

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday January 19, 2023 at 7.30pm in The Vestry.

Present: Cllr Bolt Cllr Mrs T.Thomson
Cllr J.Andrew Cllr R.Wickins
Cllr C.Painter
Cllr E.Jeffery Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr Bastin, Mr and Mrs Blackstone-Karapanos, Mr Bowden, Mrs Deering and Mr Smith.

Cllr Bolt, as the Vice-Chairman, welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Blackstone-Karapanos said that she and her husband were present simply to seek support for their planning application. Their plans are for a 'forever' home that has been designed to fit in with the landscape.

Mrs Deering said she was present to present her case for co-option onto the Parish Council. She brought evidence with her to show that her application was supported by a number of local residents and added that she had spoken to people who are already involved in local government. Furthermore, she stated that she had read widely about the work of a Councillor. She hoped to be able to make a difference in the Parish in a number of ways, more particularly to reinstate the Parish Council news column in the Constant Times and to suggest and implement improvements such as the creation of a local speed watch team.

Mr Smith, who also sought co-option onto the Parish Council, noted that the Community is not as closely connected with the Parish Council as perhaps it should be and stated that he hoped to be able to make a difference.

Mr Bowden, who also stated that he was present to seek co-option, asserted that, if appointed, he would endeavour to make the Parish fit for coming generations.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A.Carter, Cllr P.Carter, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Mrs Scott sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Wickins 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 Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, Cllr Bolt and Cllr Wickins being absent from the meeting abstained, all others in favour that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday December 15, 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 Wickins reported that following the meeting in early December with the Divisional Surveyor, Viv Bidgood, to discuss issues relating to parking and the potential for the possible introduction of traffic calming measures in the village, he had prevailed upon Mr Bidgood to go with him to Port Navas to carry out the same exercise.

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5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin drew members' attention to the forthcoming Community Network meeting on January 25 and to the meeting in the Maritime Museum on January 27 both of which are designed to inform residents of the benefits of the proposed Devolution Deal. He reported that it is believed that a third of those old-age pensioners eligible to claim Pension Credit are not doing so: Cornwall Council has provided an advice line on 0800 991234 for those pensioners who find themselves in financial difficulty.

Cllr Painter drew attention to the construction work which is presently going on at or near Union Corner, Kergilliack Road and Hillhead Road. He stated that vehicles both accessing and leaving the sites are causing problems for Constantine residents who use the road to go to and from Falmouth. CCllr Bastin agreed with Cllr Painter that there are real and pressing problems, but was unable to say what future intentions are.

6 PARISH MATTERS

Maintenance of the Historic Finger-Posts

Following discussion, Cllr Jeffery proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that quotations should be sought for on-site shot blasting of the finger-posts at the corner in Brill and at the corner at Mount View and that the matter should be brought for decision to the meeting in February.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Co-option of a Parish Councillor

The Clerk reported that interest in standing for co-option as a Parish Councillor has been expressed by Mr A.Bowden, by Mrs W.Deering and by Mr S.Smith.

The Chairman asked the applicants to leave the room while Councillors discussed the matter.

Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Wickins seconded and it was agreed that Mrs Deering should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

The applicants were invited to return to the room.

The Chairman stated that the Council had been much impressed by the qualities of each of the candidates, but had decided to co-opt Mrs Deering. He urged Mr Bowden and Mr Smith to re-apply should a casual vacancy occur in the future.

Cllr Mrs Edwards signed and read aloud her declaration of acceptance of office before Mr Chapman, Clerk to Constantine Parish Council.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Deering to the Council.

The Church Hall

The Clerk reported that, to date, he had heard nothing from the Office of the Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities. The report on the overall structural condition of the Church Hall had been forwarded to him and he would forward it to members.

Devolution from Central Government and a Mayor for Cornwall

Members considered the proposal to devolve powers from Central Government to Cornwall and the consequent appointment of a Mayor for Cornwall. Following some debate, Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to forward the following statement to the Unitary Authority: 'Constantine Parish Council believes that the way in which Cornwall is governed is extremely important to its local residents. The Council notes the emerging proposals for a possible change to a powerful Mayor of Cornwall with his/her own staff, budget and choice of Cabinet. The Council believes that such a system should only be implemented if the people of Cornwall support it. The Council calls on Cornwall Council and the local Cornwall Councillor to ensure that there is a referendum of all voters in Cornwall on whether to introduce this significant change.'

8 PLANNING MATTERS

To consider observations concerning the following planning applications

PA22/06569 Blackstone-Karapanos – Construction of a single storey detached dwelling with detached double garage – land adj to Little Tregilly, Bridge. Cllr Jeffery proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded, Cllr Mrs Deering, having already publically commented on the application, abstained and it was agreed to return the following observation. *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA22/10541 Mr and Mrs W.Lambert – detached garage/workshop/store and play/hobby room – An Gwel, Brill. Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation. *Constantine Parish Council has grave concerns about the size of the proposed development (it is very nearly the same size as the*

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main dwelling) and the consequent visual impact it will have on the surrounding countryside. The Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.

PA22/11168 Mr N.Rodway – Non-material amendment in relation to decision notice PA22/09030 dated 30.11.22 for amendment to the type/size of both windows in the lounge – Primrose Cottage, Brill. Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation. *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA23/00030 Mr and Mrs Cronin and Sheen – Proposed porch, single storey extension and conversion of store into habitable room, new staircase to first floor with internal amendments – Higher Bosvarren Farm, Constantine. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Painter seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation. *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

Decisions

PA22/02807 APPROVED – Extension, refurbishment and external works – The Orchard, Church Square, Constantine – *noted*

PA22/08234 APPROVED – Change of use and incorporation of the former Smithy into 41 Fore Street – 41 Fore Street, Constantine – *noted*

PA22/09138 APPROVED – Application for Listed Building Consent for the Installation of a stair lift to enable elderly relative access bedroom and bathroom. – Quilters, Bridge – *noted*

PA22/09713 APPROVED – 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 – *noted*

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at January 19, 2023. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from the Constantine Bowling Club for financial help towards the cost of its Refurbishment Project. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Andrew, 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 Bowling Club.

The following accounts were tendered for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Pleasance		£ 329.47		
EdF Energy (The Vestry)		£ 71.79	£ 68.85	£ 2.94
Biffa		£ 64.73	£ 53.94	£ 10.79
SSE (public lighting)		£ 97.73	£ 93.08	£ 4.65
Source for Business (Cemetery)		£ 11.64		
Source for Business (Public Convenience)		£ 62.39		
Studio Gather Ltd		£ 594.00		
R.Sanders				
Cemeteries	£ 425.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 205.00			
Replenish salt in bins	£ 195.00			
	total	£ 990.00	£ 825.00	£ 165.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (December)	£ 671.37			
telephone	£ 26.60			
office expenses	£ 42.46			
travelling	£ 21.22			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 786.65		

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

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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 Andrew, seconded by Cllr Wickins all others in favour that the above account be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

Deposit account interest	£ 17.64
Electricity meter (Recreation Ground)	£ 76.00

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Mrs Thomson reported that she had attended the recent Teams meeting of the Community Network Panel. It had been interesting, particularly so the reports from CCllr Connor Donnithorne, Portfolio Holder for Transport and from Sector Inspector Timothy Evans of the Devon and Cornwall Police. The notes from the meeting will be circulated on receipt.

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no comments from Councillors.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday February 16, 2023 in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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Dated.....

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