

# THE PARISH OF CONSTANTINE

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Constantine held on Thursday May 19, 2022 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine. The Chairman of Constantine Parish Council, Cllr P.C.Carter presiding, Mr C.Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

**Present:** Cllr Andrew, Cllr Mrs E.Batley Birch, Cllr A.Carter, Cllr E.Jeffrey, Cllr Painter, Cllr Mrs Thomson and Mr Hladowski.

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllt Bolt, Cllr Mrs Scott, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Wickins sent their apologies for absence.

## **2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MAY 16, 2019**

Having been previously circulated and agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on June 17, 2021, Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday May 20, 2021 are a true record and they were signed as such by the Chairman.

## **3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr P.Carter said

"Good evening ladies, gentlemen and fellow Councillors. Welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting.

"It has, once again, been a very eventful year. Last year's meeting was held in the W.I.Hall, giving us the space to follow Covid rules.

"In discussion with a representative of 'Make Space for Nature', it was agreed that they would keep areas around the village weed-free by hand-weeding, these areas include the picnic area, around the play equipment in the Recreation Field and the bus stop area opposite the Spar Shop. The group also asked for and were given permission to plant wild-flower seeds in the verge under the hedge of the Recreation Ground.

"The Council was asked about parking on the Recreation Field, but it was decided that matters would remain the same: the gate will remain unlocked to allow emergency vehicles to gain entrance and there will be parking on the Field will not be allowed.

"Whilst on the subject of the Recreation Ground, a new fencing contractor has been appointed to replace the whole of the fence around the field after the original contractor pulled out of the project. It is hoped that this work will be completed during August. Talking of the fence, back in February, during Storm Eunice, one of the high fence posts blew over and was suspended by the wire some two feet above the kitchen roof of the first cottage up from the Social Club. Bob Sanders with one of his staff, myself with the JCB and Robert (who works for us) took down two of the worst poles and a length of fencing on what was an incredibly wet, windy and cold Saturday morning.

"The Port Navas defibrillator has now been repositioned to the outside wall of the Village Hall. The Council thanks Annabelle Lucas for hosting it for several years.

"The Parish Council has been spending money on maintenance projects. The second Vestry window has been replaced, with the third and final window to be done in the near future. We have also had a new notice-board made for The Square: it looks good and is very functional.

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“Over the year there has been quite a lot of discussion and debate about the Church Hall. Transition Constantine commissioned a survey to find out people’s thoughts. It rattled a few cages, but the general thought was that it should remain as a community building. A lot of concern was also shown about the potential loss of the parking area. At the moment, the Diocesan Finance Committee seems to be doing nothing.

“The Council has replaced waste bins in the cemetery following some complaints. The footpaths, cemeteries and open areas have been kept clear and tidy by Bob Sanders and his team. Pot-holes have been reported and filled in.

“Over the last twelve months, the members of this Council have looked at and commented on fifty-eight planning applications.

“After missing two years of Remembrance Sunday Services this year saw a good congregation attend the Church. Cllr Bolt and I laid a poppy wreath on behalf of Constantine Parish Council at the War Memorial.

“Several members of the Council along with the Clerk went down to Trengilly Wartha for a meal and a social evening. I hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves: I most certainly did!

“As we got near to the end of the year, Constantine Christmas lights started to appear. Tracey Clowes and her team of loyal workers made the village look spectacular. This Council owes a big thank you for all the hard work they put in. The Vicar organised an open-air Carol Service on the Recreation Field close to Christmas. It was well attended and it was good to see some Councillors there as well.

“Going forward, Tracey has been the main instigator of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations. It promises to be yet another memorable long weekend.

“The Parish Council has had a few differences of opinion with Cornwall Council. These differences included unanswered questions about a third exception site at Trebarvah Farm concerning quite what was and what was not said at the Planning Committee meeting, There are still on-going enforcement allegations and the difficulty last summer of being able to pay to park in a Cornwall Council car-park.

“We need to thank Cornwall Councillor John Bastin for representing us at County level and for all the hard work he does. We need to thank our Parish Clerk, Colin Chapman, for continuing to keep all parish matters in order. I need to thank Cllr Bolt as Vice-Chairman for standing in for me when I am absent.

“Finally to all my fellow Councillors, I thank you for your commitment and loyalty to the parish and community.”

#### **4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Painter reiterated his understanding and concerns about Coastline’s policy towards selling those of its properties which are in need of upgrading stating that re-housing existing tenants of what it considers to be sub-standard properties has the potential to create instability within the community.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 16, 2022

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 18, 2023

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