

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday June 16, 2022 at 7.30pm in The Vestry.

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

Visitors: CCllr J.Bastin, Mr V.White.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Bolt, assumed the Chair.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr White stated that there is growing concern within the community about food poverty and individual residents. However, having initially been concerned about the loss of the Food Bank when Rev'd Turner retires from the benefice, he now understands that it will continue to operate.

Cllr Painter assured both Mr White and Councillors that arrangements are in hand for the Food Bank to continue working as a satellite of the Falmouth and Penryn Food Bank which itself works as an affiliate of the Trussell Trust. The Trust requires beneficiaries to present a red voucher to access food. In Constantine, these vouchers are currently issued through the Doctors' Surgery, the school and Rev'd Turner. It is acknowledged that under this system there may be instances of misuse and that not all those in need will apply for a voucher or indeed will feel at ease using them. The Food Bank in Constantine does not attract large numbers, but that does not in itself imply that there are few local people who are struggling. In addition to the supply of basic food-stuffs, Food Banks can and do point the way to accessing further help from a variety of sources.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs Batley-Birch (personal), Cllr P.Carter (personal) and Cllr Jeffery (personal) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to accept these 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 Andrew proposed, Cllr Painter seconded, Cllt Bolt, Cllr Mrs Scott, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Wickins who were absent from the meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday April 21, 2022 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, Cllt Bolt Cllr Mrs Scott Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Wickins who were absent from the meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday April 21, 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

Further to the decision made last month, Cllr Wickins stated that he is happy to continue representing the Parish Council on the Port Navas Village Hall Management Committee.

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Cllr Nicholls asked if the Carnival Committee might use the old tractor shed on the Recreation Ground for storage: the container they presently use is badly in need of repair. He was assured that permission to use the shed has already been granted.

To general acclaim, it was noted that Cllr Mrs Scott has re-painted the historic finger-posts both at Seworgan and on the corner near the school. Cllr Nicholls undertook to arrange for the repair of the finger-post itself.

Similarly, it was noted that Mr Clowes has very kindly replaced the damaged perspex pane of the bus-shelter.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin there is an 80% grant (to cover the costs) available to community organisations which thanked Cllr Painter for his explanation of quite how the Food Banks operate and reported that

- information concerning the Levelling Up Regeneration Bill has recently been published by Cornwall Council
- the question of a Mayor for Cornwall is still being discussed and will be formally presented to the Council in October. It is his impression that the idea is not popular with the people of Cornwall, but nevertheless, whether or not a referendum will be held is open to question
- an 80% grant from Cornwall Council is available to community organisation to help cover the cost of organising and presenting I.T. (information technology) training for residents
- an initiative from Cornwall Council 'Time to Move' aims to keep children physically active during the summer holidays
- with effect from September, Community Network Panel meetings will be held on a face-to-face basis. The September meeting will be in the Falmouth Town Hall
- CCllr Linda Taylor will host a 'Meet the Leader' evening at The Old Cattle Market building in Helston on July 4.

The question of whether or not the cost of installing the 20mph signs in Bridge will be taken from the pot of money available under the Community Network Highways Scheme now that Cornwall is implementing 20mph zones across the county was raised. CCllr Bastin said that he would pursue this.

Further to the implementation of 20mph zones the question of educating cyclists about speed limits was raised. Cyclists can regularly be seen exceeding the 20mph limit as they pass along Fore Street.

He had no further update concerning Planning Enforcement issues within the Parish.

6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The item shown in the agenda was dealt with earlier in the year.

7 PARISH MATTERS

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Members noted Mrs Tracey Clowes' report on the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and agreed to include a copy of that report with these minutes. To unanimous agreement and on behalf of both the Parish Council and the wider community, Cllr Painter proposed a formal vote of thanks to Mrs Clowes praising her imaginative approach and motivational skills and for making such a success of the four days.

