

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:	Cllr P.Carter	Cllr E.Nicholls
	Cllr J.Andrew	Cllr C.Painter
	Cllr H.Bolt	Cllr Mrs T.Thomson
	Cllr E.Jeffery	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: Mrs Deering, Mr Smith and Mrs Swanson.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Swanson said that she was present as the agent for Mr and Mrs Daly (PA22/09713). She stated that, since June of this year, her clients had let the annex in the basement (which was granted planning permission some while ago) to holiday-makers, unaware that the conditions attached to the permission for the annex had restricted such use. They now sought to regularise the situation and also, retrospectively, to change the layout to make the annex more comfortable for visitors. She added that it was her opinion that the proposal caused no harm to the surrounding area.

Mr Smith stated that, having seen that traffic issues in and around Constantine appears on this evening's agenda, he had contacted the Clerk with photographic evidence of vehicles being left at inappropriate and possibly dangerous locations particularly at the Well Lane junction. He was concerned that emergency vehicles and delivery vehicles (and indeed residents) may find the road impassable and suggested that parking bays should be painted on the road. He was assured that the Parish Council has complained bitterly to Cornwall Highways about this particular issue on more than one occasion.

As a member of the 1864 Committee, Mrs Deering congratulated the Council on the recent "well run" Parish Meeting. She was concerned that many people living in the Parish had been unable to express their opinion by voting and had been intending to seek a poll. However, having spoken to the Clerk and learned that a Parish Poll can only be demanded at a Parish Meeting, not a Parish Council meeting and that, if demanded, Cornwall Council is required to run the poll, announce the result and charge the Parish Council every penny of the associated costs (which may amount to £2,000) she had decided against it. The Clerk added that there is no legal requirement on a Parish Council to adhere to the result of a Parish Poll: in practice that means that if the Council believes the result does not reflect the wishes of the majority of residents it can simply ignore the result.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr J.Bastin, Cllr A.Carter (personal), Cllr Mrs Scott (personal) and Cllr Wickens (prior appointment) sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to accept their 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

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 Bolt seconded, Cllr Mrs Thomson being absent from the meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday October 20, 2022 should be adopted as a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES BUT NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA

It was noted both that the recycling bins have yet to be moved back to the Recreation Ground and that the code buttons on the defibrillator cabinet at Seworgan are still working although the cabinet door itself is a little difficult to open.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin was not present at the meeting

6 PARISH MATTERS

The Coronation of HM King Charles III

Members noted that the Coronation of HM King Charles III is scheduled for May 6, 2023. It was agreed to consider ways of celebrating the occasion before the coming meeting. The Chairman stated that Mrs Tracey Clowes was keen to help ... again! The matter will be considered more fully at the meeting in January.

Maintenance of the Historic Finger-Posts

Members noted that the historic finger-posts throughout the Parish are in need of some maintenance and that Cornwall Council will not do the work necessary. It was agreed to make a list of all these fingerposts and their state of repair and to consider their maintenance at a future meeting.

The historic sign post (Bowling Green)

Members noted that the work of cleaning the granite post and repainting the place names and manicules is complete. Photographs of the refurbished stone have been forwarded to the Milestone Society and to Cornwall's Historic Environment Service.

Traffic calming measures and No Parking areas

Cllr Painter spoke of traffic calming measures and inconsiderate parking within the village, in particular in and around Bowling Green, Vicarage Terrace and along through Bridge. He is particularly concerned about the free passage of emergency vehicles along both Bowling Green and past Vicarage Terrace and about car-parking in Bridge which causes drivers to move out into the middle or far-side of the road to avoid the parked vehicle, thus blind-siding them from oncoming vehicles (as happened in the recent road traffic accident). It was agreed to invite Viv Bidgood to walk the routes with Councillors and to seek possible solutions to the current problems.

The bus-shelter

The Clerk reported that he has asked Mr Richard Clowes to quote both for the renovation of the existing bus-shelter and also for a new build. Members noted that the latter option was one of a number of suggestions for a permanent memorial to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

The Platinum Jubilee marker

Members considered the design of a plaque to be added to the Platinum Jubilee Stone, commemorating the life and reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II. It was agreed to purchase a nine inch square brushed stainless steel depicting the late Monarch and noting the dates of her birth and death in the sum of £83.50+VAT

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

To note the resignation of Cllr Mrs Batley-Birch

Members noted the resignation of Cllr Mrs Batley-Birch. The Clerk was asked to remove her details from Parish Council's web-pages and set in train the steps necessary to fill a Casual Vacancy.

