

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday July 21, 2022 at 7.30pm in The Vestry.

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

Visitors: CCllr J.Bastin, Mrs Boreham, Dr Kettleborough and Mr White.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Having been sent a copy of the sale details for the Church Hall, Mrs Boreham asked about the procedures involved concerning its purchase under the Community Right to Buy scheme. The Clerk explained that the first step is for the Council to notify Cornwall of its Intention to Bid and whether or not Constantine Parish Council will agree to do this will be decided during the course of this meeting. If it does agree, then it will have until early February 2023 to access the necessary cash and to agree the deal. He warned, however, that there is no obligation on the Diocesan Finance Committee to accept Constantine's offer.

Dr Kettleborough stated that he was present to seek the Parish Council's support for his planning application to convert a barn at Rosevine Farm. His intention is for this conversion to house his growing family and for his parents to live in their current, nearby home. In answer to questions, he said that he would be happy to alter the proposed corrugated metal cladding for a more traditional material and explained the steps he has both taken and intends to take to mitigate the inevitable disturbance to the bats who presently roost in the barn.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Nicholls (personal), Cllr Bolt (personal) Cllr Jeffery (work) and Cllr Mrs Scott (indisposed) sent their apologies for absence Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Wickins 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 Painter proposed, Cllr Wickins seconded, Cllr Mrs Batley-Birch and Cllr P.Carter who were absent from the last meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday June 16, 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

Cllr Painter stated that, because Rev'd Stewart Turner will shortly be leaving the village, other arrangements to allow access to the Food Bank are being sought. The use of volunteers' personal telephone numbers by those accessing and wishing to access the Food Bank has caused problems. On a brighter note, the number of people accessing the Penryn-Falmouth Food Bank has lessened.

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5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- Falmouth Town Council is looking seriously at taking on responsibility for the Ships and Castles Leisure Centre. Cornwall Council has agreed a six-month moratorium on enacting any decision to sell. It is anticipated that Cornwall will devolve responsibility to Falmouth and that Falmouth will lease the property to the Pendennis Community Interest Company
- the next Community Network Panel meeting will be on Tuesday September 27 in the Falmouth Town Council offices

In answer to questions, CCllr Bastin stated that

- while Cornwall is still considering the question of having a directly elected mayor, the cities of Liverpool and Bristol have voted to remove their mayors
- the proposed removal of funding for the Royal Cornwall Museum (thus enforcing its closure) is being reconsidered
- he simply does not know where matters stand over the vexed question of the Stadium
- he will again liaise with Cornwall Highways about the issue of inconsiderate parking on the road through Port Navas.

6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Wi-Fi connection to The Vestry

Members considered a request to sign a Way-leave permitting the installation and maintenance of electronic communications apparatus on the outside wall of The Vestry, which will allow a wi-fi connection to both rooms of The Vestry. Following discussion, Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Mrs Batley-Birch seconded and, with the proviso that the apparatus was made as unobtrusive as possible, it was agreed to permit this installation.

The Church Hall

Members considered the question of tendering a bid to purchase the Church Hall under the Community Right to Bid for Assets of Community Value scheme together with the adjoining two car-parks (which do not form part of the Asset of Community Value). Following discussion, Cllr A.Carter proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that Constantine Parish Council should complete and return the Intention to Bid document with the ultimate aim of purchasing both the Church Hall and both the car-parks. This document will instigate a moratorium on any sale to a third party for a period of six months.

Delegated Powers

Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to grant the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, the authority to deal with day-to-day matters during the summer recess.

7 PARISH MATTERS

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Members noted the earlier decision to inscribe the official Platinum Jubilee logo onto a granite post. The question arose as to whether a stainless steel plaque might be more noticeable over the course of time than an inscription. Following discussion Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to purchase a stainless steel plaque commemorating the service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to be let into the granite post kindly donated by the Chairman.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

PA22/05470 Mrs P.N.Cross – To provide ancillary accommodation to Treviades Wollas by the conversion of a studio and adjoining store for use by family, non-paying guests and care staff, as well as holiday accommodation, including the construction of a new porch with wheelchair access and the reconfiguration of the adjoining store roof without compliance with Condition 2 of decision notice PA21/07969 dated 16.12.21 – Treviades Wollas, Treviades, Constantine. Cllr A.Carter proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/06082 Mr and Mrs Kettleborough – Full planning application for the construction of 1 replacement dwelling in lieu of Class Q approval (PA21/05689) – Rosevine Farm, Seworgan Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Painter seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application in principle. However, because development will result in the destruction of a Lesser Horseshoe Bat night roost it is surprised to note the absence of a European Protected Species Licence from the documents accompanying the application. Additionally, it has concerns that the proposed use of corrugated metal cladding is neither in keeping with surrounding development nor does it sustain local distinctiveness and character and protect and where possible*

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enhance Cornwall's natural environment and assets according to their international, national and local significance' contrary to Policy 23 of the Cornwall Local Plan.

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 Wickins seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council notes the concessions made by the applicant in respect of the proposed extension. However it still has reservations about the loss of part of the historic Cornish hedge.*

Decisions

PA22/03347 APPROVED – Proposed field store, new bee storage building, alterations to existing garage to create honey kitchen and solar panels, small domestic single storey extension – Polwheveral Cottage, Constantine – *noted*

PA22/04856 APPROVED – 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 – *noted*

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the final new window for The Vestry will be installed on Tuesday next.

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at July 21, 2022. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Transition Constantine for a financial contribution towards the cost of 'significant unplanned tree works'. Following discussion, during the course of which it was noted that the Council cannot be expected to allocate significant sums of public money on a regular basis towards this single project, Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Wickins 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 £250.00 to Transition Constantine.

The following accounts were tendered for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Pleasance		£ 329.47		
SSE (pillar in The Square)		£ 33.55	£ 31.96	£ 1.59
Biffa (cemetery)		£ 86.30	£ 71.92	£ 14.38
SSE (public lighting)		£ 89.20	£ 84.96	£ 4.24
EdF Energy (The Vestry)		£ 20.21	£ 19.25	£ 0.96
R.Sanders				
Church and cemetery	£ 850.00			
Port Navas Quay	£ 40.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 410.00			
	total	£ 1,560.00	£ 1,300.00	£ 260.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (June)	£ 636.83			
telephone	£ 40.18			
office expenses	£ 36.17			
travelling	£ 28.29			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 766.47		

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Thomson, seconded by Cllr Andrew, 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 (swing)	£ 4,783.20	£ 3,986.00	£ 797.20
EdF Energy (pavilion)	£ 15.82	£ 14.75	£ 0.75

It was proposed by Cllr Wickins, 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

Cllr Wickins asked if the National Playing Fields Association notice had as yet been removed from the Recreation Ground and added that conversation with a member of the History Society had revealed an interest in displaying it in the museum. He further reported that the road to Port Navas as it goes up the hill from Ponjeravah is in a very poor state of repair.

Reporting on the Listed sign-post at the northern end of Bowling Green, Cllr Painter stated that Cornwall's Milestones Society had forwarded photographs taken in 2003 and 2008 showing that, unusually, the sign-post had been painted and not inscribed and had suggested that a sign-writer would be able to replicate the wording. He was actively seeking sign-writers and would obtain quotations for consideration. He was however concerned that the post badly needed cleaning.

Cllr Painter requested that the refurbishment of the bus-shelter in The Square be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Cllr Painter reported that the zip-wire is now working very well! The Parish Council has now been thanked on two separate occasions for refurbishing the swings!

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

.Thursday September 15, 2022 at 7.30pm in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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