Members endorsed the earlier decision to inscribe the official Platinum Jubilee logo onto a granite post which has been offered to the Council. Members further agreed to make a firm decision about quite where to place the commemorative post at the meeting in July.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA22/04687 Mr P.Badger – Application for Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for the construction of a rural exception site of three dwellings (2 Affordable & 1 Market-led) – land North of Inow Farm, Porth Navas. Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Painter seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council does not support this application. The application site is located outside of the established settlement of Port Navas and does not represent infill or rounding off as defined in policy 3 of the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies 2010 – 2030 moreover, not being "adjacent to the existing built-up area", can it be considered an exception site. The development therefore represents an undesirable and sporadic extension of the built form into the countryside which will lead to the erosion of the character and appearance of the natural environment. In the absence of any special circumstances to justify residential development in this context, the proposal would not provide a suitable site for housing because of the conflict with the policies of the development plan and the harm to the character and appearance of the area. In particular the proposal would conflict with Policies 1, 2, 3, 7, 12 and 23 of the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies 2010 -2030 and paragraphs 11, 127, 130 and 174 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2021 which seek in this respect, amongst other things, to ensure that proposals maintain*

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and respect the special character of areas, recognising that all urban and rural landscapes, designated or undesignated, are important. Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

PA22/04787 Mr A and Mr J.Benny – Formation of agricultural shed – land south of Treviades Manor Farm. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/04856 Miss H.Thorn – Non material amendment in respect of decision notice PA19/05279 dated 20.09.2019 (as amended by PA21/05932): insert roof window in utility room and amend drawing to show subservient gable profile – Polanguy, Squirrel's Nest access to Polanguy, Trebarvah Woon. Cllr Mrs Scott proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA21/12186 APPROVED – Construction of detached garage with ancillary accommodation within the loft space – The Old Smithy, Jobs Water – *noted*

PA22/02740 APPROVED – Side extension and existing residence renovation – Polwartha Farmhouse Bowling Green – *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 June 16, 2022. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members noted that the following accounts were paid as a matter of urgency during the course of the preceding month

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Seworgan Community Committee	£ 200.00		
Mrs Carter (public convenience sundries)	£ 92.09		

The following accounts were tendered for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
HM Revenue and Customs	£ 799.61		
Mrs J.Pleasance	£ 329.47		
Biffa Waste Services Ltd	£ 86.30	£ 71.92	£ 14.38
Mrs Clowes (Jubilee expenses)	£ 637.07		
SSE (public lighting)	£ 86.43	£ 85.32	£ 4.11
R.Sanders			
Church and cemetery	£ 900.00		
Port Navas Quay	£ 40.00		
Recreation Ground	£ 410.00		
Bowling Green footpath	£ 20.00		
total	£ 1,644.00	£ 1,370.00	£ 274.00
Colin Chapman			
Salary (May)	£ 636.83		
telephone	£ 36.18		
office expenses	£ 48.85		
travelling	£ 28.29		
use of home	£ 25.00		
total	£ 775.15		

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

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
South West Play (swings)	£ 964.80	£ 804.00	£ 160.80
Southwest Playground Safety Inspections	£ 36.00	£ 30.00	£ 6.00

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

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from committees or representatives.

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12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLOR

Noting that the Official Custodian for Charities now holds the deeds for the Recreation Field, Members agreed to remove the out-of-date National Playing Fields’ Association’s notice from the Recreation Field and to offer it as an historic artefact to the Constantine Museum.

Members noted that there are concerns about the present position of the defibrillator in Port Navas, particularly at Christmas when the tree makes it difficult to access.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

.Thursday July 21, 2022 at 7.30pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed.....

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Post Jubilee Report - June 2022

The entire four days were blessed with mainly pleasant weather resulting in all events scheduled taking place, except the Bowling Club open day on Saturday 4th June.

The village looked amazing with many houses and businesses dressed for the occasion. Thanks to Carnival Committee for the Fore Street flags, but particular thanks to Peter Bradley (Christmas Lights Team) who decorated the bus stop and grassed area beyond the car parks. A visual atmosphere really setting the tone for things to come.

Before Constantine School broke for the holidays a mock Coronation was held at St Constantine Church under the guidance of Rev Stewart. The whole School attended, plus parents and some members of the public. Following this major event, Mr and Mrs Paul Carter and I went into Pre-School and Constantine School to hand out the Jubilee Mugs.

