

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday February 16, 2023 at 7.30pm in The Vestry.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr P.Carter Cllr H.Bolt Cllr J.Andrew Cllr A.Carter Cllr Mrs W.Dearing Cllr E.Nicholls	Cllr C.Painter Cllr Mrs K.Scott Cllr Mrs T.Thomson Cllr R.Wickins  Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)
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**Visitors:** There were no visitors.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions raised on behalf of members of the public.

### 1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CCllr Bastin sent his apologies for absence..

### 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 Andrew proposed, Cllr Painter seconded, Cllr A.Carter, Cllr P.Carter, Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Mrs Scott being absent from the meeting abstained, all others in favour that, with a single alteration, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday January 17, 2023 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, at which highway issues in Port Navas had been discussed, a Cormac working party had removed the final (damaged) plastic bollard from the entrance to Trewince Lane.

### 5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of CCllr Bastin there was no report.

### 6 PARISH MATTERS

#### Maintenance of the Historic Finger-Posts

In the absence of Cllr Jeffery, consideration of quotations for on-site shot-blasting of the finger-posts at the corner in Brill and at the corner at Mount View was deferred to the meeting in March.

Members noted that there are continuing problems with the northern access to PROW 13. The Clerk undertook to report the matter to Cornwall Highways.

#### Public Rights of Way

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Members considered an invitation from Cornwall Council to continue with the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme. The grant offered for the year to March 31, 2024 is £3,503.80 (or 100% of eligible costs, whichever is the lower). Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded all in favour that Constantine Parish Council should accept the terms relating to the Local Maintenance Partnership as offered by Cornwall Council for the year to March 31, 202.

## 7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### The Constant Times

Members considered the appointment of a correspondent to the Constant Times with the remit of filing regular items of news of the Parish Council's activities. Noting that Cllr Mrs Deering had offered to do this, Cllr Wickins proposed and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Deering should file a regular report to the Constant Times on the work being done by the Parish Council.

### The Church Hall

The Clerk reported that he had heard nothing from the Office of the Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities. However, Savills (acting on behalf of the Diocesan Finance Committee) had reported that an offer for the freehold of the Church Hall and the associated parcels of land had been received and that it was close to the total sum the Council had sought permission to borrow.

## 8 PLANNING MATTERS

### To consider observations concerning the following planning applications

PA23/00389 Mr S.Boote – Demolition and replacement of existing boat house, ancillary accommodation and associated works – Up Along, Port Navas. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Painter seconded and with two abstentions it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council notes that the proposed building is nearly twice the size of the existing structure. Moreover, the plans appear to show a new dwelling and not simply ancillary accommodation incidental to the use of the main dwelling. The council therefore considers the application to be for a new home in countryside which lies within the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

### Decisions

PA22/02807 APPROVED – Extension, refurbishment and external works – The Orchard, Church Square – *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 February 16, 2023. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were tendered for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Pleasance		£ 329.47		
EdF Energy (The Vestry)		£ 76.77	£ 73.12	£ 3.65
Constantine School		£ 41.00		
Biffa		£ 116.53	£ 97.11	£ 19.42
SSE (public lighting)		£ 86.43	£ 82.32	£ 4.11
Eventbrite (Councillor training)		£ 38.93	£ 32.44	£ 6.49
Randle Thomas		£ 20.00		
R.Sanders				
Cemeteries	£ 425.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 205.00			
Replenish salt in bins	£ 75.00			
	total	£ 846.00	£ 705.00	£ 141.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (January)	£ 671.37			
telephone	£ 44.32			
office expenses	£ 34.45			
travelling	£ 34.48			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 809.62		

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

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The following accounts relating to the Recreation Ground were tendered for payment

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
SW Playground Safety Inspections	£ 36.00	£ 30.00	£ 6.00
EdF Energy (The Pavilion)	£ 66.33	£ 63.17	£ 3.16

It was proposed by Cllr Painter, seconded by Cllr Wickins all others in favour that the above two accounts be paid.

Members noted the following receipt

T.Cooke (Funeral Directors)	£ 400.00
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## **11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

Cllr Mrs Deering reported that she had attended a recent training session which had focussed on Community Engagement. The training had suggested that both Councils and individual Councillors should make every effort to reach out to their parishioners, to engage with them, to run surgeries and coffee mornings, to join in with clubs and societies and generally to be more approachable. She has, for example, recently been asked by the WI if she will represent the Parish Council on the committee (an appointment which Councillors approved) and stated that she thought the move to reinstate a column in the Constant Times is very much in line with the thinking expressed in the Training. Considerable discussion followed Cllr Mrs Deering's report with Councillors not altogether in favour with some of the ideas which had been expressed. The Chairman warned that individual Councillors should beware of raising expectations within the community and reminded members that all decisions taken by the Council are made by a simple majority vote and not by individual Councillors.

## **12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Andrew reported that the Silver Band will not be holding its usual concert during the Garden Society's Show in the summer. He also enquired about the Carnival Committee's plans to remove the shipping container from the Recreation Field. Permission has already been sought and given for the contents of the container to be housed in the Tractor Shed and the Bier House.

Cllr Painter expressed concern about the safety of cyclists entering the village on the roads both from Bridge and from Ponjeravah and asked for the matter to be considered at greater length during the course of the meeting in March.

## **13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Thursday March 16, 2023 in The Vestry, Constantine.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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