

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday May 19, 2022 in The Vestry immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Present: Cllr P.Carter Cllr E.Jeffery
Cllr J.Andrew Cllr C.Painter
Cllr Mrs E.Batley Birch Cllr Mrs T.Thomson
Cllr A.Carter Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitor: Mr Hladowski.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Hladowski stated that he was present to seek the Parish Council's support for his application. He said that although there is a great deal of work to be done on his house to bring it up to standard, his intention is that all the alterations he intends making will be done sympathetically and in keeping with the Conservation Area, although the proposed energy-saving additions will be visible and represent a change to the historic aspect of the building.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed that Cllr Paul Carter be elected to the Chair of Constantine Parish Council for the year 2022 – 2023.

2 CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Carter read aloud, signed and dated the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman of Constantine Parish Council for the year 2022 – 2023 in the presence of the Clerk and the Council.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllt Bolt (personal), Cllr Mrs Scott (indisposed), Cllr Nicholls (work) and Cllr Wickins (personal) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Andrew proposed and it was agreed to accept their apologies. Cllr Bastin also sent his apologies.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

in items on the agenda

As the appointed contractor, Cllr Jeffery declared a disclosable interest in Agenda item 9 (PA2203767).

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 (received as a result of being a member of the Council) of a value greater than £25

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Painter proposed and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday April 21, 2022 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

6 MATTERS ARISING AND NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THIS AGENDA

Cllr Painter stated that the perspex in the bus shelter needs replacing as a matter of some urgency. The Clerk undertook to instruct a contractor.

7 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

In the absence of Cllr Bastin there was no report.

8 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed that, subject to his agreement, Cllr Bolt be elected to the position of Vice-Chairman of Constantine Parish Council for the year 2022 – 2023. This appointment will be confirmed at the meeting in June.

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Standing Orders

Cllr A.Carter proposed Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that Constantine Parish Council should re-adopt Standing Orders as last revised in June 2018.

Financial Regulations

Cllr A.Carter proposed Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that Constantine Parish Council should re-adopt Financial Regulations as last revised in July 2018.

Risk Assessment document

Cllr A.Carter proposed Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that Constantine Parish Council should re-adopt the Risk Assessment document as last revised in March 2015.

Election of Councillors to posts of responsibility and committees

Members agreed that the following Councillors will undertake the following duties in the coming year

- Bank signatories – Cllr Carter, Cllr Jeffery and the Clerk
- Lawn Cemetery – Cllr Bolt,
- Port Navas Village Hall representative – Cllr Wickins (subject to his agreement)
- Constant Times report – this was left open
- Community Network Panel – Cllr Andrew, Cllr Mrs Thomson

Internal Auditor

Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Jeffery seconded, all others in favour that Mr Peter Richards (formerly Kerrier District Council's Chief Auditor) should be re-appointed as Constantine Parish Council's Internal Auditor for the year to March 31, 2023.

Alice Hext Trust

Members considered a request from the Constantine Silver Band for permission to place a storage container on the Recreation Ground on the site of the container owned by the carnival Committee (which will shortly be removed). Following discussion, Cllr Painter proposed Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed to permit Constantine Silver Band to place a second storage container on the Recreation Ground.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Clerk read aloud an e-mail from Mrs Tracey Clowes itemising the events taking place over the four days of celebration. Concern was expressed about the proposal to move the Diamond Jubilee Oak simply to replace it with the Platinum Jubilee Magnolia and the Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Clowes to question this. Members agreed that Cllr Mrs Thomson would help present commemorative mugs to those youngsters from the Parish who are educated elsewhere than at Constantine School and that any surplus mugs should be sold for £10 apiece. There was general agreement that Mrs Clowes and her team have done a really splendid job.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA22/02782 Mr and Mrs Papastavros – Proposed New Dwelling and Garage – Panoramic View, Tucoyse Lane, Higher Brill. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded, all others in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Council views this application as being one for a new residential property in the countryside and, in this location, as one which is unsustainable. The existing settlement is remote from services, and is incapable of supporting more housing. If permitted, it will create further vehicular movements on the narrow, twisting roads which serve the surrounding area and will represent an intrusion of the built environment into the rural landscape on which it will have an adverse effect. The Parish Council has further concerns about the proposed design which neither conserves nor enhances the landscape. Finally, the proposal does not provide safe and suitable access to the Site, as required by Policy 27 of the Cornwall Local Plan. For all these reasons, Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA22/03119 Mr and Mrs King – Extension to existing cottage conversion of barn to allow additional accommodation. New vehicular access – Trebarvah Woon Cottage, Constantine. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Painter seconded, Cllr Jeffery abstained all others in favour to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Council does not support this application. The proposed extension to the cottage, far from being subservient, dominates the original building and the proposed use of wooden cladding is neither in keeping with surrounding development nor does it "sustain local distinctiveness and character and protect and where possible enhance Cornwall's natural environment and assets according to their international, national and local significance" contrary to Policy 23 of the Cornwall Local Plan. The Council has further concerns about the proposed new entrance and the consequential loss of part of the historic Cornish hedge. Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

