

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Constantine Parish Council held on Thursday June 15 2023 at 7.30pm in The Vestry.

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

Visitors: Mrs Agnew.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Agnew thanked the Parish Council for revising the manner and collection of rubbish from the cemetery, reporting that the current system is working well. She also congratulated the Parish Council on the manner in which the cemeteries are maintained, comparing them favourably with those of neighbouring parishes. She further asked about the sale of the Church Hall and more particularly about the advertised separate sale of the green space under the trees, the walled car-park and the public convenience. It was explained that, although these two open areas were advertised as being for sale separately from Hall and that although the Parish Council has offered to buy them at the advertised price, to date there has been no response whatsoever from either the Diocesan Finance Committee or its agent, Savills. Mrs Agnew emphasised that the sale of the hall by the Church has nothing to do with St Constantine's Church and that any bad feeling directed towards St Constantine's as a result of the sale is both misplaced and unfortunate.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Nicholls, Cllr A.Carter, Cllr Jeffrey, Cllr Mrs Scott, Cllr Wickins and CCllr Bastin all sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded all others in favour that their apologies should be accepted.

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 received of a value greater than £50

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday May 18, 2023 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as being accurate.

Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded, and it was agreed that, with the hand-written amendments, the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Thursday May 18, 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 Painter suggested that in the light of the refusal for the development of four open-market houses at Trebarvah Court, there may be an opportunity to construct much-needed sheltered affordable accommodation for older people. The Clerk offered to contact Coastline Housing with this suggestion.

Following a question, the Clerk showed members the new King Charles III Coronation plaque which will be added to the village commemorative pillar, but admitted that he had omitted to order an additional plaque commemorating the unveiling. He apologised and undertook to order one with all speed.

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5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of Cllr Bastin there was no report.

6 PARISH MATTERS

Maintenance of the Historic Finger-Posts

Following considerable discussion concerning the renovation of the finger-posts at Mount View and at Trevease and an acknowledgment that replacing cast fingers will be expensive and that renovation will be a long-term project, it was agreed that the Council will wait until the post at Brill has been reinstated and all the invoices have been presented before proceeding any further. Nevertheless, members were in agreement that, in the long-term, the best way forward is to have each of the posts removed from site to be shot-blasted, powder-coated and finally replaced where the detail will be painted in black.

7 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Alice Hext Trust

Members noted that the safety wet-pour surface beneath the junior swings has deteriorated to the extent that there is a trip hazard. The Clerk reported that he has asked SWPSI to make a patch-repair and added that the company now installs a rubber mulch safety surface. Members agreed that SWPSI should be invited to quote for the replacement of the safety surface as a whole.

Cllr Painter reported a request from a parishioner to up-grade the entrance into the Recreation Ground from Brillwater Road. He suggested that weeds and brambles should be cleared and a hand rail installed to assist with climbing the irregular granite steps together with a safety rail to prevent anyone from walking off the edge of the Cornish hedge. The Clerk undertook to ask Bob Sanders to clean up the steps, but it was agreed to leave further work to a later date.

Members considered a request from the Pre-School for permission to hold a fund-raising event including stalls, games and a BBQ on the Recreation Field immediately after the sports day (for which permission has already been granted). Following discussion, the Chairman proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed that permission be granted for this event with the proviso that both insurance and a risk assessment are in place.

Conduct requirements for members of the public attending and speaking at meetings

Following the unfortunate outburst at the Annual Meeting, Members considered the creation of a form of rules to which members of the public will be expected to adhere when speaking at all meetings of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the length of time individuals should have to make their point should be limited to three minutes and that rudeness of any sort will not be tolerated: the Chairman's decision on both matters to be binding and final. A reminder to this effect will be published with each agenda and visitors to the meeting will also be reminded of the standards of behaviour expected of them before they are invited to speak.

Informal signage

Members considered the question of the siting of 'informal' signage on Parish Council owned property and more particularly on the green space under the trees which has arisen in recent months and, which it was suggested, is unacceptable. Considerable discussion followed and it was agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting. Nevertheless, Cllr Mr Deering undertook to arrange for the existing signs to be removed.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

To consider observations concerning the following planning applications

PA23/03182 – Mrs Thiessen – Listed Building Consent to reinstate bag rubbing on the north face gable end, change the design of the proposed conservatory, make minor changes to the internal layout and room usage, siting of an air source heat pump with additional screen fencing, material change of wall insulation and addition of secondary glazing throughout the farmhouse – The Farmhouse, Polanguy, Trebarvah Woon. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr A.Carter seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council notes that The Farmhouse at Polanguy lies within the Parish of Gweek although it is immediately adjacent to the parish boundary. With this in mind, Constantine Parish Council will support observations made by Gweek Parish Council concerning this application.*

