

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 11th October 2017

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1. Public question time

The Chair welcomed three members of the public including a new resident. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the kerb on Meadowside sticks out too far and is making it difficult to drive through. This was noted.

- 1a. CCllr Nicky Chopak reported that she is now on the Neighbourhood Committee which looks at local issues such as flooding, libraries, Fire Service etc. There has not been a meeting yet.

The Boundaries Commission is consulting on Division boundaries and welcomes comments from individuals and Parish Councils. Divisions are likely to get larger with no additional funding available.

2. To note Councillors present

Cllr Furse opened the meeting at 1930, with Cllr Medland, Cllr Collins, Cllr Orchard, Cllr Hopper and Cllr Martyn attending. CCllr Chopak. Clerk Mrs K Denton

3. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons

It was resolved to accept apologies for absence from:

Cllr Horn – work commitments

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Medland Unan 17/060

4. To receive Declarations of Interest & Approve Dispensations

Cllr Medland – Item 7 Ref PA17/08118. To leave room.

5. To receive and approve the Minutes of:

Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 13th September 2017. The Minutes were signed as an accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr Orchard Seconded: Cllr Martyn Unan 17/061

6. To receive Clerk's report on Matter's Arising:

Surface water at Dilland – this is being investigated with the intention of implementing a drainage scheme. No timescale has been given and it was felt this was unacceptable due to the time of year and likelihood of conditions becoming worse over the winter. Cllr Chopak will chase this up.

Weed spraying – the weed spraying in May had not included Paradise Park although this area had been added to the contract. It was decided to wait until the second spraying had been done in the Autumn and then discuss again.

7. Planning

Any late applications received will be discussed under this section

7a. Applications

*Standing Orders Suspended while the meeting received information on the application from the Planning Agent. Standing Orders were then reinstated. Cllr Medland leaves the room.

PA17/08118 Outline application for the construction of 8 units of affordable housing and 8 open market dwellings, together with the provision of public car parking, public open space / recreation area and public footpaths, Land South East Of Gratton Cottages, Oak Lane, Whitstone for HJ & WD Medland

This is a resubmission to include more affordable housing. Councillors felt that there was little change from the original application which had been supported by the Parish Council. It was resolved to support the new application and comment as for the original application.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Collins Unan 17/062

*Cllr Medland rejoins the meeting.

PA17/08628 Conversion of garage and alteration of adjacent habitable areas together with construction of an extension to form a residential annexe for use in conjunction with the dwelling. Construction of an outbuilding for use in conjunction with the dwelling, Trenithon, Whitstone for Mr & Mrs R Midford

This property is isolated and there are no external alterations to the house. It was resolved to support the application.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Collins Unan 17/063

7b. Decisions

None

8. Portfolio Reports

Footpaths – The situation on The Settlement is on-going. Cllr Chopak will look into progress.

Parish Hall – The Parish Hall now has a new fridge and new cooker.

Grants – No new grant applications.

9. Correspondence

1. CALC. September Newsletters – received and noted.

10. Agenda Items

1. The Further Education Travel Bursary policy and forms were reviewed. Councillors agreed to change the date limit on Travel Bursary applications to December. It was resolved to adopt this policy.

Proposed: Cllr Collins Seconded: Cllr Orchard Unan 17/064

2. No Community Benefit grant applications had been received.

3. Councillors discussed Cormac weed spraying and it was agreed to wait for the Autumn spraying and report on progress at the next meeting.

4. Cllr Furse read a letter regarding the use of funds to tidy up land on Paradise Park. After discussion it was agreed the in this instance, the Parish Council has no jurisdiction to spend money as the land is privately owned.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Medland Unan 17/065

5. The Parish Council had looked into the possibility of having a zebra crossing outside the shop for pedestrian safety but the results of a traffic survey showed that this would not be possible. Other options were discussed and the Clerk was asked to obtain copies of earlier correspondence relating to parking and road safety in the village.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Medland Unan 17/066

11. Accounts

11.a Balances 30th September 2017

Current Account	£14,620.33
Reserve Account	£27,019.75
CCLA LPF	£45,000.00 TBC

11b. To approve Accounts for Payment including:

Clerk	Wages & Mileage	Chq 000560	£ 134.87
Irene Sutton	Website	Chq 000561	£ 129.88

11c. To note income
MG SPV Ltd

East Balsdon Wind Turbine

£3928.11

It was **resolved** to approve the payments.

Proposed: Cllr Orchard

Seconded: Cllr Medland

Unan

17/067

12. Items for November Agenda.

Remembrance Sunday

The Meeting closed at 2030.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 8th November at 1930.

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