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Having declared a disclosable interest in the following application, Cllr Jeffery took no part in the discussion or the voting.

PA22/03767 Nr C.Hladowski and Ms H.Jarvis – Rear two-storey extension replacing single-storey building. To front Fore Street elevation, a new glazed timber porch, replacement timber vertical sliding sash windows and a new parking space. Also, new garden office building – 35 Fore Street. Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Council has real concerns about the proposed solar panels on the roof facing Fore Street, believing that they will have an adverse visual impact on the Conservation Area. Were these to be removed, Constantine Parish Council would support the application. However, as matters stand, it requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

Decisions

PA21/12364 APPROVED – Erection of a general purpose building for the undercover storage of groundworks machinery – Carloggas View, Trebarvah Woon – *noted*

PA21/12837 APPROVED – Proposed new dwelling within rear garden area of Trelawney House and associated works and extension to existing dwelling for access – Trelawney House, Bowling Green – *noted*

PA22/02207 APPROVED – Construction of two storey extension and rear sunroom and associated works – Trengilly Farm Cottage, Constantine – *noted*

PA22/00745 APPROVED – 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 – *noted*

10 REPORT OF CLERK AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at May 19, 2022. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Seworgan Community for financial help towards the cost of of their party weekend on June 25 and 26. Following discussion, the Chairman proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson 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 offer financial help to the community Seworgan up to a maximum sum of £200.00

The following accounts were presented for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Pleasance		£ 329.47		
Biffa (cemetery)		£ 64.73	£ 53.94	£ 10.79
EdF Enery (The vestry)		£ 64.37	£ 61.30	£ 3.07
Source for Business (cemetery water)		£ 10.35		
Source for Business (Mini Convenience)		£ 55.25		
SSE (Public Lighting)		£ 94.96	£ 90.44	£ 4.52
R.Sanders (Gold paths 2 cuts – 1st cut)		£ 937.50	£ 781.25	£ 156.25
R.Sanders				
churchyards (09/04 & 27/04)	£ 850.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 410.00			
	total	£ 1,512.00	£ 1,260.00	£ 252.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (April)	£ 636.83			
telephone	£ 30.46			
office expenses	£ 78.39			
travelling	£ 43.32			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 814.00		

Proposed by Cllr A.Carter, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thomson, all others in favour that the above nine accounts be paid.

The following accounts in relation to expenses incurred for the Recreation Ground were presented for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
EdF Energy	£ 62.68	£ 59.70	£ 2.98

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SW Playground Safety Inspections	£ 36.00	£ 30.00	£ 6.00
Randle Thomas LLP	£ 757.20	£ 631.00	£ 126.20

Proposed by Cllr A.Carter, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thomson, all others in favour that the above three accounts be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

P.Merrifield (donation re bench)	£ 271.00
HM Revenue and Customs (refund of VAT)	£ 5,212.13

12 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports either from committees or from representatives.

13 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Members noted that

- BT has removed the cabinet from the roadside at Seworgan
- operatives at the recycling centre at Gays Meadow at Pemboa appear to be interpreting the rule concerning the requirement that only domestic waste may be left there somewhat severely. The driver of a pick-up was refused entry simply because a pick-up is considered to be a vehicle used only by commerce.

14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday June 16, 2022 at 7:00pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.27pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

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