

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:	Cllr P.Carter	Cllr C.Painter
	Cllr J.Andrew	Cllr R.Wickins
	Cllr H.Bolt	
	Cllr A.Carter	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: Mr and Mrs Vella.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Vella stated that he and his wife were present simply to present their amended proposals to extend their home, Polwartha Farm House, in order to accommodate their growing family. He stated that they had heeded the advice given by the Planning Officer following their earlier application and hoped that Constantine Parish Council would be able to support this application once it has been validated.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Batley-Birch (personal), Cllr Jeffery (personal), Cllr Nicholls (work), Cllr Mrs Scott (personal) and Cllr Mrs Thomson (personal) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Wickins seconded and it was agreed to accept these apologies. CCllr Bastin also forwarded his apologies for non-attendance.

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 Wickins proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, all others in favour that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday February 17, 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 both that the road through Nancenoy and Polwheveral is in a very poor state of repair and that the gap in the road through Port Navas at the point where the road to Calamansac joins it has still not been repaired – and that the green paint markings have worn away. The Clerk undertook to report both issues.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Through the Clerk, CCllr Bastin reported that

- Covid levels in Cornwall have never been higher. There is a new Omicron variant (Omicron 2.2) that appears to be extremely transmissible
- despite strong objections from the Cornwall Councillors in the Falmouth Penryn Community Network, the Cabinet has closed the Ships and Castles leisure facility with effect from the end of March. Falmouth Town Council is seriously looking at taking it over

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- Councils can apply for CIL funding up to £100,000 from Cornwall Council from the 4th April 2022. A brief summary of the project needs to be submitted stating what it will achieve locally. If the Expression of Interest is successful a full application would be needed by the end of October 2022
- the Lord Lieutenant (Edward Bolitho) and Bishop Philip of Truro are arranging a colourful, celebratory parade through Truro on June 2, 2022 from 12.30 pm. The parade will finish on the steps of Truro Cathedral Town and Parish Councils are invited to join the parade
- Cornwall Council is promoting a 'No Mow May'. Parks and Road Verges will be allowed to go wild to promote biodiversity.

6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Vestry Window

Members considered a quotation in the sum of £1,533.00 from Mr P.Steele trading as 'One of a Kind' for the making and finishing of a replacement window in the Upper Vestry. Following discussion, Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed to accept this quotation. The Clerk reminded members that the cost of fitting the new window will be charged directly.

Public Rights of Way

Members considered an invitation from Cornwall Council to continue with the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme. The grant offered for the year to March 31, 2023 is £3,259.51 (or 100% of eligible costs, whichever is the lower). Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded all in favour that Constantine Parish Council should accept the terms relating to the Local Maintenance Partnership as offered by Cornwall Council for the year to March 31, 2023.

Insurance Policy

Members reviewed the terms of Constantine Parish Council's Insurance Policy and considered an invitation from A.J.Gallagher to renew insurance cover with Hiscox in the sum of £1,826.08. Following discussion, Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Wickins seconded, all others in favour to renew Constantine Parish Council's insurance with Hiscox through A,L,Gallagher in the sum of £1,826.08

7 PARISH MATTERS

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Members noted that, under the leadership of Mrs Clowes, plans for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee within the village appear to be well advanced.

The Chairman undertook to present the mugs to the children at the school on Friday May 29 and Cllr Bolt, the Vice Chairman, undertook to help plant the tree in the Recreation Ground.

The question of the Parish Council's legacy project was discussed with no hard and fast conclusion. "Something in granite" was the preferred option: a bird bowl and sundial, a drinking fountain, a guide-post similar to the guide-post at the junction of Vicarage Terrace and Bowling Green or a Cornish Cross with the official Platinum Jubilee logo incised into the top roundel were among the suggestions. The matter will be discussed, again, at the meeting in April.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA22/00745 Mr R.Bassett – Proposed single storey oak framed extension to existing house. Change of use of part of agricultural field and associated landscaping works to create new private parking area. Replacement of PVC and non heritage timber windows and doors in existing Rose Cottage with new timber framed conservation/heritage 14mm double glazed casement windows – Rose Cottage, Trevassack. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr A.Carter seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/00746 Mr R.Bassett – Listed Building Consent: Proposed single storey oak framed extension to existing house. Change of use of part of agricultural field and associated landscaping works to create new private parking area. Replacement of PVC and non heritage timber windows and doors in existing Rose Cottage with new timber framed conservation/heritage 14mm double glazed casement windows – Rose Cottage, Trevassack. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr A.Carter seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/02207 Mr & Mrs A.Carter – Construction of two storey extension and rear sunroom and associated works – Trengilly Farm Cottage. Members noted that the Planning Officer tasked with considering this application has been told that Constantine Parish Council will make no observation.

