

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 9th December 2015

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1. Public question time (15 minutes allowed for this)

Emily Medland on behalf of Waddlers and Acorns. She noted that the Residents of Bassetts Bungalow, next to school, cone off half of Oak Lane making the parking difficult. Enormous flower pots to dissuade people to park near their house. Cllr Chopak will investigate. Angela attended on behalf of the Methodist Church.

1a. To receive County Councillor's report on Matter's Arising

Finance meeting - £196m of cuts already will a further £154m in 16-17 services going to get worse leading to a deterioration of front line services. It would cost them too much for a referendum to increase Ctax more than the 2%. It will go up 2% and a further 2% for Adult social care. Huge staff cuts at CC will get worse, going to be a nightmare trying to responses. Paperless planning will be happening, no going back.

2. The Opening, Councillors present

The Meeting was opened by Cllr Furse at 1930, with 6 Councillors present; Cllrs Sutton, Hopper, Medland, Adamson, Collins, Horn. Esther Greig – Clerk

3. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons

None

4. To receive Declarations of Interest & Approve Dispensations

Cllr Medland 9.3 & 7 Northmoor Pecuniary To leave room

5. To receive and approve the Minutes of:

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 11th November 2015

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Hopper 5-0 (2 abs) 15/071

8. Grants Portfolio – moved forward on the agenda by the Chair

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Hopper as Grants Portfolio Holder

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Furse unan 15/072

Grant Application for consideration:

Acorns Pre-School – Playhouse £649.99, continually fundraising – they will install the base.

Whitstone Waddlers – Play equipment £472.87,

Whitstone Methodist Church Cemetery - Grass Cutting £426.60, they are funding £200

Whitstone Methodist Church – Christmas Tree £187 for the community event on the 23rd.

Cllr Horn noted that fundraising provides social activity, don't just to give handouts – ownership and responsibility for the projects are needed. Cllr Sutton noted that all applications are in line with the approved policy

It was **resolved** to approve these grants for payment

Proposed: Cllr Adamson Seconded: Cllr Medalnd unan 15/073

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

Unilateral Undertaking for Renewables. Clerk has sent the UU's to Mi-Grid for East Balsdon and Little Tinney. One Wind has sent the UU back – but unwitnessed. Cllr Horn noted that the signatory might be incorrect too – Clerk to check.

Paperless Planning Workshop. Clerk attended and was shown how to get the most out of the planning portal and received suggestions on best way to present planning applications without paper plans. (paid for by St.Gennys PC)

Planning Conference. Clerk attended 2 workshops on planning policy and landscape/local biodiversity. The AONB officer did not attend. Some useful information.(paid for by St.Gennys PC) Transparency Code Workshop. Clerk attended (paid for by North Tamerton PC) to ensure full understanding of the new legislation – although rules don't apply to St.Gennys as PC has over £25,000 turnover.
 CiLCA training. Clerk attended to finalise her 3 modules resist (paid for by Whitstone PC).
 Street Lighting. Quote has come back at over £15,000. PC noted.
 Highways – Balsdon Lane – quite dangerous. They not that reactive safety repairs have been done rather than the carriageway reconstruction; which is required. They will investigate in order for it to be repaired next financial year.

7. Planning

7a. To discuss and make a Consultee comment on Application:

PA15/10772. Land south of Pentecost. Mrs Della Dowdle. Outline application for residential development with some matters reserved (approval sought for access and scale). We were supportive last app. No details – second attempt. No public comments
 It was **resolved** to reply with Support

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Medland unan 15/074

Cllr Chopak noted that this application may well be refused again as the applicant hasn't reflected changes required from the original decision. Cllr Furse questioned why planning wants to save the old Sunday school? That end of the village isn't great and it is unfair that houses have been passed all the way around her. The PC look forward to seeing them at committee. The Applicant is aware that her or her agent needs to appear at committee.

****Cllr Medland left the room****

PA15/10914. Northmoor, Whitstone. Lightsource SPV 163 Ltd. Variation of condition 7 of PA14/08271 dated 21.11.2014 (Construction of a solar photovoltaic park and attendant infrastructure) to allow for timeframe extension from 25 years to 30 years. Deadline 23rd December.

Cllr Sutton queried if there are any rules for applications going in planning permission whilst enforcement have ongoing cases? Cllr Chopak stated there are none and also stated that this application will probably get called to strategic – all requests for extensions have been refused to date – too early in the process to assess the impact of the renewable on the landscape etc..

