

# CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr P.Carter Cllr J.Andrew Cllr H.Bolt Cllr A.Carter Cllr Mrs W.Deering Cllr E.Jeffrey	Cllr E. Nicholls Cllr C.Painter Cllr Mrs T.Thomson Cllr R.Wickins  Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)
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**Visitors:** Mr Boeckstein.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Boeckstein asked a number of questions concerning the future of the Church Hall. In particular, the Council was able to state that

- as agreed, the community will be asked to make the decision as to whether or not the Parish Council may enter into negotiations with the vendor for the purchase of the Church Hall, car parks and green space
- a costed plan will be available for the community to view before residents make that decision. (However, it was noted that this plan will, of necessity, reflect current costs)
- if, for whatever reason, the purchase does not go ahead, next year's precept will have the element, which currently reflects repayment of the Public Works Loans Board, removed
- if the purchase does go ahead, the element reflecting the repayment of the Public Works Loans Board will, subject to no further rises in the base bank interest rate, remain broadly similar.

## 1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bastin and Cllr Mrs Scott sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Bolt 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 any item 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 Andrew proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded, Cllr Jeffrey who was absent from the last meeting abstained and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday July 20, 2023 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

A question concerning the agreed replacement of the safety matting and its colour was asked. The Clerk sent round a paper describing the matting and the colours available and a colour was chosen. The Clerk was asked to instruct SWPSI to go ahead and replace the matting.

## 5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of Cllr Bastin there was no report.

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## 6 PARISH MATTERS

### The War Memorial

The Chairman asked members to consider repainting the names of the fallen on the War Memorial in the Churchyard. Following a short discussion, Cllr Painter proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded and it was agreed to have the names repainted. The Clerk was also asked to arrange for the Memorial to be cleaned.

### The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day

Councillors considered ways in which to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day on June 6, 2024. Having reminded members that the King had asked that, rather than lighting beacons to celebrate his coronation they should instead be lit to commemorate this historic occasion. Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed to remember the event in this way. It was further noted that Mrs Tracey Clowes had expressed an interest in co-ordinating further suitable arrangements.

### The Green Space under the Trees

Members considered the purchase of a bench for the green space under the trees. Following discussion, Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed to purchase and install a bench on the space under the trees with a maximum budget of £600. Following further discussion, Cllr Nicholls proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded to site a new litter-bin on the same area.

### Ponjeravah to Bridge and on to Well Lane: Footpath/Cycleway connectivity plan

Cllr Painter sought the Council's approval to seek funding from the Community Capacity Fund to finance a feasibility study to create a cycleway between Ponjeravah, the village and Trewardrevah and between Bowling Green and Bridge using existing PRoWs and permissive routes. Considerable discussion ensued, following which Cllr Painter proposed that the scheme as a whole should be pursued. This proposal was unsupported. Cllr Mrs Deering proposed an amendment to Cllr Painter's proposal that the route between Bowling Green and Bridge should be pursued and this proposal was agreed. However, yet more discussion followed, during the course of which it was noted that, should an application for funding for this particular scheme prove successful, it is likely that any further scheme put forward by Constantine Parish Council would be ineligible for funding from the same source. It was agreed to consider the matter again at the next meeting.

### Maintenance of the Historic Finger-Posts

Members noted that the Brill finger-post has been shot-blasted and powder-coated in white and awaits collection at Cllr Nicholls' yard. Cllr Jeffrey will collect the post and deliver it to Cllr Mrs Scott, who has agreed to paint the lettering. Once this has been done, Cllr Jeffrey will again collect the post and then reinstate it at the corner in Brill. It was noted that shot-blasting and powder-coating will cost some £250 and that new fingers (from Irons Bros) are currently costed out at just over £600 each. Once the Brill finger-post has been reinstated and the resulting costs settled, restoration of the posts at Mount View and Trevase will be considered.

## 7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

### Members noted the following observations returned using delegated powers during the summer recess

PA23/5269 Ms E.Sampson – Retrospective application for the erection of a barn – Agricultural Building, Lestraynes Lane, Rame. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA23/05702 Mr D.Handley – To construct a single agricultural implement shed – Well Farm, Polwheveral. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council does not support this application. There is a notable absence of demonstrable need for the proposed agricultural barn. Furthermore, its proposed location, its size and the use of materials will have an unfavourable visual impact on the immediately adjoining AONB. Constantine Parish Council requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA23/05726 Mr Horlick – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Placement of Caravan /Log Cabin within the residential curtilage of the property for ancillary purposes – 13 Parc Monga, Constantine. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council can neither confirm nor refute the statements made in this application.*

PA23/06787 Mr N.Bowser – Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of the addition of a glass balustrade to one side of the exiting garage roof – Kara House, 8A Parc Monga. This application was returned marked *Constantine Parish Council can neither confirm nor refute the statements made in this application.*

### Applications

PA23/07069 Mr and Mrs Sheppard – Extensions and alterations to Kinloss in the form of a new conservatory and first floor terraces – Kinloss, Port Navas. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Wickins seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

