

# THE PARISH OF CONSTANTINE

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Constantine held on Thursday May 20, 2021 at 7.00pm in The W.I.Hall, Constantine. The Chairman of Constantine Parish Council, Cllr P.C.Carter presiding, Mr C.Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

**Present:** Cllr Andrew, Cllr Mrs Batley-Birch, Cllr Bolt, Cllr A.Carter, Cllr E.Jeffrey, Cllr Painter, Cllr Mrs Scott, Cllr Mrs Thomson, CCllr Bastin, Mr Bates and Mrs Grundy, Mrs Mullaly.

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Wickins sent their apologies for absence.

## **2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MAY 16, 2019**

Having been previously circulated and agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on June 20, 2019, Cllr A.Carter proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday May 16, 2019 are a true record and they were signed as such by the Chairman.

## **3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr P.Carter said

"Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Constantine Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting. Thank you all for your attendance.

"The world has become a different place since May 2019. I think we should take a moment to reflect and remember all those who have had their lives devastated by this terrible pandemic. During the last sixteen months or so, I have said, several times, how fortunate we are to be living where we are. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the supply businesses in our community who adapted and who ran vital services, especially during the first lock-down in the spring and early summer of 2020

"I should like to thank our ever efficient Clerk, Colin, for the last two years of work. With delegated powers he has had more responsibility, but he has kept us all informed of the various information and consultations as they became relevant.

"I hope you all agree with me that the Council's contractor, Bob Sanders and his team, keep the cemeteries, the recreation field and the play are in tip top condition. Also I should like to mention Mrs Joanne Pleasance, who has been looking after our public conveniences and has kept them open and clean throughout the whole of lock-down. (Our toilets were the exception, being open the whole time.) I think she needs a massive thank-you for all her efforts.

"Whilst I am on this subject I should like to thank the lady at Seworgan who picks litter from the paths and roadside verges around her home; members of the Christmas Lights Committee who put on such a fantastic display under difficult circumstances; the residents of Comfort Wartha who worked so hard to retain the open space cum play-area; the team headed by Richard Thomas who looked into the feasibility of replacing the sports pavilion and the members of the Football Club who have given their time to repair and refurbish the existing pavilion.

"During the last two years the Council has had the slip-way at Port Navas repaired; we have had a litter-bin placed at the entrance to Bosahan Quarry; we have kept the public footpaths in the parish trimmed and passable; the cemeteries have been maintained to a high standard and are a credit to both the Council and the contractor and our public conveniences are maintained to a high standard.

*Chairman's initials.....*

“On the Recreation Ground we purchased and installed recycling bins and then had to remove them when Cornwall Council removed the recycling bins from the car-park and the public left all their recycling materials in and near them. During last summer the Cornish hedge between the road and the field was rebuilt and the top planted with blackthorn. We have replaced one of the benches. The lease was renewed for the Social Club and steps have been taken to change the Custodian Trustee of the Alice Hext Trust.

“The Parish Council made a successful application to have the Church Hall registered as an asset of community value. There has been a successful bid to the Community Network Highways Scheme for the imposition of a 20mph zone through Bridge and to have the road on the western entrance to the school marked ‘School Entrance – Keep Clear’.

“During the summer of 2019 we said a final farewell to Neil Wiseman when his funeral was held in Constantine Church.

“Cllr Eleanor Batley-Birch joined us as a co-opted member in November 2019.

“I have to say a big thank you to our retired councillors, Mrs Sylvia Dunstan and Mrs Pam Bradley-Davis – both have contributed a lot to this parish.

“Over the last two years, ninety-six planning observations have been returned to the Planning Authority and we have reported a number of Planning Enforcement allegations which are all on-going.

“I should like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for their attendance at meetings as and when they were held. We knew nothing about Zoom until March 2020 – there is always a silver lining for someone! Especial thanks to Cllr Bolt who has acted as Vice-Chairman and to Cornwall Councillor John Bastin for his attendance at our meetings and everything he has done for the parish.

“During July 2019 Christine and I attended the Brass on the Grass concert in the marquee on the recreation field, having first walked in front of the bands from the Queen’s Arms to the field.

“Cllr Bolt and I laid the poppy wreath at the Remembrance Service at the Church on behalf of the Council.

“At the end of January 2020 we had our annual social evening at Trengilly Wartha Inn. There was a good attendance and I hope you will agree with me that we had a very good time.

“The only public event I have attended since Covid was a socially distanced Armistice Day service at the War Memorial on 11 November 2020 organised by the vicar. I laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

“A list of donations given in 2019-2020

Constantine Silver Band	400.00
Merlin MS Centre	100.00
Royal British Legion	50.00
Christmas Lights	500.00
Cruse Bereavement Care	50.00
Tanya’s Courage Trust	100.00
Constantine Surgery (in memory of Neil Wiseman)	250.00
The Alice Hext Trust	5,375.00

“and in 2020-2021

Cornwall Hospice Care	150.00
Marie Curie	150.00
Cornwall Air Ambulance	200.00
Christmas Lights	600.00
Royal British Legion	50.00
Constantine Enterprises Company (towards new windows in the Tolman Centre)	2,000.00
Constantine Pre-School	500.00
The Alice Hext Trust	23,532.00

“Lastly I should like to thank those at home who do a little extra at times so that I have been able to carry out the things I have had to do – without Alan, I would never have joined a Zoom meeting.”

#### 4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Thanking the Chairman for his words, Cllr Bolt stated that there had been a notable exception to the list of people to whom thanks are due: that exception was the Chairman himself, who works quietly and tirelessly both on behalf of the Parish Council and the community as a whole. Those present agreed unequivocally.

*Chairman’s initials.....*

Cllr Painter suggested that the likely future of the Comfort Wartha play should be the subject of a single meeting of the Trustees rather than as part of a Parish Council meeting. The Clerk suggested that, as the corporate body of the Parish Council is the Trustee (there are no individual Trustees), there was little if anything to be gained from holding a separate meeting. He undertook to speak to Cllr Painter about the matter on an individual basis.

Mrs Mullaly stated that Cornwall Council’s Highways Steward had verbally given permission for the members of ‘Making Space for Nature’ to take responsibility for the maintenance of the stretch of verge fronting Trebarvah Road. It was agreed that the matter should form part of the agenda at the meeting in June. She expressed further concern about the use of herbicide in the play-area around the foot of the trees and the play equipment and offered the services of the group to do this work by hand throughout the growing season. It was agreed that that too would be the subject of discussion at the meeting in June.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 20, 2021

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 19, 2022

Chairman