

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday January 20, 2022 at 7.30pm in The Vestry.

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

Visitors: CCllr Bastin and Mrs Clowes.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Clowes reported that an initial meeting to discuss the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations within the village had taken place recently at the Queen's Arms. She stated that a number of interesting and exciting ideas had been put forward and suggested that the Parish Council might like to consider involving itself in the following proposals

- sourcing a beacon to be lit on June 2 to coincide with the lighting of the national chain of beacons
- creating a lasting legacy for the village (possibly a replacement bus shelter, a 'listening post' or a simple plaque)
- subsidizing the Big Village Lunch and/or the tea
- funding for various activities

The Council agreed to discuss these ideas and other related matters at the meeting in February. (The next meeting of the group will be on March 21 in the Queen's Arms and, for those who cannot attend on that date, a secondary meeting will be held in ' Monty's' on Friday March 25 at 10.00am.)

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Batley-Birch (personal) sent her apologies for absence. Cllr A.Carter proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to accept her apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

Cllr Nicholls declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 7 (PA21/11882).

Cllr Nicholls declared a sensitive, but non-disclosable, interest in Agenda item 7 (PA21/12837).

of gifts (received as a result of being a member of the Council) of a value greater than £50 either in the form of a single gift or as a cumulative total of a value greater than £50

There were no declarations of gifts of a value greater than £50.

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, Cllr Jeffrey and Cllr Mrs Scott who were absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday December 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

Cllr Nicholls asked if there had been any progress with the concerns expressed about planning enforcement within the parish and, in particular, whether or not there had been any response to the Council's letters. The Clerk reported that neither Cornwall Council nor Mr George Eustice MP had replied. CCllr Bastin reported that Mr Eustice is keen to meet the Council about these concerns and is looking at a date in late March.

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5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- Cornwall Council has declared a critical incident with the provision of its Social Care duties. Demand for social care has outstripped available staffing numbers. The declaration gives Cornwall extra powers including access to more money and the ability to juggle staff more effectively
- three Cornwall Council Care Homes have been moth-balled with immediate effect
- there are some 180 people in Treliske Hospital who, although ready to return to their homes, cannot be released because the necessary continuing care is unavailable
- Cornwall is selling some forty of its offices, believing that its Officers can work just as effectively at home as they do in an office
- in time, Cornwall's plan is to lower the speed limit to 20mph on all existing 30mph restricted roads
- expressions of interest in seeking funding for Highway Schemes must be submitted to the Community Network office by February 28
- Falmouth Town Council has organised a training day at the Princess Pavilion for all those who would like to take on the role of voluntary Tree Warden within their community.

Cllr Mrs Scott drew attention to the speed of delivery vans in particular which use the roads through Seworgan and wondered if a gateway scheme might be introduced. It was suggested that not everyone is a fan of such urbanisation.

In answer to a question from Cllr Painter, CCllr Bastin undertook to enquire about the provision of Automated Traffic Counters on roads into Constantine. These will not only give an indication of the number of vehicles using the roads, but can also record classes of vehicles and the speeds at which they are travelling.

In answer to a further question from Cllr Painter, CCllr Bastin said that there is a requirement in place for the newly designed Climate Wheel to be used by Cornwall when making all future decisions.

6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

PA/20/06881 Trebarvah Court

The Clerk reported that he had forwarded an e-mail to the Chairman of Cornwall Council and to the Chairman of the West Sub-Area Planning Committee concerning the construction of a further twenty-five dwellings on land adjoining Trebarvah Court. He had received a reply which had not addressed the questions asked and he had therefore drafted a further letter which he would forward to Members for comment before sending.

7 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

As the adjoining owner of land, Cllr Nicholls declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following application. He remained in the room, but took no part in the voting.

