

# THE PARISH OF CONSTANTINE

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Constantine held on Thursday May 13, 2010 at 7.00pm in The Vestry, Constantine. The Chairman of Constantine Parish Council, Cllr P.C.Carter, presiding Mr C,Chapman (Parish Clerk) in attendance.

**Present:** CCllr Hatton, Cllr Bolt, Cllr Boote, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wiseman, PC Hopkins, PCSO Huddleston, Mr Lloyd and Mr White.

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cavanagh, Cllr Cummins, Cllr Gray, Cllr Just, Cllr Reynolds and Cllr Nicholls.

## **2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2009**

Having been previously circulated and agreed for accuracy at the meeting of June 12, 2009, Cllr Wiseman proposed, Cllr Boote seconded and it was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday May 19, 2009 are a true record and they were signed as such by the Chairman.

## **3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Carter said

“It is with much pleasure that I bring you, this evening, the Chairman’s report.

“I have again very much enjoyed the last twelve months as Chairman of this Council. I believe that we are a very pro-active council and not just a talking shop. I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for all their hard work over the last year and, in particular, Cllr Wiseman and Cllr Boote who, on occasions, have commenced meetings when farming has got in the way!

“April 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 saw the beginning of a new chapter in Cornwall with the Unitary Cornwall Council. Twelve months down the line and I think it is beginning to bed in. I think that the void between the end of the old District Councils and the Cornwall elections in June was not good for the County. In this Parish some very poor planning decisions were made by unelected people that will affect the look of parts of the village in the future.

“Thanks need to go to Cornwall Councillor Hatton, who works tirelessly on behalf of Constantine in the bigger circle of County affairs. Thanks go to the Community Police Officers who attend our meetings as often as they possibly can within their work schedule. Cllr Just must be mentioned for all the effort that he puts into overseeing the Youth Club. We hope that this will be money well spent in the long term.

“During the summer, Christine and myself attended the Mayor of Helston’s Civic Service. We also attended the first ever Mayor of Porthleven’s Civic Service.

“In November, Cllr Nicholls and myself laid a poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council on the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. We take great pride in this event.

“December saw a large number of Christmas trees purchased by this Council and distributed throughout the village. Thanks go to Cllr Wiseman and his helpers who organised and carried out the whole operation.

“Over the course of the year this Council has looked at and made observations on thirty-nine planning applications. The extension of the car-park is on hold at the moment, but we do aim to move forward in the near future. Unfortunately, there is plenty of vandalism in the village, most of which has to be put right and the bill footed by this Council. In turn it is the residents of this parish who pay via their Council Tax bill.

“Thanks go to Colin, our Clerk, who keeps the whole Council on the straight and narrow. I also have to thank my family and staff who cover for me on occasions, allowing me to fulfil my obligations.”

Speaking for members of Constantine Parish Council, Cllr Wiseman thanked the Chairman for the work he has done, the efforts he has made and the way in which he manages the meetings. He commended the work the Chairman does as being “a good job done!”.

#### **4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman asked if members of the public had any questions concerning the business of the Council.

Mr Lloyd asked if the Parish Council had taken any steps to implement the aspirations pertaining to the environment and renewable energy as described in Parish Plans. The Chairman replied that it is possible that the Parish Council would support a project involving renewable energy, but that until something tangible is put on the table the Parish Council would find it difficult to comment. Each project would have to be looked at on a case-by-case basis. There followed considerable discussion on the possibilities of both wind turbines and a solar energy farm being sited within the Parish with the view being expressed that only sites to the north of the village would be likely to attract any support. The prospect of the parish benefitting financially from a Planning Gain was raised, but it was noted that concerns about the impact on the environment of such enterprises may well outweigh any monetary advantage. The suggestion that small-scale hydro-electric projects might be more suited to the Parish environment was raised as was the construction of a major tidal powered generating station at the mouth of the Helford. At this point the Chairman called a halt to the proceedings and declared the meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

Agreed for accuracy at the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 17, 2010

Chairman

Formally adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 19, 2011

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