PA23/03524 – Mr and Mrs Grant – Conversion of redundant barns into three dwellings and the development of two new build dwellings following demolition of existing barns (in lieu of Class Q consent reference PA21/03630) without compliance with condition 2 of decision notice PA22/02531 dated 08/08/2022 – Carwythenack Farm. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council notes that the removal of Condition 2 from Decision Notice PA22/02531 will have implications for all five dwellings at Carwythenack Farm and therefore does not support the application.*

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PA23/03905 Mr and Mrs Jones – Alterations to dwelling – Longbarn, Tresahor Veor, Tresahor. Cllr Anmdrew proposed, Cllr Painter seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA23/04644 Works to trees under a tree preservation order (TPO) T1 (Field Maple) - Crown raise lower branches. Crown thin canopy. T2 (Field Maple) - Crown Raise. T3 (Holly) - Pollard. T4 (Oak) - Remove limb. T5 (Holly) - Pollard. T6 (Ash) - Remove. T7 (Sycamore) - Crown raise. T8 (Willows) Removal of nine Goat Willow trees – land Adj to Port Navas Chapel, Port Navas. Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Subject to the agreement of the County Tree Officer, 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 Painter proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to return the following observation *Constantine Parish Council has no objection to the development of a residential dwelling on this site, but has concerns both that the design of the proposed property is not characteristic of the area and that the increase in height of the proposed dwelling will have a detrimental visual effect on the surrounding area.*

Decisions

PA23/01629 APPROVED – Proposed replacement dwelling – Lowenna, Brill – *noted*

PA23/02287 APPROVED – Proposed rear balcony extension with associated alterations to existing – The Old Telephone Exchange, Bowling Green – *noted*

PA23/03055 APPROVED – Replacement of all old timber windows with new double glazing like for like – Shearwater, Quay Road, Port Navas – *noted*

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk stated that he had nothing further to report.

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at June 15, 2023. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered a request from Constantine Pre-School for financial help towards the purchase of resources. Following a short discussion, Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Mrs Deering seconded and it was agreed to forward the sum of £200 to the Pre-School with the Council's best wishes.

The following accounts were tendered for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
HMRC		£ 807.89		
Mrs J.Pleasance		£ 361.34		
Frederick Wearne and Sons (Stone)		£ 540.00	£ 450.00	£ 90.00
R.Sanders (Gold paths 1 st cut: stiles)		£ 1,016.88	£ 847.40	£ 169.48
EdF Energy (The Vestry)		£ 39.98	£ 38.08	£ 1.90
Biffa		£ 90.64	£ 75.53	£ 15.11
Biffa (Litter bins)		£ 331.13	£ 275.94	£ 55.19
Enerveo		£ 842.40	£ 702.00	£ 140.40
SSE (public lighting)		£ 89.20	£ 84.96	£ 4.24
P.J.Bradley (Flags for Coronation)		£ 220.66	£ 182.30	£ 38.36
Cornwall ALC Ltd (Training)		£ 24.00	£ 20.00	£ 4.00
Booker (public convenience sundries)		£ 120.63	£ 120.53	£ 20.10
Mrs Deering		£ 15.00	£ 12.50	£ 2.50
R.Sanders				
Cemeteries	£ 870.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 420.00			
Port Navas	£ 40.00			
Penbothidno Footpath	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 1,626.00	£ 1,355.00	£ 271.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (May)	£ 671.37			
telephone	£ 42.85			
office expenses	£ 55.72			

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travelling	£ 14.14	
Cemetery Receipts book	£ 27.54	
use of home	£ 25.00	
	total	£ 836.62

It was proposed by Cllr Painter, seconded by Cllr Bolt all others in favour that the above fourteen accounts be paid.
The following accounts in relation to expenses for the Recreation Ground were tendered

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Southwest Playground Safety Inspections	£ 40.00	£ 33.33	£ 6.67

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

Members noted the following receipts

Rogers and Son (Mrs Jennings)	£ 80.00
Co-op Funeral Care (Mr Brewer)	£ 400.00
National Grid (Wayleave: Alice Hext)	£ 43.63

11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from committees or representatives.

12 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mrs Deering asked if the Parish Council would consider siting a waste bin at Ponjeravah. It was agreed to add the matter to the agenda for the meeting in July.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday July 20, 2023 in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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