

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Tuesday July 15, 2021 at 7.30pm in Constantine WI Hall.

Present:	Cllr P.Carter	Cllr C.Painter
	Cllr J.Andrew	Cllr Mrs K.Scott
	Cllr H.Bolt	Cllr R.Wickins
	Cllr Mrs E.Batley-Birch	
	Cllr A.Carter	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Bastin, Mr Brittain-Long, Mr Curtis and Mrs Rawlence.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Rawlence stated that Transition Constantine has identified two trees in the newly acquired Glebe Woodland that present some danger to visitors. A single quotation in the sum of £800 for their felling and removal has been received from Iron Orchid and the Group is hoping the Parish Council will be able to help meet this sum. In answer to a question, she stated that the intention is to keep the woodland fairly wild (the intention is that it should not be restored); paths will be made more accessible and trees will be managed. It is anticipated that the Pre-school, the Cubs and the Brownies will all be able to make good use of the amenity. It was suggested that, for insurance purposes, a sign informing visitors that they enter the woodland at their own risk should be sited at the entrance.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Jeffery (business), Cllr Nicholls (business) and Cllr Mrs Thomson (personal) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Andrew proposed Cllr Wickins seconded and it was agreed to accept their 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 Mrs Batley-Birch seconded, Cllr A.Carter who was absent from the meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday June 17, 2021 should be adopted as a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

The Chairman reported that he had not, as yet, had the opportunity to meet with Mrs Mullaly to discuss quite what work her group is prepared to undertake. The Clerk reported that he had not received a reply from the Chairman of Port Navas Village Hall concerning the re-siting of the defibrillator. He further reported that although he had hoped that Milburn Fencing would have completed the renewal of the chain-link fencing in the Recreation Ground before this meeting, it had not, as yet, started. He will contact Mr Milburn and let Councillors know the outcome.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- within the past twenty-four hours Covid numbers in Falmouth/Penryn has escalated. A walk-in vaccination centre has been deployed to Falmouth and will deliver both 1st and 2nd vaccinations on request

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- a vaccination centre set up earlier on the campus at Tremough had attracted very few takers
- homelessness throughout the country is a growing problem: Cornwall has responded by equipping containers and siting them on various pieces of land owned by the Authority – the nearest being in the little-used car-park in Penryn behind Mill Autoquip
- he asked members for their thoughts on the present Parliamentary Boundary review process which places Constantine within the Falmouth and Truro constituency. Members felt it would be more appropriate for the parish to remain within the Camborne and Redruth constituency not least because of its largely rural nature
- Cllr Pauline Giles, the Chair of Cornwall Council, has adopted the Cornwall Wildlife Trust as her chosen charity: bags of wild-flower seeds may be obtained from Cllr Bastin
- Cornwall Council is looking into ways of re-introducing the community recycling bins

It was noted that

- Cornwall Council still has an office in Brussels
- Cornwall Council's homelessness team is working with St Petroc's and LiveWest
- neither of the ticket machines at a car-park in Falmouth were working on Saturday, leaving a number of concerned and frustrated residents and holiday-makers. Cornwall Council does not accept as an excuse the defence that drivers cannot pay by phone.

6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

In the absence of Cllr Jeffery it was agreed to defer discussion of consideration of ways to reduce the Parish Council's carbon footprint and ways in which the Parish Council's website pages might be improved to the meeting in September.

To consider granting delegated powers to the Clerk and the Chairman during the summer recess

Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to grant the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, the authority to deal with day-to-day matters during the summer recess.

Standing Orders

It was agreed that the Clerk should combine NALC's 2018 Model Code of Conduct with the recommendations prepared at the time by Cornwall ALC and that the finished document should be considered with a view to adoption at the meeting in September.

Code of Conduct

Having considered Cornwall Council's Code of Conduct for members and Co-opted Members of Local Councils as first published in May 2021, Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that Constantine Parish Council should adopt Cornwall Council's Code of Conduct for members and Co-opted Members of Local Councils.

The Alice Hext Trust

As the Trustee, Members considered the question of parking on the Recreation Field. Following considerable discussion during the course of which it was noted that as matters stand

- the gate is left unlocked to allow access by emergency vehicles
- vehicles are not permitted to park on the field other than for the weekend of the Constantine Cottage Garden Annual Show
- the Football Club has recently permitted members of a visiting team to park on the field

and the following points were noted

- the Recreation Ground as a whole was gifted to the village for the purpose of recreation
- it will undoubtedly create a precedent for parking at all other times (if parking during a football match is permitted, residents of the village cannot reasonably be forbidden to park on the Recreation Field)
- vehicles and playing children do not mix
- because football is a winter sport, the grass surface of the Recreation Field will, on occasions, be damaged
- the existing insurance policy would not cover damage to vehicles or, arguably, in the event of an accident, to an injured party

Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that, except in the case of emergency or previously given consent, parking is not permitted on the Recreation Field. The Clerk was asked to inform the Football Club of this decision.

