

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday September 17, 2020 at 7.30pm using the Zoom facility.

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

Visitors: CCllr J.Bastin.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Bradley-Davies (personal) and Cllr Wickins (personal) sent their 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

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 Andrew proposed, Cllr Nicholls seconded, Cllr Painter who was absent from the meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday June 18, 2020 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

4 TO NOTE DECISIONS MADE USING DELEGATED POWERS MADE FROM JUNE 18, 2020 TO JULY 16, 2020

Members noted the actions taken and the decisions made on behalf of Constantine Parish Council between June 18, 2020 and July 16, 2020 using delegated powers and recorded on a document which has since been added to the official minutes.

Matters arising and not covered in this agenda

There were no matters arising from the minutes which were not covered in this agenda

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- Cornwall Council officers are currently looking at the future governance of the county: it is beginning to look as if more decision making will be vested in local areas
- this implies that buildings currently owned by Cornwall Council will become redundant and that the workforce will be reduced by some two hundred
- and that the Community Network Areas will become increasingly focussed on the delivery of services

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- Community Network Panel meetings will continue to be held on a virtual basis for at least six months (Cornwall Council recommends the use of Microsoft Teams and is investigating ways of licensing Parish Councils to use its account with Microsoft.)
- Planning Committee meetings are held virtually, but because only two contentious recommendations from officers are decided at each meeting, there are concerns about whether or not the process as a whole is democratic
- with reference to Covid-19, Cornwall Council has produced a Local Outbreak Management Plan which offers suggestions as to quite what a Parish Council might like to do should an outbreak occur
- the Devon and Cornwall Police Force has acknowledged that there is currently a problem with drivers breaking speed limits: it estimates that, since lock-down, the average speed of vehicles has increased by some 40%

In answer to questions CClr Bastin

- acknowledged that Cornwall Council had paid too much for the land which will eventually become the Langarth Estate
- agreed that the appointed contractor had been allowed to wriggle out of the undertaking to build the Stadium and all the the necessary infrastructure
- stated that despite the removal of the well-used recycling bins from the village car-park, the weekly kerbside collection of recyclable materials will not be in position until April
- reported that the school is concerned that the yellow School Keep Clear road marking cannot be put in place immediately. (Councillors are sympathetic to the school's request, but feel the practicalities of the scheme are insoluble: the net result, they believe, will be to extend parking down the road and around the narrow bend, thereby blocking the free-flow of traffic.)

6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

No matters were tabled.

7 PARISH MATTERS

Members note that Mr Tripconey and his team have now completed rebuilding the Cornish hedge between the Recreation Field and Trebarvah Road.

Members considered the purchase of 450 Blackthorn whips to be planted on the top of the Cornish hedge at a cost of £562.50 from Ashridge Nurseries. Following discussion Cllr Thomson proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to purchase of 450 Blackthorn whips from Ashridge Nurseries at a cost of £562.50

Members noted that, having quoted a net of VAT figure of £19,967.40 to replace the chain-link fencing on the Recreation Ground, Milburn Fencing has been instructed to carry out the work necessary, preferably while the field is dry.

Members noted the removal, for the time being, of the three recycling bins from the Recreation Ground. This action was taken following the removal of the recycling bins from the car-park by Cornwall Council and because, possibly as a consequence, residents had dumped a large pile of recyclable material on the ground in front of the bins that have now been removed.

Members noted that the documents necessary to implement the decision to seek the replacement of the existing Custodian Trustee (Fields in Trust) with the Official Custodian for Charities have been lodged with and noted by the appropriate bodies.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

Members noted the following planning applications which were returned to the Planning Authority with the appended observations using delegated powers

PA20/04052 Miss C.Warwick-Evans – Listed building consent for change of use of barn 3 to dwelling (amendment to consent PA19/05280) – Barn 3, Polanguy, Trebarvah Woon. *Constantine Parish Council supports the observations made by Gweek Parish Council.*

PA20/05260 Mr and Mrs Brittain-Long – Change of use of land for the retention of a mobile home used for short term holiday lets and ancillary accommodation to Trebarvah Woon Farm and construction of associated raised timber decked area – Trebarvah Woon Farm, Constantine. *When a similar application was considered in May 2020, Constantine Parish Council noted that “this application is retrospective in nature and that it seeks permission for siting a mobile home in the garden. Permission is sought in part for a business use, but, although there is some evidence that the park home has been used for holidays in the past, no business plan has been submitted. Despite that,*

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Constantine Parish Council views the application as being for new residential accommodation in the countryside, remote from facilities and necessitating the use of a private motor vehicle and requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.” Constantine Parish Council notes the comments made in the current application concerning two nearby developments and the five successful appeals against refusal of permission for development, but does not believe any one of them sets a precedent for this application: each and every application is, the Council understands, considered on its merits. With this in mind and, as it did in May, the Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

PA20/05899 Mr R.Lewis – Proposed double domestic garage – Willow Cottage, Brill. *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA20/05959 Mrs Ford and Mr Dugavel – Extension of a bungalow including utilising the space of a garage Springmoor, Trenarth. *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA20/05987 Mr and Mrs Wilde – Change of use of a former agricultural building/workshop to a one bedroom holiday letting unit – land north of Polwheveral House Farm, Polwheveral, Constantine. *Constantine Parish Council supports this application with the proviso that a condition is imposed requiring residential use of the proposed holiday let to be tied to the main dwelling.*