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Decisions

PA21/10534 APPROVED – Demolition of an existing domestic garage/store/workshop and erection of a replacement garage/store/workshop with holiday accommodation above – The Mill, Brill – *noted*

PA22/00243 APPROVED – Works to a tree in a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) for the pollarding of T1 Oak – Bettys Meadow, Trewince Lane, Port Navas – *noted*

PA22/01059 NOT ACCEPTABLE AS AMENDMENT – 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 – *noted*

PA22/01281 APPROVED – Retrospective application for domestic garage – Chi An Bownder, Brillwater Road – *noted*

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing to report.

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Members considered a request from Constantine Social Club for a financial contribution towards the cost of musical entertainment on the evening of Saturday June 4 to celebrate HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The event will be free and open to all. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, all others 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 £200.00 to the Constantine Social Club.

Members considered a request for financial help towards the running costs incurred by the Constantine Silver Band. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wickins, seconded by Cllr Andrew, 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 £400.00 to the Constantine Silver Band.

The following accounts were tendered for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC		£ 719.69		
Mrs J.Pleasance		£ 308.90		
Cormac Solutions Ltd		£ 156.00	£ 130.00	£ 26.00
British Bins		£ 118.80	£ 99.00	£ 19.80
Biffa (cemetery waste)		£ 51.94	£ 43.28	£ 8.66
SSE (public lighting)		£ 83.66	£ 79.68	£ 3.98
One of a Kind (Square notice-board)		£ 780.00		
EdF Energy		£ 95.04	£ 90.51	£ 4.53
R.Sanders				
Church and cemetery	£ 400.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 895.00			
	total	£ 1,554.00	£ 1,295.00	£ 259.00
Chown China Ltd (Jubilee mugs)		£ 2,756.16	£ 2,296.80	£ 459.16
Colin Chapman				
Salary (February)	£ 625.77			
Sundries for convenience	£ 8.24			
telephone	£ 29.25			
office expenses	£ 41.66			
travelling	£ 35.36			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 765.28		

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

The following account in relation to expenses for the Recreation Ground was tendered

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Southwest Playground Safety Inspections			
Inspection and repairs	£ 690.00	£ 575.00	£ 115.00

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

Members noted the following receipt

CC LMP payment	£ 3,126.84
Keith Penrose (Mrs Little)	£ 200.00
Pavilion electricity meter	£ 50.00

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from committees or representatives.

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLOR

Cllr Painter reported that he had joined a virtual meeting to discuss the 20s Plenty proposals, but that the villages of both Constantine (which already benefits from a 20mph speed limit and Seworgan (which, being so small, does not qualify) had been dismissed in a sentence. The proposal is to lower every 30mph limit throughout the county to 20mph. He opined that, while older people had greater worries about traffic (and particularly the ever increasing number of vehicles on the road) younger people appeared to be less responsible in their approach to driving. He did not believe the solution is to require motorists to go more slowly (which, he said, places greater strains on a vehicle and increases emissions thereby damaging the environment), but for drivers to adapt their speed to road conditions. It is envisaged that the 20mph limit will be enforced by police responding to reports from members of the public. Cllr Painter believed that the scheme would make car drivers even more vulnerable to speeding fines and that the logical extension to this particular scheme would be the imposition of ultra-low emission zones portending yet further taxes on the motorist. Members of the public may like to complete the 20's Plenty Public Consultation document. This consultation runs from March 10-31 and can be accessed at www.cornwall.gov.uk/TrafficConsult

Speaking of the response to Constantine Parish Council's Freedom of Information enquiry to Cornwall Council, Cllr Painter noted that 95 units of social and/or affordable rented properties within the parish of Constantine are within the purview of Cornwall Council and its Housing Association partners. Further, it appears that planning permission for the construction of residential properties within Falmouth, Penryn Community Network area already well exceeds the stated and agreed allocation for 2010-2030. Speaking of Coastline, Cllr Painter stated that the size of its profits (which have been built on the back of social rents) suggests that the company should consider making its rents more affordable and therefore more proportionate to tenants' income. He added that Coastline's disposal policy aims to weed out all those properties where heating costs exceed £600 a year. This is a purely arbitrary figure and nowadays probably allows Coastline to sell the greater part of its estate. The figure clearly needs revision, but more importantly, it leads to a requirement for yet further construction.

Members noted that

- there has been an increase in fly-tipping locally
- an Investment Company based in the Isle of Man has been contacting land owners in the district asking if they have any land suitable for building available for sale.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday April 21, 2022 in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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