

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday October 21, 2021 at 7.30pm in Constantine WI Hall.

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

Visitors: CCllr J.Bastin and Mr P.Evans.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Evans stated that he was present simply to seek support for his planning application (PA21/08692). He said that, as matters stand, it is impossible to get machinery into the garden other than by physically lifting it over the hedge. The proposed gateway is not intended to be used for vehicle access.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr E.Jeffery (personal), Cllr Nicholls (personal) and Cllr Mrs Scott (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 Bolt seconded all others in favour that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday September 16, 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

It was noted that

- road-salt has been ordered through Cornwall Council and that it is due to be delivered to Bob Sanders in the not too distant future. It will then be distributed to road-side bins throughout the Parish
- the replacement Blackthorn whips should be delivered towards the end October/beginning of November
- the work necessary to replace the fencing around the Recreation Field appears to have been left too late in the year. The Chairman will telephone Mr Milburn to ascertain his intentions.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- the Covid infection rate is increasing within the county, particularly in the 0-19 age group. There are 44 patients suffering with the illness currently in the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treliske
- vaccination against both 'flu and Covid (and especially the booster jab) is highly recommended
- Treliske has today declared a clinical incident, which means it cannot take any more patients for the moment. There are some 120 people occupying beds who are fit enough to return home but who lack the necessary home-care. He reminded members and families of the £1,200 grant which is available to help fund extra costs

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involved in caring for family members at home when otherwise those patients would have to remain in hospital

- the rising numbers of older residents and the related cost of their care has meant that several private care providers have had no option other than to return their residents to the care of Cornwall (the statutory provider of care). This has led to significant issues with staffing
- Treliske is offering interested jobless folk free-of-charge carer training
- Cornwall is looking for houses to purchase to house homeless people. Further, it has sited Bunk Cabins in various locations, but neither begins to address the need. A question was raised on quite how the Authority will deter homeless people living in other areas from coming to Cornwall to take advantage of this initiative
- the children of those families who, because of their circumstances, receive free school meals during the school term, will be offered free meals during the coming half-term holiday
- he urged the Council to consider becoming part of the pilot plan to introduce “20’s plenty” traffic calming restrictions
- Farm Cornwall offers a one-stop shop for farmers seeking advice and help on any and all subjects to do with agriculture including benefit and welfare advice. A useful contact is Edward Richardson 01736 367589
- GLL, which operates Cornwall Council owned public Leisure Centres, is proposing to close the Ships and Castle Leisure Centre in Falmouth. Residents are invited to write to Cornwall Council, particularly if they oppose closure
- Cornwall Council will have a projected shortfall of £87m of revenue in the coming year: proposed redundancies will save some £18m
- the next Community Network meeting will be on November 23; the local Climate Change committee meets on November 10 and a Cornwall Climate Change Conference (COP) will be held on November 8

Members raised the following points for consideration

- daffodil farmers in particular seek seasonal workers and have accommodation ready: this offers the ideal opportunity for homeless, jobless people
- service contracts awarded to commercial enterprises by Cornwall Council should be cancelled and the work brought back in-house
- the car-park machines are still not working: this causes residents confusion and dismay. (A commercial enterprise has the contract to collect the money and service the machines, but cannot find the staff)
- tenancy decisions about farms owned by Cornwall are now made by Officers (with little or no experience of farming) rather than Councillors, who often have that experience. This was customary in the past
- in line with Central Government thinking, Cornwall Council does not recognise the fact that agriculture and food production (Cornwall’s largest contributor to its economy) sequesters carbon and that the potential carbon sequestration as a result of restoring degraded grasslands is significant
- the agreed road markings in Port Navas have only been part-completed.

6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Constantine Lawn Cemetery

Members considered a revision of the fees payable at the Lawn Cemetery (last revised November 2018) Following discussion, Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded, all others in agreement that the fees should be revised upwards in line with the list attached to these minutes.

Notice-board in The Square

Members considered a qualified quotation from Mr Searle in the sum of £1,343.46 to make and fit a replacement notice-board for The Square. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Painter seconded and it was agreed to accept this quotation.

Alice Hext Trust

Members considered a quotation from South West Play to replace the four-seat swing in the children’s play area in the sum of £3,986.00 + VAT. Following discussion, Cllr Andrew proposed and it was agreed to accept this quotation.

