

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Tuesday April 15, 2021 at 7.30pm using the Zoom facility.

Present:	Cllr P.Carter	Cllr C.Painter
	Cllr H.Bolt	Cllr Mrs T.Thomson
	Cllr J.Andrew	Cllr R.Wickins
	Cllr A.Carter	
	Cllr E.Nicholls	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Bastin, Mrs Boreham and Mr and Mrs Mullaly.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Boreham stated that she was present on behalf of Transition Constantine to ask about the future of the Church Hall and the associated car-parks. The Diocese has evidently submitted a pre-application request for development to the Planning Authority, but has asked the Authority for confidentiality so the plans are not available on-line for comment from members of the public. It is Transition Constantine's belief that the site as a whole is of immense value to the parish and that its loss would harm the community. They are aware that the Hall is registered on the Community Asset register, but believe it would be in the interests of the community as a whole to investigate people's thoughts on whether or not the majority agreed with them. To this end, they propose sending a questionnaire to every household in the parish and wondered if the Parish Council would underwrite the costs incurred. Members agreed that the matter should be added to the agenda for the meeting in May.

Mrs Mullaly stated that in the light of the widely recognised loss of bio-diversity throughout the country, she and other members of a voluntary project group active in Cornwall calling itself 'Making Space for Nature' would like to take on the responsibility of caring for the verge at the foot of the newly rebuilt hedge fronting Trebarvah Road. This would involve clearing the grass and scattering wild-flower seed and subsequently tending it. She has spoken to the authorities at the School and they are keen to become involved. It was suggested that this particular stretch of verge is possibly somewhat unhygienic due to inconsiderate dog owners allowing their animals to foul it and that there are other sites within the village that might be more suitable. Nevertheless, Mrs Mullaly wanted to make this the group's first project within the village. The question of permission from Cornwall Highways was raised and it was noted that a number of services run under that particular piece of land. It was agreed that Constantine Parish Council is in principle agreeable to be part of the project, but it is dependent on what Cornwall Council has to say.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Batley-Birch (illness) and Cllr Mrs Dunstan (illness) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Nicholls proposed 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 Wickins proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday February 18, 2020 should be adopted as a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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4 TO NOTE DECISIONS MADE USING DELEGATED POWERS BETWEEN FEBRUARY 19, 2021 AND MARCH 18, 2021

Members noted the actions taken and the decisions made on behalf of Constantine Parish Council between February 19, 2021 and March 19, 2021 using delegated powers and recorded on documents which have since been added to the official minutes.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES BUT NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Painter noted that there has currently been no progress in the implementation of the two highways projects agreed under the Community Network Highways Scheme; that the car and trailer which has been parked for so long in the car-park has been removed but that the dilapidated caravan is still parked on Trebarvah Road. The Clerk agreed to telephone the owner again to ask her intentions.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that until the results of the election are known, Cornwall Councillors are in purdah and that as a result he had nothing to report

Cllr Painter stated that he had received a number of complaints concerning the change of days for the collection of garden-waste and wondered if the collection of recyclates and garden-waste might be alternated week by week but on the same day of the week rather than as at present on different days of the week.

In answer to a question, CCllr Bastin agreed to investigate further the question of quite why the alleged pre-application for development for the Church Hall was considered to be confidential particularly when there is so much interest in it locally.

6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Cornwall Association of Local Councils

Members considered an invitation to renew membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils for the year to March 31, 2022 in the sum of £585.82 + VAT. Following discussion, Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded, all others in favour to renew membership of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils in the sum of £585.82 + VAT

7 PLANNING MATTERS

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

PA21/02186 Mr T.Richardson – Listed building consent for amendments to consent PA19/05280 namely change in the window design of 4 casement windows, opening up and glazing of historically blocked up openings, installation of roof light in the flat roof of proposed extension – Polanguy, Barn 2 Trebarvah Woon – *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/02940 Mr and Mrs W. Lea – Application for a non-material amendment following grant of planning permission PA20/10445. Amendment sought: Enlargement of bedroom window on south elevation, enlargement of bathroom window on west elevation – The New House, Constantine – *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Applications

PA21/02422 Mr B.Vella – Proposed single storey extension to East of existing building. Minor refurbishments to existing building. Extended4 existing ground floor decking and new steps – Polwartha Farm, Bowling Green. Following discussion, Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council is sympathetic to the applicant's wish to extend the living accommodation of this dwelling. However, bearing in mind the historic nature of the existing Cornish farmhouse, the Council has considerable reservations about the design of the proposed extension, which it believes is out of keeping with the site and with the farmhouse in particular. The proposed extension and, more particularly, the materials specified for cladding and roofing would neither conserve nor enhance the landscape character or the immediately adjoining area of the AONB (CLP Policy 21). Constantine Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

Decisions

PA20/10274 APPROVED – Proposal for ground and first floor extensions: amended designs – Limone, Brill – *noted*

PA21/01984 APPROVED – Works to trees namely - Sessile Oak(T5) to reduce the entire crown of the tree by approx. 5m - subject to a Tree Preservation Order(TPO) – Bridge House, Constantine – *noted*

PA21/02940 APPROVED – Application for a non-material amendment following grant of planning permission PA20/10445. Amendment sought: Enlargement of bedroom window on south elevation, enlargement of bathroom window on west elevation – The New House Constantine – *noted*

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8 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Other than to note that all Councillors present at this meeting have been elected to Office for the new Council which starts work in May, the Clerk had nothing to report

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members noted that the Internal Auditor, Mr Peter Richards, had made no comment or recommendation concerning the financial accounts for the year April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021.

Parish Councillors considered the Annual Governance Statement required by the Audit Commission for the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2021. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council should answer "Yes" to all the questions posed by the Statement of Assurance which forms part of the Annual Return for the year ended March 31, 2021.

The Clerk presented the accounts for Constantine Parish Council for the year April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Painter seconded all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council should approve the Parish Council's accounts for the year April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021.

Members noted that during the course of the year April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 invoices incurred by the Alice Hext Trust Recreation Ground amounting to the sum of £23,532.00 had been paid by Constantine Parish Council using the General Power of Competence adopted at the Annual Meeting on May 18, 2017.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the Alice Hext Trust for the year April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021. Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council, acting as the Management Trustee of the Recreation Ground, should approve the accounts for the Alice Hext Trust for the year April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021.

The following accounts were tendered for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs A.Lucas (electricity)		£ 50.00		
Cornwall Council (public convenience rates)		£ 404.19		
Cornwall Council (cemetery rates)		£ 286.39		
EdF Energy (The Vestry)		£ 325.09	£ 309.61	£ 15.48
Mrs J.Pleasance		£ 308.90		
Viridor Waste Management		£ 58.68	£ 48.90	£ 9.78
One of a Kind (The Vestry)		£ 348.20		
SSE (public lighting)		£ 76.56		
Information Commissioner		£ 40.00		
R.Sanders				
Church and cemetery	£ 400.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 195.00			
Church/cemetery trees	£ 1, 268.00			
	total	£ 2,235.60	£ 1, 863.00	£ 372.60
Colin Chapman				
Salary (March)	£ 625.77			
telephone	£ 32.19			
office expenses	£ 45.07			
travelling	£ 52.16			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 780.19		

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

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

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

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

Members noted the following receipts

CC CTS grant (1 st instalment)	£ 644.83
CC Precept (1 st instalment)	£ 25,000.00

10 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees or Representatives.

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11 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no further comments from Councillors

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday May 16, 2019 at 7:00pm

The Annual Meeting of Constantine Parish Council will be held on Thursday May 16, 2019 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Venue to be announced.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.07pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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