The Clerk reported that he had liaised with Mr Moore and Mr Tristan Kessell, who is a respected local black-smith, and that the project for the replacement of the Recreation Field gate appears to be moving forward.

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7 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA21/00340 Dr J.Calderwood – Extension including a balcony and yoga studio for private use and new detached garage –Trevellan, High Cross. It was proposed by Cllr Wickins, seconded by Cllr Andrew that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/05741 Mr and Mrs Curnow – Erection of an outbuilding for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house, to include domestic storage, garaging and workspace – Pixies Corner, Brill. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Andrew, two members against, two members abstaining, that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/05933 Miss H.Thorn – Listed building consent for amendments to approved scheme under decision PA19/05280, comprising: Removal of proposed new door to south elevation and restore solid granite wall in keeping with original structure; to north elevation change location of roof window, insert window in kitchen wall and remove window in shower room and replace with roof window; amendment to roof line on east elevation; insertion of roof window – Barn 1 access to Polanguy, Trebarvah Woon. Following discussion, Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed that this application should be returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA20/08809 REFUSED –Siting of mobile home within garden to provide a 1 bed holiday let (relocation of existing) – Trebarvah Woon Farm – *noted*

PA21/01099 REFUSED – Revocation of Section 52 Agreement in respect of decision W2/84/00297/0 - 28/08/85 for construction of 8 dwellings – land at Comfort Wartha, Constantine – *noted*

PA21/03288 APPROVED – Proposed change of use to residential garden and erection of greenhouses, shed and ground mounted photovoltaic panels – Sunny Corner, The Level – *noted*

PA21/03443 APPROVED – Proposed self-contained 30m² home working space – The Dairy, Goongillings Farm – *noted*

8 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Cornwall Council Forest for Cornwall Landmark tree application – *this invitation was handed to those members of Transition Constantine present*

20's Plenty for Us invitation to support – *members noted that the initiative is still in its infancy and that the Council will consider the matter at some time in the future*

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – *members noted that an initial timetable of events has been drawn up. It was agreed to forward details to the Constant Times for publication and to invite interest in some sort of community even. Further consideration was given to the lighting of a beacon on Brill Hill (subject to the owner's consent) as had been done for the Trafalgar Anniversary*

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at July 15, 2021. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Transition Constantine for a grant towards the cost of upkeep of the Glebe Woodlands. Following discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Cllr Wickins, all others in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (re-adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 20, 2021), Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £500.00 to Transition Constantine.

The following accounts were tendered for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Viridor Waste Management	£ 49.38	£ 41.15	£ 8.23
Mrs J.Pleasance (June underpayment)	£ 77.30		
Mrs J.Pleasance	£ 308.90		
SSE (public lighting)	£ 89.20	£ 57.96	£ 2.89
R.Sanders			
Church and cemetery	£ 800.00		
Recreation Ground	£ 390.00		
Port Navas Quay	£ 30.00		
Boundary Stones	£ 15.00		
total	£ 1,482.00	£ 1,235.00	£ 247.00

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Colin Chapman	
Salary (June)	£ 625.77
telephone	£ 61.52
office expenses	£ 35.35
travelling	£ 32.27
use of home	£ 25.00
	total £ 779.91

It was proposed by Cllr Bolt, seconded by Cllr Andrew, all others in favour that the above six 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
Randle Thomas LLP (Land Registry fee)	£ 20.00		

It was proposed by Cllr A.Carter, seconded by Cllr Painter, all others in favour that the above two accounts be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

Penrose Funeral Services (Mrs Jennings)	£ 300.00
Constantine Cottage Garden Society (rent: two years)	£ 40.00

10 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees or Representatives.

11 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

The Chairman publically thanked those Councillors who had weeded the new blackthorn hedge in the Recreation Ground adding that it will probably need to be done again next year. It was noted that 100 new whips will ordered to replace those plants which have died.

Cllr Bolt reported that the matter of the defibrillator pads in the telephone box at Seworgan (which are due for replacement) will be considered by the Friends of the Surgery together with on-going maintenance of the other three defibrillators at their forthcoming meeting.

Members noted that the notice-board in the Square probably needs replacement.

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday September 16, 2021 in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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