Members noted the following planning decisions

PA19/08094 APPROVED – Change of use of tea room (approved ancillary to nature trail under permission ref PA02/00096/F) to restaurant (Class A3) – The Waymarker, Trewardreva

PA19/08179 DISCHARGED – Discharge of S106 agreement dated 04/06/2004 relating to decision PA02/00096/F to allow use of the tea room as a restaurant – land at Meyn Pern Farm and The Waymarker Cafe/Restaurant, Trewardreva

PA19/11190 APPROVED – Conversion of existing building to dwelling – The Old Smithy, Trewardreva

PA20/01627/PREAPP EXEMPT FROM REQUIREMENT –Exception Notice for works to Fell dead Oak tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order(TPO) – Bosahan Woods, Trewardreva

PA19/02071 REFUSED – Change of use of land for the retention of a mobile home used for short term holiday lets and ancillary accommodation to Trebarvah Woon Farm and construction of associated raised timber decked area – Trebarvah Woon Farm, Trebarvah Woon

PA20/04520 APPROVED – Proposal for ground and first floor extensions – Limone, Brill

PA20/04878 GRANTED – Certificate of lawfulness for existing agricultural building – barn at Homelands, Brill

PA20/04978 APPROVED – Proposed construction of a single, self-build dwelling following demolition of an existing barn, in lieu of approval consent PA20/00300 – barn at Trebarvah Farm, Seworgan

PA20/05084 APPROVED – T374-fell, T356-fell, T355-crown raise to 5m, T380-removal of uphill secondary stem all subject to a Tree Preservation Order – Poltoge, Port Navas

PA20/05899 APPROVED – Proposed double domestic garage – Willow Cottage, Brill

PA20/05959 APPROVED – Extension of a bungalow to form annexe including utilising the space of a garage – Springmoor, Trenarth

PA20/05260 REFUSED – Change of use of land for the retention of a mobile home used for short term holiday lets and ancillary accommodation to Trebarvah Woon Farm and construction of associated raised timber decked area – Trebarvah Woon Farm, Constantine.

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council’s financial position as at September 17, 2020. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted the award with effect from April 1, 2020 of a 2.75% pay rise in the Clerk’s pay

Members considered increasing the wage paid to Mrs Pleasance. Following discussion, it was agreed to increase Mrs Pleasance’s pay by 2% with effect from October 1, 2020.

Members considered a request for financial help towards the cost of a new storage container for the Constantine Silver Band. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Clerk should seek a little more information before a decision can be made.

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The following accounts were paid during August using delegated powers

	GROSS	NET	VAT
South West Water (cemetery)	£ 12.98		
One of a Kind (Vestry window)	£ 1,270.00		
Mrs J. Pleasance	£ 351.37		
Booker (paper towels, soap for public conveniences)	£ 53.96		
R.Sanders			
Cemeteries	£ 944.00		
Recreation Ground	£ 390.00		
Install Waste Bin	£ 140.00		
Port Navas	£ 40.00		
Clean graffiti	£ 36.00		
total	£ 1,860.00	£ 1,550.00	£ 310.00
SSE (The Square)	£ 36.21	£ 34.49	£ 1.72
SSE (public lighting)	£ 92.44	£ 88.04	£ 4.40
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 58.68	£ 48.90	£ 9.78
Colin Chapman			
Salary (July)	£ 609.17		
travelling	£ 42.43		
telephone	£ 55.14		
office expenses	£ 17.55		
use of home as office	£ 25.00		
total	£ 749.29		

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Edf Energy (pavilion)	£ 24.23	£ 23.02	£ 1.21
SW Playground Safety Inspections	£ 60.00	£ 50.00	£ 10.00

The following accounts were tendered for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J. Pleasance	£ 351.37		
HMRC	£ 495.40		
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance	£ 350.00		
SSE (public lighting)	£ 81.65	£ 77.67	£ 3.88
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance	£ 150.00		
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 58.68	£ 48.90	£ 9.78
R.Sanders			
Cemeteries	£ 820.00		
Recreation Ground	£ 390.00		
Install Waste Bin	£ 140.00		
total	£ 1,452.00	£ 1,210.00	£ 242.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (August)	£ 608.97		
travelling	£ 25.64		
telephone	£ 43.28		
office expenses	£ 10.27		
Zoom (for meetings)	£ 14.39		
use of home as office	£ 25.00		
total	£ 727.55		
The Cornish Hedging Co Ltd	£ 17,850.00		

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

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
SW Playground Safety Inspections	£ 30.00	£ 25.00	£ 5.00

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

Members noted the following receipts

Cornwall Council (Rate relief)	£ 10,000.00
Western Power (wayleave)	£ 43.63
Keith Penrose (Mr Williams)	£ 305.00
The Cornish Funeral Company (Alfred Jones)	£ 360.00
Colin Matthews (Mr Hill)	£ 600.00
Council Tax Support Grant 2 nd instalment	£ 499.62
CC Precept 2 nd instalment	£ 30,000.00

10 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees or representatives.

11 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no comments from Councillors.

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the next meeting will be on December 10, 2020 at 7.30pm using the Zoom facility. Members agreed that, in the meanwhile, day-to-day decisions will continue to be made using delegated powers. The Clerk will continue to keep Members informed of relevant matters using e-mail, nevertheless a virtual meeting will be called if felt at all appropriate.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.54pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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