PA21/11882 Messrs J. J. K. O. P. and C.Hyde – Outline planning permission with some matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) reserved for the construction of a dwelling – land South of former Mill Garage Trewardreva. Cllr Wickins, Cllr Painter seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council views this application as being one for a new home in the countryside. It represents an intrusion of the built environment into the rural landscape on which it will have an adverse effect. Development in this location is unsustainable: it is remote from services, and if permitted, will create further vehicular movements on the narrow, twisting roads which serve the surrounding area. Constantine Parish Council believes the proposal conflicts with the aims and intentions of policies 1, 2 and 23 of the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies 2010 - 2030 and requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA21/12186 Mr and Mrs Dickinson – Construction of detached garage with ancillary accommodation within the loft space – The Old Smithy, Jobs Water. Mrs Thomson, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council believes the proposed accommodation is too remote from the existing dwelling to be considered as being ancillary and that the proposal therefore amounts to permission for a new dwelling in the countryside. Constantine Parish Council therefore requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA21/12364 Mr J.Bowden – Erection of a general purpose building for the undercover storage of groundworks machinery – Carloggas View, Trebarvah Woon. Cllr A.Carter proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA21/12572 Mrs J.Beattie – Single storey extension to ground floor bedroom creating disabled access and ground floor shower room – The Look Out, Port Navas. Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Jeffery seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application*

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As an immediate member of the family, Cllr Nicholls declared a sensitive but non-disclosable interest in the following application. He left the meeting.

PA21/12837 Mr R.Nicholls – Proposed new dwelling within rear garden area of Trelawney House and associated works and extension to existing dwelling for access – Trelawney House. Bowling Green. Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/00154 Mrs C.Bowyer – Hipped to gable loft conversion – 5 Bowling Green. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Scott seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/00243 Mr G.Brew – Works to a tree in a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) for the pollarding of T1 Oak – Bettys Meadow, Trewince Lane, Port Navas. Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Subject to the prior approval of the County Tree Officer, Constantine Parish Council will support this application.*

Decisions

PA20/06881 APPROVED – Erect a mix of 25 affordable intermediate homes and rented homes with associated highways and drainage works – land North of Trebarvah Court Trebarvah Road, Constantine – *noted*

PA21/07969 APPROVED – To provide ancillary accommodation to Treviades Wollas by the conversion of a studio and adjoining store for use by family, non-paying guests and care staff, as well as holiday accommodation, including the construction of a new porch with wheelchair access and the reconfiguration of the adjoining store roof – Treviades Wollas. – *noted*

PA21/09908 APPROVED – Upgrade of an existing sail workshop and accommodation to a workshop and an annexe, including holiday letting use – 2 Treworval Cottages, Treworval – *noted*

8 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that he will forward letters to Cornwall Council concerning Automated Traffic Counters and, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, questions concerning planning numbers for Members' approval.

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at January 20, 2022. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were tendered for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Pleasance	£ 308.90		
Biffa (cemetery waste)	£ 31.07	£ 25.89	£ 5.13
Enerveo (Parish lighting maintenance)	£ 388.80	£ 324.00	£ 64.80
SSE (public lighting)	£ 100.71	£ 95.92	£ 4.79
Cornwall Council (election recharges)	£ 255.00		
R.Sanders			
Church and cemetery	£ 1,075.00		
Recreation Ground	£ 195.00		
PROW 1 (clearing)	£ 15.00		
Bowling Green footpath	£ 25.00		
total	£ 1,572.00	£ 1,310.00	£ 262.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (December)	£ 625.77		
telephone	£ 32.37		
office expenses	£ 31.83		
travelling	£ 28.29		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 743.26		

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Thomson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Scott, all others in favour that the above seven accounts be paid.

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The following accounts in relation to expenses for the Recreation Ground were tendered

	GROSS	NET	VAT
SW Playground Safety Inspections	£ 30.00	£ 25.00	£ 5.00
South West Playground Safety Inspections	£ 150.00	£ 125.00	£ 25.00

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

10 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from committees or representatives.

11 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Andrew reported that Mr Sanders had repaired the surface of the car-park and done a good job.

Members noted that

- OpenReach appears to have simply abandoned a junction cabinet at the Seworgan/Treculliaks cross-roads
- the junction between the surface of the road through Port Navas and the road up to Calamansac has opened and requires attention
- Rev'd Tom Ebbens from Fore Street has been appointed to the full-time role of Chaplain to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency: the first such appointment. Speaking on behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Painter offered him the Council's congratulations and best wishes for the future.

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday February 17, 2022.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.36pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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