The Church Hall

Members noted that at the Parish Meeting on November 8, 2022 the majority of those present had voted in favour of allowing the Parish Council to request permission from the Secretary of State to seek a loan to purchase the Church Hall and the adjoining two parcels of land. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded Cllr Bolt against all others in favour that Constantine Parish Council should seek the approval of the Secretary of State to apply for loan in the sum of £425,000 for the purpose of purchasing the Church Hall and the land on which the walled car-park the new car-park, the public convenience and the open space under the trees are all sited: the sum to include a contribution towards the cost of renovating the Church Hall.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

To consider observations concerning the following planning applications

PA22/09138 Mr R.Clowes – Application for Listed Building Consent for the Installation of a stair lift to enable elderly relative access bedroom and bathroom – Quilters, Bridge. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation. *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/09713 Mr and Mrs R&M Daly – Continued use of one-bedroom annexe as an annexe and holiday letting unit and retention of minor internal and external alterations – 10 Brillwater Road, Constantine. Cllr Jeffery proposed, Cllr Bolt

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seconded Cllr Painter abstaining all others in agreement to return the following observation. *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/09754 Mr J.Bridges – Single storey front kitchen extension. First floor side extension. New front and rear dormer windows – 28 Brillwater Road, Constantine. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Painter seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation. *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA22/02653 APPROVED – Replacement of dilapidated timber shed with new larger timber shed, erection of poly-tunnel, creation of wild-life pond – The Cart House, Retallack Farm, Tresahor – *noted*

PA22/04787 APPROVED – Formation Of Agricultural Shed – land South of Treviades Manor Farm – *noted*

PA22/07263 APPROVED – Replacement dwelling (resubmission of PA19/05294) – former Trenarth Bungalow, Trenarth – *noted*

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the pay scale for Parish Clerks for the current year had recently been published. .

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Members considered the matter of payment to the Royal British Legion for the cost of a wreath and an additional donation towards the work it does in the community. Following discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman, 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 £50.00 to the Royal British Legion.

Members considered a request from the Constantine Christmas Lights Committee for financial help towards the cost of its work. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thomson, 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 £500.00 to the Constantine Christmas Lights Committee.

The following accounts were tendered for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Pleasance		£ 329.47		
EdF Energy (The Vestry)		£ 7.61	£ 7.25	£ 0.36
Cornwall Council (Cemetery Rates)		£ 374.79		
Biffa		£ 97.09	£ 80.91	£ 16.18
Source for Business (cemetery)		£ 16.18		
Source for Business (public convenience)		£ 78.97		
SSE (public lighting)		£ 86.43	£ 82.32	£ 4.11
R.Sanders				
Cemeteries	£ 850.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 410.00			
	total	£ 1,512.00	£ 1,260.00	£ 252.00
Greenstone Cornwall Ltd		£17,462.21	£ 14,551.84	£ 2,910.37
Colin Chapman				
Salary (September)	£ 634.43			
telephone	£ 57.51			
office expenses	£ 61.62			
travelling	£ 56.58			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 834.94		

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Thomson, seconded by Cllr Bolt, all others in favour that the above ten accounts be paid.

The following account relating to the Recreation Ground was tendered for payment

	GROSS	NET	VAT
SW Playground Safety Inspections	£ 36.00	£ 30.00	£ 6.00

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

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Members noted the following receipts

Robert Lawrence (Mr Hill - memorial)	£ 80.00
Pendle Funeral Services (Mrs Wilson)	£ 200.00

Members noted the following bank transfers

Alice Hext c/a to Constantine PC c/a	£ 4,000.00
Constantine PC d/a to Constantine PC c/a	£ 5,000.00

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from Committees or Representatives.

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Members noted that

- the grass verge between the Recreation Ground and Trebarvah Road has not been maintained to the standard expected by residents. It was agreed to review the arrangement with the volunteer team next month
- the Chairman of the Garden Society is in the process of planting out the Jubilee trough on the corner near the school with winter bedding plants
- garden waste is continuing to be dumped behind the welcome stone at Brill. The Chairman undertook to remove it all, again
- the Gazebo in the Recreation Ground is deteriorating badly and needs attention. It may be that it needs replacing. The matter will be reviewed in the spring
- the Recreation Ground itself is, pleasingly, being very well used.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday December 15, 2022 in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.51pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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