

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Cllr P.Carter	Cllr Mrs K.Scott
Cllr J.Andrew	Cllr Mrs T.Thomson
Cllr H.Bolt	Cllr R.Wickins
Cllr Mrs W.Deering	
Cllr C.Painter	Mr C.Chapman (Clerk)

Visitors: CCllr J.Bastin.

The Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A.Carter, Cllr Jeffery and Cllr Nicholls sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Wickins seconded all others in favour that these 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 Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday September 21, 2023 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

There were no matters arising which were not on this agenda.

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CCllr Bastin reported that

- the next Community Area Partnership meeting will be on October 31 at 6.30pm in Falmouth Town Hall. A considerable amount of paperwork will follow and he urged representatives to read it all through and to comment appropriately
- the Local Plan is being reviewed. A revised copy is due for publication in May 2025. Here again, observations are invited
- the recent Planning Committee meeting had approved (albeit with the removal of permitted development rights) the application for a new dwelling on land adjacent to Little Trengilly. He thanked Cllr Painter for representing Constantine Parish Council's position at the meeting
- the revised parliamentary constituency boundaries will be implemented on October 1. Constantine remains in the Camborne and Redruth constituency.

The Chairman asked if Cornwall Highways might be encouraged to solve the perennial problem of flooding on the corner near Lower Carwythenack. Cllr Bastin undertook to look into the problem.

6 PARISH MATTERS

The sale of the Church Hall, the two car-parks, the space under the trees and the public convenience

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Further to the undertaking given at the Parish Meeting on November 8, 2022 that the Parish as a whole would make the final decision concerning whether or not to bid for the purchase of the Church Hall and the adjacent plots, the Chairman proposed and it was agreed to host a presentation event in the Vestry on November 18/19 and to hold a Parish Meeting on Thursday November 23, 2023 at Constantine School starting at 7.00pm to make that decision. The question to be put to residents will be *‘As a resident living within the Parish do you authorise Constantine Parish Council to enter into negotiations with the Vendor for the purchase of the two community car parks, the Public Conveniences, the open green space and the Church Hall building and garden?’*

The War Memorial

Members noted that Frederick Wearne and Sons have been instructed to repaint the names of the fallen on the War Memorial in the church-yard.

The 80th Anniversary of D-Day

Tracey and Richard Clowes have kindly agreed to arrange community events surrounding the commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day (June 6, 2024).

The Green Space under the Trees

The Clerk reported that he has ordered a bench for the green space under the trees. All being well, it should be in place shortly before Christmas.

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

Cllr Painter stated that, having fully reviewed his proposal for the public footpath between Bowling Green and Bridge to be upgraded to a bridleway in order to make for a safer cycling route, he had concluded that, for the moment at least, the project should be shelved.

Maintenance of the Historic Finger-Posts

In the absence of both Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Jeffery and costings for the work done on the finger-post at Brill, it was agreed to revisit the project as a whole at the meeting in December. Nevertheless, members noted that Cllr Mrs Scott has painted the raised place names and the borders of the fingers themselves and that they are now ready for collection, for attaching to the post and for the whole to be put back in position at Brill cross-roads. Speaking on behalf of the Council, the Chairman offered Cllr Mrs Scott the thanks of the community.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

Applications

PA23/07809 Mr D.Trewin – Outline application for the construction of dwelling and associated works with all matters reserved – land North West of 1 Glebe Terrace, Trebarvah Road. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Thomson seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Council notes that the proposed site is a long, narrow strip of land between dwellings in the village and is of the opinion that construction of a new dwelling on this site represents overdevelopment. It has further concerns that a new home would, of necessity, be very close (arguably too close) to the boundary with resulting anxieties about over-looking. Constantine Parish Council does not believe this is a suitable site for development and requests the Planning Authority to refuse permission for development.*

PA23/07916 Messrs R.A. and R.S.Bassett – Construction of a modern steel portal-frame agricultural building – Trevassack Farm, Constantine. Cllr Bolt proposed, Cllr Painter seconded and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

PA23/08255 Mr and Mrs McCurdie – Merge two dwellings into a single dwelling. Internal and external reconfiguration including a first floor level terrace and rear porch. – Frenchmans Cottage, Port Navas. Cllr Wickins proposed, Cllr Andrew seconded Cllr Painter abstained and it was agreed to return this application marked *Constantine Parish Council supports this application.*

8 CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Members noted the conclusion of the external audit for the year to March 31, 2023. The External Auditor had made no comments.

Members considered a request from the Helford River Gig Club for financial help with capital items. Following discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman and agreed 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 £200.00 to the Helford River Gig Club.

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Members considered a request from the Constantine Christmas Lights Committee for financial help towards the cost of Christmas decorations within the Parish. Following discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman, and agreed 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		£ 361.34		
BDO LLP (Limited Assurance Review)		£ 378.00	£ 315.00	£ 63.00
Octopus Energy (DD)		£ 127.73	£ 121.65	£ 6.08
Biffa		£ 103.58	£ 86.32	£ 17.26
Source for Business (lawn cemetery)		£ 5.12		
SSE (public lighting)		£ 86.17	£ 82.07	£ 4.10
R.Sanders				
Cemeteries	£ 870.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 495.00			
Port Navas	£ 40.00			
Bowling Green footpath	£ 20.00			
	total	£ 1,710.00	£ 1,425.00	£ 285.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (September)	£ 671.57			
telephone	£ 37.00			
office expenses	£ 35.11			
travelling	£ 21.22			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 789.90		

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Thomson, seconded by Cllr Bolt, and agreed that the above eight accounts be paid.

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

	GROSS	NET	VAT
Southwest Playground Safety Inspections (Sept)	£ 40.00	£ 33.33	£ 6.67
Octopus Energy (DD)	£ 30.42	£ 28.97	£ 1.45

It was proposed by Cllr Painter, seconded by Cllr Mrs Deering, and agreed that the above two accounts be paid.

Members noted the following receipts

Pavilion (electricity meter)	£ 10.00
CC CIL funding	£ 203.34

10 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Painter reported that there have been two virtual meetings of the Community Area Partnership principally to create sub-groups with responsibility for funding and highways and to organise work and agendas for each sub-group for the future. There is £28,000 remaining in the Highways' pot and the current intention is to fund existing feasibility studies before new applications are considered.

11 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

The Council considered an application for a street trading licence from Mr Juan Gonzalez Leon and Mr Dean Richards (trading as *Dos Padres*) to sell food from a trailed vehicle in Constantine (just along from the bus stop next to Glebe Terrace) on Saturday evenings. If the licence is granted, Councillors feel it will clash with the existing licence holder, who sells pizzas. Councillors further suggested that the road is too narrow, space is too limited and the inevitable resultant congestion all militate against accommodating two street traders at the same time on a Saturday. If the current applicants would like to consider another evening, Councillors are confident they will be welcome. The Clerk was asked to relay the Council's view to the Licensing Authority.

Cllr Mrs Deering reported that she has been invited to a meeting of the Directors of the Constantine Enterprises Company specifically to give an update on the purchase of the Church Hall and the adjoining parcels of land.

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday, November 16, 2023 in The Vestry, Constantine at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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