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## Decisions

PA23/00389 APPROVED – Demolition & replacement of existing boat house for incidental use and associated works – Up Along, Port Navas – *noted*

PA23/02776 APPROVED – Construction of two dwellings on site of former dwelling – 36 Fore Street – *noted*

PA23/03905 & PA23/03906 APPROVED – Alterations to dwelling – Longbarn, Tresahor Veor – *noted*

PA23/04975 & PA23/04976 APPROVED – Re-roofing of garage in natural slate and standing seam roof to low-pitched garage extension; Re-roofing of existing outbuilding in natural scantle slates; Installation of PV panels to outbuilding and garage including battery storage in garage; Supply from PV panels to mains board; Painted rendering to block extension of garage; 10mm granite chippings laid within driveway – Chestnut Cottages, Port Navas – *noted*

PA23/05002 APPROVED – Erection of 100 ft x 40 ft (30.48 m x 12.19 m) general purpose agricultural storage building – Boswidjack Farm, Tucoyse Lane, Higher Brill – *noted*

PA23/05726 GRANTED – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Placement of Caravan /Log Cabin within the residential curtilage of the property for ancillary purposes – 13 Parc Monga – *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 September 21, 2023. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

The following accounts were paid during August using delegated powers

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
CALC Code of Conduct Training (Cllr Mrs Scott)	£ 24.00	£ 20.00	£ 4.00
Source for Business (cemetery)	£ 14.81		
Source for Business (public convenience)	£ 68.96		
PKF Littlejohn (External Auditor)	£ 360.00	£ 300.00	£ 60.00
Viridor Waste Management Ltd	£ 49.38	£ 41.15	£ 8.23
SSE (public lighting)	£ 94.96	£ 90.44	£ 4.52
SSE (The Square)	£ 36.37	£ 34.64	£ 1.73
Mrs J. Pleasance	£ 308.90		
Constantine WI (Hall hire)	£ 78.00		
R.Sanders			
Cemeteries	£ 800.00		
Recreation Ground	£ 390.00		
Seat near Doctor's Surgery	£ 20.00		
	total	£ 1,452.00	£ 1,210.00
Colin Chapman			£ 242.00
Salary (July)	£ 625.77		
travelling	£ 42.43		
telephone	£ 38.33		
office expenses	£ 38.76		
use of home as office	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 770.29	

The following accounts in relation to expenses for the Recreation Ground were paid during August using delegated powers

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
SW Playground Safety Inspections	£ 30.00	£ 25.00	£ 5.00
EdF Energy (The Pavilion)	£ 17.50	£ 16.61	£ 0.89

The following accounts were tendered for payment

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
HMRC	£ 807.89		
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (Car park)	£ 350.00		
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (under the trees)	£ 150.00		
Mrs J.Pleasance	£ 361.34		
Biffa	£ 90.64	£ 75.53	£ 12.95

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SSE (public lighting)	£ 92.19	£ 87.80	£ 4.39
R.Sanders			
Cemeteries	£ 870.00		
Recreation Ground	£ 420.00		
Port Navas	£ 80.00		
	total	£ 1,644.00	£ 1,370.00
Colin Chapman			£ 274.00
Salary (August)	£ 651.57		
telephone	£ 26.50		
office expenses	£ 6.37		
travelling	£ 7.07		
use of home	£ 25.00		
	total	£ 736.51	

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

The following accounts in relation to expenses for the Recreation Ground were tendered

	<b>GROSS</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Southwest Playground Safety Inspections (August)	£ 40.00	£ 33.33	£ 6.67
Southwest Playground Safety Inspections (Repairs)	£ 300.00	£ 250.00	£ 50.00

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

Members noted the following receipts

EdF Vestry repayment	£ 9.87
Robert Lawrence (additional inscription)	£ 80.00
Precept (2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment)	£ 37,500.00
Cornwall Council	
LMP payment	£ 3,503.80
Closed Cemetery	£ 494.74
	total
	£ 3,998.54

## 10 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Mrs Thomson reported that she and Cllr Painter had attended the recent Community Area Partnership meeting. The business of the day was principally to approve membership of the Funding and Highways sub-groups. However, it was stated clearly that Cormac does not have to be employed as the contractor for work required on the highway: any contractor with a street-works licence may be engaged. Further, Cornwall Council appears to be extending the use of CAP sub-groups: Care and Transport may also become part of the CAPs' duties. Funding for various capital projects is available from two sources

## 11 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Members noted that

- the somewhat intimidating sign has been removed from the gate at the eastern end of PRow 13. However, he had now been told of cut branches strewn across the line of the path
- the Fields in Trust/National Playing Fields Association notice need removing from the Recreation Ground
- a complaint from a resident of Vicarage Terrace concerning balls from the Recreation Ground being kicked over the fence and into her garden was noted
- Cllr Mrs Deering reported that she had inspected the cistern in the ladies' loo and had been able to stop the overflow
- the making Space for Nature group which is currently caring for the small triangle of grass on Trebarvah Road (near the gate to the zip wire) will be cutting and removing the grass.

## 12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday, October 19, 2023 in The Vestry, Constantine

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.34pm.

Signed.....

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