7 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA21/07969 Mr D.Cross – To provide ancillary accommodation to Treviades Wollas by the conversion of a studio and adjoining store into self contained accommodation for multi-use (family, staff or letting) by the construction of a new porch with wheelchair access and the reconfiguration of the adjoining store roof – Treviades Wollas, Constantine. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

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PA21/08556 Dr S.Gadd – Proposed extension to existing residential property – Lower Treculliacks House, Constantine. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Painter seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council is supportive of the applicant's wish to extend the existing residential property. However, it feels strongly that the design of the proposed extension is not in-keeping with the surrounding built environment and that visually it would harm the area as a whole. Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA21/08692 Mr P.Evans – To remove a section of garden wall and insert a gate – Merrivale, The Level. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/08767 Mr Neil Jolliffe – Single storey extension to the rear of the existing dwelling and associated works – Windmill Cottage, Lower Treleggan, Lower Treculliacks. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Painter seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council is supportive of the applicant's wish to extend the existing residential property. However, the proposed wooden finish to the proposed extension is out of keeping with the immediately adjoining range of old farm buildings. Moreover the height of the proposed extension means it is at risk of becoming the dominant building. In the circumstances, Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA21/09086 Mr M.Mullaly – Demolition of existing rear external steps. New rear external ground floor door opening for access to garden. Construction of new stair to first floor lounge and new external first floor rear door – The Stables, Church Square. Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Painter seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *In its observations on the earlier Listed Building application (PA20/08809), Constantine Parish Council stated that it believed that the addition of a galvanised metal landing and associated hand-rail will radically alter the exterior view of this historic building and would therefore not be appropriate in this context. The Council notes the amended application contains a statement that both the Case Officer and Historic Environment support this application in principle. Moreover, the Council acknowledges, albeit reluctantly, that a hand-rail in such a situation is probably considered essential nowadays and that one made of black-painted metal is probably more acceptable than one made of galvanised iron. However, Constantine Parish Council believes that the external staircase as it stands is such an important aspect of the Listing, that to demolish part of it and indeed to punch a hole through the wall into the existing downstairs bedroom will significantly and irretrievably alter this C18 building. It therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA21/09691 Mr and Mrs Layton – Erection of new dwelling house and new access road with variation of condition 2 (approved plans) in respect of decision PA19/06326 dated 11/09/2019 – Magpie Hill Brillwater. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Batley-Birch seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/09879 Mr J.Seal – Non-material amendment (NMA2) for change from natural stone finish to a lime or lime effect render finish on one elevation of the extension to PA20/00441 dated 02/03/2020 – The Cart House, Retallack Farm. Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council does not support this application. The proposed change of finish is out of keeping with the surrounding farm buildings and especially Retallack Farm (a Grade 2 Listed Building constructed of granite rubble and dressed quoins) which lies within twenty-five metres of the proposal.*

PA21/10026 Mrs Pearce – Proposed single storey rear extension with replacement roof and associated works – Lizal, High Cross. Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA21/05498 APPROVED – Replacement of garden shed with larger garden shed and erection of domestic polytunnel – 2 Inow Terrace, Port Navas – *noted*

8 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that

- he now has permission to re-site the defibrillator at Port Navas on the gable end of the Village Hall
- planning permission is being sought to generate electricity using geo-thermal technology at Manhay
- an offer has been made to site another bench in the Lawn Cemetery and he is currently seeking concrete ends
- he will contact the Cornish hedger who, very successfully, re-built the hedge fronting Trebarvah Road with a view to repairing a small section of the older hedge on the village side of the gate.

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9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at October 21, 2021. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Constantine Christmas Lights Committee for financial help towards the cost of its work. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Thomson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Batley-Birch, 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 the Constantine Christmas Lights Committee.

The following accounts were tendered for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Pleasance		£ 308.90		
R.Sanders				
Church and cemetery	£840.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 390.00			
Port Navas Quay	£ 30.00			
Bowling Green to Penbothidno	£ 45.00			
	total	£ 1,566.00	£ 1,305.00	£ 261.00
Who gives a ... Ltd (convenience sundries)		£ 180.00	£ 150.00	£ 36.00
Biffa (Viridor Waste Management)		£ 49.38	£ 41.15	£ 8.23
SSE (public lighting)		£ 89.20	£ 84.96	£ 4.24
Source for Business (Mini convenience)		£ 83.94		
Source for Business (Cemetery)		£ 15.13		
SSE Contracting (maintenance of public lighting)		£ 777.60	£ 648.00	£ 129.60
Colin Chapman				
Salary (September)	£ 625.77			
telephone	£ 41.38			
office expenses	£ 40.87			
travelling	£ 39.34			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 772.36		

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

The following accounts relating to the Recreation Ground were tendered for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
SW Playground Safety Inspections	£ 30.00	£ 25.00	£ 5.00
SW Playground Safety Inspections (equipment repair)	£ 360.00	£ 300.00	£ 60.00

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

Members noted the following receipts

F,Wearne & Sons (Mrs Merrifield)	£ 60.00
CC Closed cemetery grant	£ 441.67
Electricity meter	£ 80.00

10 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees or Representatives.

11 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Thanking Cllr Painter and all those who had helped weed the newly established Blackthorn whips on the Recreation Field hedge, the Chairman observed that the job would probably have to be repeated for at least the next three years!.

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday November 21, 2021 in The Vestry, Constantine. This venue is to be confirmed.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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