.

7 PARISH MATTERS

The Alice Hext Trust

Cllr Painter reported that the recent meeting of the advisory committee charged with overseeing the development of a new pavilion now had an agreed plan (which he presented to members). The proposals are for a building with a footprint of 100 square metres (which will include a public access toilet with facilities for disabled users) sited considerably closer to Trebarvah Road than the existing pavilion. It means that the existing hedge will need to be fore-shortened and a new gateway, for access by emergency vehicles, will have to be created. (Members noted that this will fit in very well with plans to rebuild the Cornish hedge.) It is anticipated that the eventual cost will be between £150,000 and £175,000 which sum is believed to be achievable. The advisory committee is asking all potential users to become involved in fund-raising. Its next meeting is on March 16 when full plans will be considered prior to being forwarded by the Alice Hext Trust Management Committee to the Planning Authority for consideration.

Members noted that an informal group has yet to meet to look at the fencing.

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, 2021 is £3,065.46 (or 100% of eligible costs, whichever is the lower). Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Bolt 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, 2021

Provision of a litter-bin

Members considered the provision of a post-mounted litter-bin at the northern end of PROW 29 (the path through Bosahan Woods). The Clerk reported that a litter-bin from Broxap will cost £49.00 to which must be added the cost of delivery and installation: Biffa will charge £4.50 a time for emptying. Following discussion, Cllr A.Carter proposed,

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Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to purchase a litter-bin from Broxap, to instruct Bob Sanders to install it and to ask Biffa to empty it on a fortnightly basis.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA20/00441 Mr J.Searle – Construction of a single storey side extension – The Cart House, Retallack Farm, Tresahor. Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council cannot support this application. Far from being subservient to the original cart-house, the proposed extension by virtue of its size and mass will dominate it and will have an adverse impact on the historic setting of the Retallack Farm complex contrary to Policy 12 of the Cornwall Local Plan. Constantine Parish Council again requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA20/00594 Mr M.Ratcliffe – Proposed single storey side extension to include garage/carport – Sunny Corner, The Level. Cllr A.Carter proposed, Cllr Painter seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA16/02902 REFUSED – Siting of a static caravan for residential use and use as a farm office. Retrospective. Resubmission of PA15/00820 – Maen Pern Farm Office Caravan, Tresahor – *noted*

PA19/10056 REFUSED – 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 – *noted*

PA19/10502 WITHDRAWN – Proposed Barn Conversion to Form a Single Dwelling – redundant barn and land, Napheane Farm, Constantine – *noted*

PA19/10674 REFUSED – 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 with variation of condition 2 of decision PA18/08268 dated 05/11/2018 – Seworgan Farmhouse, Seworgan

PA20/00001 APPROVED – Works to 3 trees pollarding 2 Willows T2/T3 – and a reduction of T1 Ash subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) – Tredella, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

PA20/00003 APPROVED – Removal of some low branches from 2 Oak trees – Trewince Cottage, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

PA20/00141 APPROVED – Application to work on 10 various trees within TPO area. To include felling with replanting and some pruning – land adj to Port Navas Chapel – *noted*

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Tanya's Courage Trust acknowledgment and thanks for donation – *noted*

Plastic Free Helford River initiative to encourage businesses and communities to reduce the use of single-use plastics – *following extensive discussion, it was agreed to invite a representative from Plastic Free Helford to attend the meeting in March*

Constantine Enterprises Company concerning the Localism Act 2011 and the Community Right to Buy – *this matter was dealt with in Agenda item 6*

Cruse Bereavement Care acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

Sowenna Appeal (hand-written) acknowledgment of and thanks for donation – *noted*

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at February 20, 2020. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were tendered for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Pleasance	£ 364.17		
SSE (The Square)	£ 26.12		
Tekgia	£ 169.20	£ 141.00	£ 28.20
SSE (public lighting)	£ 89.68	£ 85.41	£ 4.27
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 93.36	£ 77.80	£ 15.56
SSE (The Square 4th quarter)	£ 31.67	£ 30.17	£ 1.50
Mrs Diane Foster (litter picking materials)	£ 37.57	£ 31.33	£ 6.24

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R.Sanders				
Recycle bins slab	£ 480.00			
Church and cemetery	£ 380.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 668.00			
	total	£ 1,833.60	£ 1528.00	£305.60
Colin Chapman				
Salary (January)	£ 608.97			
telephone	£ 40.55			
office expenses	£ 39.62			
travelling	£ 28.29			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 742.43		

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

The following accounts in relation to expenses for the Recreation Ground have been tendered for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
EdF Energy (The Pavilion)	£ 44.66	£ 42.54	£ 2.12
Southwest Playground Safety Inspection			
Inspection	£ 25.00		
Repairs	£ 300.00		
	total	£ 390.00	£ 65.00

It was proposed by Cllr Wickins, seconded by Cllr Mrs Dunstan, all others in favour that the above two accounts be paid.

Members noted the following receipt

Donation	£ 141.00
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11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Andrew reported that he and Cllr Mrs Thomson had attended the recent Community Network meeting and that much of that meeting had been taken up discussing Community Emergency Planning. It was noted that Constantine Parish Council had discussed this matter in the recent past and was then and is now of the opinion that a formal, prescriptive approach in a rural community is inappropriate.

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

The Clerk was asked to add an agenda item to the meeting in March concerning the rebuilding of the hedge between the Recreation Ground and Trebarvah Road.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday March 19, 2020 at 7:15pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.53pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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