

CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

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

Visitors: There were no visitors.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bastin, Cllr A.Carter, Cllr Jeffery and Cllr Wickins sent their apologies for absence. Cllr Andrew proposed, Cllr Mrs Scott 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, Cllr Nicholls being absent from the last meeting abstained, and it was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday October 19, 2023 are a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

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

In answer to a question, the Clerk stated that the Council would not be informed if and when the licence for street trading is granted to Mr Juan Gonzalez Leon and Mr Dean Richards (trading as *Dos Padres*).

5 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of Cllr Bastin there was no report.

6 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Social Media

Members considered a proposal for Constantine Parish Council to create a social media platform. Cllr Mrs Deering reminded members that an individual Councillor may set up his or her own Facebook page (as she has). Nevertheless, it is her opinion that a platform the better to keep residents of Constantine informed on a day-to-day basis, whether that be with a website or use of a Facebook page, is required. Cllr Nicholls cautioned that the main pitfall of social media is the requirement for a site to be instant and stated that Councillors should not underestimate the resultant time and cost of actively running a site. It was noted that a nearby local parish council operates a Facebook page and agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

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7 PARISH MATTERS

The Green Space under the Trees – Welcoming notice

Members considered a proposal to site a welcoming notice on the Green Space under the Trees. Following discussion, Cllr Mrs Thomson proposed, Cllr Bolt seconded and it was agreed to erect a welcoming notice on the fence together with a request to take litter home. The Clerk was asked to source a supply and to obtain an indication of the cost.

Maintenance of the Historic Finger-Posts

Members noted that the cost of refurbishing a finger-post will probably not exceed £1,000. Repairs may add some £250 to that price and new fingers will add a further £750. Cllr Mrs Scott stated that she believes there may be some funding available for refurbishment through English Heritage. She will investigate. The matter will be debated once the final figures for the work done to the post at Brill are available.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

No applications or decisions have been received

9 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing to report.

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented Councillors with a statement of Constantine Parish Council's financial position as at November 16, 2023. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Members considered the matter of payment to the Royal British Legion for the cost of a wreath together with an additional donation towards the work it does in the community. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Andrew, seconded by the Chairman, 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 £75.00 to the Royal British Legion

The following accounts were tendered for payment

		GROSS	NET	VAT
Mrs J.Pleasance		£ 361.34		
Biffa		£ 129.48	£ 107.90	£ 21.58
F.Wearne and Sons		£ 312.00	£ 260.00	£ 52.00
Cornwall ALC (social media training)		£ 36.00	£ 30.00	£ 6.00
Booker (sundries for conveniences)		£ 71.35	£ 59.46	£ 11.89
SSE (public lighting)		£ 85.50	£ 81.11	£ 4.39
Bookers (sundries for public convenience)		£ 71.35	£ 59.46	£ 11.89
R.Sanders				
Cemeteries	£ 435.00			
Recreation Ground	£ 210.00			
Port Navas	£ 40.00			
Bowling Green footpath	£ 20.00			
	total	£ 774.00	£ 645.00	£ 129.00
Colin Chapman				
Salary (October)	£ 671.57			
telephone	£ 43.45			
office expenses	£ 37.80			
travelling	£ 35.36			
use of home	£ 25.00			
	total	£ 813.18		

It was proposed by Cllr Painter, seconded by Cllr Bolt, and agreed that the above nine 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)	£ 28.89	£ 27.51	£ 1.38

It was proposed by Cllr Bolt, seconded by Cllr Andrew, and agreed that the above two accounts be paid.

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11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Mrs Thomson reported that the recent meeting of the Community Area Partnership had heard presentations from the Cornwall Volunteer Forum and Health and Integrated Care (which appears mainly to be centred on urban areas). A suggestion that a list of contact details of organisations offering help to people in need might be useful with the associated costs paid by the CAP was aired. Further funding applications are being considered and, in particular, one from Penryn which may prove problematic.

11 COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Members noted that the new litter-bin has been installed at Ponjeravah (near the road-salt bin opposite the turning down to Port Navas) has been installed and is in use.

Cllr Mrs Deering reported that she had attended a meeting of the Directors of the Constantine Enterprises Company at which conflicts of interest concerning the purchase of the Church Hall had been expressed.

Cllr Mrs Deering reported that the recent repair to the ancient clapper bridge has failed and opined that the repair was of a poor standard. She further asked for news of the promised replacement of the newer bridge.

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 in The Vestry, Constantine at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.38pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

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