

# THE PARISH OF CONSTANTINE

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Minutes of a Parish Meeting of the Parish of Constantine held on Thursday November 23, 2023 at 7.30pm in The School Hall, Constantine. The Chairman of Constantine Parish Council, Cllr P.C.Carter presiding, Mr C.Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

**Present:** There were in excess of one hundred and twenty members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

## 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A.Carter and Cllr Mrs K.Scott sent their apologies for absence.

## 2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MAY 18, 2023

The Chairman stated that these minutes will be formally agreed at the next Annual Parish Meeting in May 2024.

## 3 PRESENTATION OF PLANS.

The Chairman asked Cllr Painter to present the plans to attendees.

Noting that the plans were on show in the Upper Vestry during the course of the last weekend and that they are currently available to view on the web-site, Cllr Painter reported that eighty-eight adults and five children had viewed the display during the course of the weekend.

Concerns were expressed

- about what is and what is not available for purchase
- that the Parish Council is not engaging with the vendor
- about the final total cost of purchase and repair

It was noted that

- an offer to purchase the two car-parks, the public convenience and the space under the trees has been on the table since October 2022
- the precept is required to be set in December and has to include loan repayment charges. Excess payments of Council Tax will be off-set against future demands

The vision is to create a self-funding, income-generating building which will be of value to the community.

Cllr Painter thanked those people who had attended the exhibition and who had offered their opinions on the proposal.

## 4 QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr Gendall stated that he believed the vote to be taken at the end of this meeting was undemocratic in that many residents particularly for reasons of disability were unable to attend this evening's meeting and that any vote would be un-democratic. Accordingly he proposed that a Parish Poll should be called to afford everyone the opportunity to vote.

The Chairman instructed the Clerk to take Mr Gendall's proposal forward. The Clerk called for a show of hands from those in favour of a Parish Poll. There were well in excess of the statutory ten electors in favour of Mr Gendall's proposal.

Accordingly, the Clerk asked for a proposal concerning the wording of the question to be made. It was suggested that the wording of the question as written on the agenda was suitable and when that was put to the vote a show of hands demonstrated that the majority of those present agreed. The Clerk read the wording a final

*Chairman's initials.....*

time *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?* And the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on December 12, 2023

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 16, 2024

Chairman