It was **resolved** to reply: Lightsource Energy appear to have a total disregard for planning within our Parish, as can be seen by the sub-station currently under a planning enforcement notice. At this moment in time, with Lightsource's record, the PC are unwilling to support this application without further information.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Collins unan 15/075

****Cllr Medland returned****

Cllr Chopak noted that Lightsource have not put in the flood lighting, CCTV, & cladding application for the substation. They are focusing on trying to get the cladding completely finished – then application will be submitted by the developer. There is a remaining issue of screening as the adjacent landowner doesn't want any further trees. Cllr Horn finds it incredible that CC are not enforcing the issue. He wants consistency from Enforcement. It is a statutory obligation to pursue planning enforcement. Cllr Chopak noted that 70% of reported cases aren't pursued. The shed was only meant to be 3m and it is twice the height it should be. Cllr Sutton noted that Lightsource took over the sub-station after it was built.

Cllr Chopak noted that Lightsource cabling has caused a lot of issues regarding; working after hours, digging up gateways that shouldn't been, etc. Cllr Furse noted that the Contractor has finished, no issues in this Parish, mainly Boyton. Developers are riding rough shod over the system.

8. Portfolio Reports:

Footpaths – none

Localism/Parish Plan/BAN – Cllr Sutton reported that health services were covered. Out of hours Doctor is now Devon and Cornwall GP's – good optimistic news. Patients notes will be available to the doctors across border information – helpful to send patients to the right hospital..

Parish Hall - none

9. Correspondence

1. Scott Mann – Advice surgeries. noted
2. CC – Bude Paperless Planning workshop. Noted. x2 attendees. Clerk to book
3. Lightsource Renewable Energy Limited – Letter re: Northmoor; looking to extend the life of the solar farm from 25 to 30 years

10. Agenda Items

1. Completed 'registration of Approval' forms for Cllr Furse and Adamson in order to receive meeting papers and other council documents by email.
2. Cormac Ltd – To discuss and resolve upon the proposed weed spraying agreement on the Highway. He does spray the parish hall carpark. £130 – 2 x visits during the growing season. Good value. Cllr Furse has done it before. Cormac have all the certificates and the expertise. Darren does the footpaths and verges.

It was **resolved** to contract Cormac for the Weed Spraying Agreement

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Sutton unan 15/076

Milestones – Clerk to chase.

3. To **discuss** the budget for 2016-17,. Agreed a 7% reduction and the weed spraying contract will be covered within the footpath and verges budgets

It **resolved** to set a precept of £4515

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Medland unan 15/077

4. It was **resolved** to apply for a Transparency Code Grant for computer, printer/scanner and annual website cost £597.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Adamson unan 15/078

5. To **review** the design of the war memorial wall/landscaping.

Cllr Hopper noted that the PC should providing more hard standing as walking over the bank is particularly wet and slippy in November. Cllr Medland noted that s curving wall means that the volume from a sermon would be directed out into the main road. Considering twisting it round to face toward Oak Lane. Cllr Collins is looking at increase the size of the stand and reduce the height of the screening. For February's agenda

6. Maintenance of Parish Seats and Noticeboards. Cllr Sutton reported that the notice board is in need of some TLC. The doors are sticking; they've swelled a bit, the lock is broken, the brass key hole surrounds are coming out and another coat of varnish is required. Cllr Horn will speak to the joinery company. Cllr Sutton has been asked to put village events in the noticeboard – there is space for a few, but Cllr Sutton does not want to administer it. PC noted that there is a board in the shop for events. Village seats could do with a coat of something – the one down by the bus shelter in particular. Clerk to approach Darren Humber in the first instance.

11. Accounts

Balances 30th November 2015

Current Account £ 15,139.89

CCLA LPF £ 45,000.00

CCLA to be reviewed quarterly, March - review dividend payments with a view to ensuring the investment remains in line with RPI figures; to use the last published percentage.

11b. To approve Accounts for Payment and to note Income

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages	000488	£173.75
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Esther Greig	Clerk Mileage	000488	£40.95
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SLCC	CiLCA resit modules	000489	£80
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It **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment

Proposed: Cllr Adamson Seconded: Cllr Sutton unan 15/079

12. Items for January's Agenda.

Projects for the CB – strategic ideas for larger projects

The Meeting closed at 2050.