

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday February 17, 2022 at 7.30pm in The Vestry.

**Present:**

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

**Visitors:** CCllr Bastin, Mr McCabe, Mr Mullaly and Mr Wells.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Mullaly had brought an artistic impression of proposed alterations to his home: an application for pre-application advice is currently with the Planning Authority. He stated that he was aware that the Council could not comment at this stage, but hoped that, when the time came, Councillors would recognise the effort he has made to integrate his extension within the Conservation Area.

Mr Wells stated that he was present as Mr North's agent to seek the Parish Council's support for the retrospective application for a garage at Chi an Bownder (PA22/01281).

## 1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Batley-Birch (personal) Cllr Mrs Scott (personal) and Cllr Nicholls (work) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to accept her 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 £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. all others in favour that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday January 20, 2022 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

Members noted that green paint (which has since washed away) had been painted around the damaged joint between the road through Port Navas and the road up to Calamansac.

BT has been informed about the redundant cabinet on the road-side at Seworgan, but it is still there and the door is still swinging wildly in the wind.

## 5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- Cornwall Council's Public Health Department is keen to encourage all residents to continue to follow Covid precautions: hands, face, space

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- a new document entitled Prosperous Cornwall 2050 which deals in particular with Climate Change, Health and Community and Local Hubs (which possibly bear more than a passing resemblance to the old District Councils) is due to be published shortly
- the Draft Budget which proposes an increase in Council Tax of 2.99% (which figure includes 1% for Social Care) is due to be considered on Tuesday
- a second case-work assist session is scheduled for March 25 at 5.00pm
- Transport for Cornwall has arranged a deal such that ticket holders may now use tickets on all bus providers. A zoning system, possibly based on Community Network areas, will shortly be introduced allowing passengers a single rate across the zone of £3 and a half-fare for those under nineteen
- a major weather alert (a Red Alert) between 7.00am and noon has been issued for the North coast tomorrow: Constantine itself will be in an Amber Zone which will last from 5.00am until 9.00pm
- the next Community Network meeting will be on March 22 and will make use of MS Teams
- face-to-face meetings are scheduled to be reintroduced with effect from April 1

The Chairman asked if the proposed cuts of 410 jobs from Cornwall Council will be felt across the board. CCllr Bastin stated that he understood that to be so and that, for example, the Planning Department would be losing 10% of its work-force.

In answer to a further question, CCllr Bastin reported that he had asked Alan Mason for a full list of extant planning enforcement allegations some while ago, but that he is still waiting for it.

## 6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### PA/20/06881 Trebarvah Court

The Clerk reported that, in answer to the Parish Council's e-mail concerning its earlier enquiry pertaining to the information given by Officers to elected member of the Planning Committee, he had received an e-mail from Mrs Amy Wall (a Principal Support Officer with the Planning and Sustainable Development Department at Cornwall Council) which stated that Cornwall had no further comment to make. Members did not consider this was an appropriate response to a valid concern from a statutory consultee and resolved to escalate the matter further in an effort to arrive at the facts.

*The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to consider Agenda Item 8 Planning Matters at this point*

## 8 PLANNING MATTERS

### Applications

PA22/00158 Mr J.Pullen (Arb-Right) – Works to a tree subject to a tree preservation order for the felling of two dead trees. In addition, works to crown lifting of lime tree to achieve 30% clearance – Ponsaverran, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Subject to the prior approval of the County Tree Officer, Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/00299 Mr F.Lamb – Demolition of a single storey kitchen and utility to the rear of the dwelling and replace with an extended ground floor – 1 Inow Cottages, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Painter seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/00310 Mr and Mrs McCabe – Demolition of Existing Barn, Construction of New Dwelling and Associated Works – redundant Barn adj Homelands, Constantine. Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Jeffery seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *It is Constantine Parish Council's opinion that the proposal site is located outside of any defined settlement and that it is therefore located within the open countryside.. Residential development in this location will harm the rural character of the area and, as such is contrary both to a number of policies contained in the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies 2010 – 2030 and to paragraphs contained within the National Planning Policy Framework 2021. Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA22/00544 Mr R.Beeman – Works to a tree in a conservation area, works to include the felling of a Domestic Malus (apple tree) and replacement with a Cornish Aromatic or similar apple tree – 9 Church Square, Constantine. Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Subject to the prior approval of the County Tree Officer, Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/01059 Mr J.Seal – Non-Material amendment in relation to decision notice PA20/02587. Increase size of timber shed from 4 metres deep to 5 metres deep and increase height of roof apex from 4 metres to 5 metres – land to SW Of The Cart House, Retallack Farm, Tresahor. Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council understands that any proposed increase in size cannot be considered to be a non-material amendment.*