The handing out of the Jubilee mugs went well and mugs were then available to be collected by any under sixteens at both the Farmers Market on the 4th, and Picnic on the 5th. Since then, I have been contacting individual families with under 16yrs and hand delivering their mugs. A decision was made to gift mugs to anyone 100 yrs old or over (we have three in the village), and also any elderly who have lived in the village all of their lives. Those who contributed a significant amount of time to the Jubilee weekend events have also been given a mug (approx half a dozen). We have sold nine so far, with further requests coming in, but as we now only have thirty mugs remaining of the initial 396 ordered it is my intention to continue to pursue any 16yr olds who may not yet have received one before putting any more up for sale.

Inclusivity was very important and so every event was free to attend, also on Thursday 'Story Republic' visited eight households to deliver a short personal programme of poetry, song, and stories on drives or in front gardens. This event was particularly for those who it was felt would not be able to attend the Jubilee events for a variety of reasons, each household able to invite friends and neighbours to share their own personal performance. This went down a storm, with some houses having up to fifteen in their audiences! The full 'Story Republic' performance in the afternoon at the Tolmen drew another large crowd.

The intergenerational quilt continues and has had contributions from across all ages. It is hoped when it is complete it will be hung in St Constantine Church above the door as you exit. Florence, the school pupil who won the mug logo design has recreated the design on a square for the quilt.

By far the best attended event of the entire four days was the Willow Carriage Parade and Beacon lighting. We estimate that over 250 folks marched with the carriage from the Tolmen Centre with our Queen, Mary Vyvyan, to the Beacon lighting site. The Beacon was huge and spectacular thanks to Paul C and Eric N and proved to be absolutely the right site for the lighting. The Trengilly Wartha outside bar had to send out for more supplies, and the community atmosphere was electric! Both Willow Carriage construction workshops had attracted large numbers of adults and children over two full days, and the completion taking another 20 hrs during the week leading to the event.

The WI walk attracted over fifty-five teams and the Queens Arms was full to bursting for the Friday Folk night. Approximately eighty attended the Social Club 'Cornish Roots' music event on Saturday 4th and although an excellent band Cy Prym had hoped for a bigger audience – potentially the conflict with the big music event from London on TV and the huge attendance at the Folk night at the Queens Arms on Friday may have had an impact. However, Cy was pleased to see many fresh faces and hoped that some would become members in the future.

In the run up to the Sunday Picnic the weather had looked very unpredictable and so I launched 'Operation Gazebo' and by various methods over several days managed to locate eighteen!!!!!! In the event we did not need them, however, we did use half a dozen of them for the Brownies and Guides activities. We laid up

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thirty tables and 175 chairs plus all the benches from the Social Club and we were 95% full. Again, an extraordinary atmosphere helped along by Constantine Silver Band, Ukulele Orchestra, and Trengilly singers, as well as the fabulous family activities provided by the Guides & Brownies. It was also wonderful to see the spontaneous football match take place between fathers and sons.

The Jubilee Magnolia planting was attended by around 40 people and was planted by Mollie Silver artist and eldest resident (103yrs), and Howard Bolt Parish Councillor, and after much debate, pacing around the Recreation ground, and walking the village it has been planted in the spot we chose originally, on the grass opposite the Church with all the other special trees. This decision was made crucially because wind can seriously hinder the growth of a Magnolia. Thanks to Grahame and Matt Sole for professional advice, preparing the hole, and for their continued support in looking after the tree – together with me it will be fed and watered on a regular basis. Thanks to Richard C for the wooden protective and supportive surround. The wooden Planter was positioned two weeks before the Jubilee weekend and looks amazing at the top of the village thanks to Edd J and the Cottage Garden Society. A Lovely notice has now been placed on the side.

The final event of the four days was a silent sit and reflection at dusk. This attracted fourteen villagers and without exception all felt the experience was something we should all try to do more of in this busy world. I do not think we can underestimate the fantastic job Jeff Meadows did with the Village Jubilee web page, and Peter Binns in designing the four page pull out in the 'Constant Times.' Village blackboards, posters, and social media coverage from locals meant that every advertising avenue was covered. Advertising was crucial – it paid off and our events were well patronised.

... and finally we have two fabulous ongoing exhibitions - one from the Arts Society 'Who do you think we are' featuring famous faces from the past seven decades which was installed in St Constantine Church over the four days and the Museum exhibition of photos and memorabilia from past Jubilees and the Coronation which continues until August.

Tracey Clowes

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