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PA22/01281 Mr G.North – Retrospective application for domestic garage – Chi An Bownder, Brillwater Road. Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, Mrs Thomson against, all others in agreement to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

### **Decisions**

PA21/04970 APPROVED – Construction of a boat shed in the south west corner of the site, roughly on the footprint of a former shed / workshop building – The Oyster House, Port Navas – *noted*

PA21/08556 WITHDRAWN – Proposed extension to existing residential property – Lower Treculliacks House – *noted*

PA21/11546 WITHDRAWN – Proposed single storey oak framed extension to existing house, creating dining room. Landscaping works to create private parking area – Rose Cottage, Trevassack – *noted*

PA21/12008 REFUSED – Certificate of Lawfulness for the Existing use of a detached carport/garage – Chi An Bownder, Brillwater Road – *noted*

PA21/12572 APPROVED – Single storey extension to ground floor bedroom creating disabled access and ground floor shower room – The Look Out, Port Navas – *noted*

PA22/00154 APPROVED – Hipped to gable loft conversion – 5 Bowling Green – *noted*

## **7 PARISH MATTERS**

### **HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Cllr Wickins proposed that this matter should be discussed at a single item agenda meeting. There was insufficient support for this proposal.

Members considered the contents of an e-mail from Mrs Tracey Clowes, who chairs the advisory committee, concerning matters to do with the celebration of HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the village. Following discussion it was agreed

- to allocate £1,000 towards incidental expenses including tablecloths, flags, banners, willow, tissue, tree (presumably for planting in late October?) and materials ... and anything else the committee feels appropriate. Further, to consider any future request sympathetically.
- to fund the purchase of 400 mugs to be distributed to all the children in the School (both pre-school and the school proper) and to be offered to all youngsters aged 16 and under resident in the Parish
- that Cllrs Howard Bolt and Tessa Thomson will assist with the judging of the children's entries for the design of a Jubilee logo

Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to forward £1,000 to the advisory committee to be put towards incidental expenses for the village Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Cllr Jeffery reminded members that he had undertaken to create a large flower trough to be sited on the school corner: members agreed that this would make an attractive, permanent addition to the village street scene and the Garden Society's offer to look after the planting was gratefully accepted.

The question of the Parish Council's legacy project will be discussed at the meeting in March.

## **9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that he had received a number of complaints about the lack of sufficient waste collection bins in the cemetery. He reminded Councillors that collection of the waste from the existing 240l bin was carried out on a weekly basis, but suggested that consideration might be given towards the purchase of an additional bin and weekly collection. He further drew members' attention to the fact that the parish currently pays Biffa £7.75 a month to hire the existing bin. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed to end the contract for the hire of the existing bin, to purchase two 240l wheelie bins and to add weekly collection from the second bin to the contract. Councillors expressed amazement that visitors to the cemetery are seemingly content to leave litter on the ground surrounding the existing bin.

## **10 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at February 17, 2022. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Cornwall Air Ambulance for financial help with the work done by the Trust. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Wickins seconded, all in favour that, using the General Power of Competence (adopted by Constantine Parish Council on May 20, 2021), Constantine Parish Council should forward the sum of £100 to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust.

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The following accounts were tendered for payment

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Mrs J.Pleasance	£ 308.90		
EdF Energy	£ 18.41	£ 17.53	£ 0.88
Biffa (cemetery waste)	£ 41.95	£ 34.96	£ 6.99
Source for Business (Churchyard)	£ 22.05		
Source for Business (Public convenience)	£ 106.14		
SSE (public lighting)	£ 83.66	£ 79.68	£ 3.98
R.Sanders			
Church and cemetery	£ 400.00		
Recreation Ground	£ 195.00		
Salt bins	£ 320.00		
Bowling Green footpath	£ 25.00		
total	£ 1,098.00	£ 915.00	£ 183.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (January)	£ 625.77		
telephone	£ 49.62		
office expenses	£ 38.45		
travelling	£ 21.22		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 760.06		

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

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

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
EdF Energy	£ 28.91	£ 27.53	£ 1.38
Southwest Playground Safety Inspections	£ 30.00	£ 25.00	£ 5.00

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

Members noted the following receipt

Cornwall Funeral Services (Mrs P.Ingram) £ 800.00

## **11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

There were no reports from committees or representatives.

## **12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLOR**

Members noted that there will be a virtual meeting of the 20s Plenty Team on March 1: Cllr Painter has signed up to attend.

Following a request from Cllr Andrew, who is the Vice-Chairman of Constantine Cottage Garden Society, members acting as the Managing Trustee of the Recreation Ground agreed that, in line with other users, the annual rent for siting the Society's shipping container on the Recreation Ground will be waived

## **13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday March 17, 2022 in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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