

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 13th July 2016

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

Cllr Furse noted that the defib temperature controlled box has arrived

Dan Cock attended regarding the conversion of Crosssparks house. Planning. Reconfigure existing retail offering, slightly staggered design to be in keeping – improve access for all, resolve the issues with the frontage. Make the shop a viable proposition for the next 10-20 years. Creating a social space for light lunch, coffee as per results in Parish Plan. Also could alter licence to be open for a drink on a Friday/Saturday night – again as requested in the Parish Plan. Dan is aware that increasing footfall = increase traffic. 4-700 people through the shop a day - if a few decide to stop for coffee that's great. Marketing in the village, hope people would walk. Currently having conversations with the Chapel to use their car park during the day – hoping to have a formal agreement. Would help the Chapel with unsolicited parking. He would manage it within the terms of the lease. Might be an opportunity to put in yellow lines around the junction rather than the red ones. Prepared to work with the PC. Keen to work together to get the support needed.

John Mill attended regarding his application. Cllr Furse reported that CC have emailed the PC as they are minded to approve it and the PC haven't called it in for committee consideration

Emily Medland attended regarding the grant application for Whitstone Waddlers, baby protection and ride-on equipment.

Cllr Hopper noted that Nina Troughton had asked her to mention the dormouse activity in the hedge opposite Paradise Park in relation to the planning application. There was an article about it the Whistler in October 2012.

John Medland noted that everyone in Whitstone supports the shop. The land to the rear of the shop should have been sold at the same time for parking/loading. Dan noted that they do have a loading bay but that Meadowside residents park 2 of their cars by the side. General issues of overspill from the village, parked outside the doors, and folk stop on the red lines. Might get worse with the new houses being built opposite.

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

Cllr Chopak – Meetings coming up. Governance review 25th July at Truro. Workshops to discuss potential for further cuts – EU funding maybe going. Issues with finance – Launceston Town Hall BAN discussed local plan Edwina Hannaford and Phil Mason attended, talking about Neighbourhood Plans. Message from Monday was that doing a NP is the way to go. CC local plan not far off ratification. Conversations about future development. It's as long on short as you want it to be. Bude NP is about to go to the inspector – CC rejected it as it does not specify enough housing. 4 years of volunteers' time and they've said no. she recommends that we don't rush into it and that you are specific about issues. Encouraging us to have another look. Something to consider as a growing Parish. It hasn't been tested at Appeal, not sure of the bearing of a NP. Can concentrate on 2 or 3 issues – tick the box on public consultation – prove that you need affordable housing, could take 6-8 months, having the odd evening and a public meeting. Cornwall housing has a list of folk that need housing. Can't prove the need for other houses. Information from Estate Agents. A bit of homework. Drum up a bit of support from the village.

Cllr Medland asked about the Footpath/Oak Lane parking. Cllr Chopak reported that Chris Monk has dusted off the file as it will potentially be used as a school footpath – restart the enforcement. John Medland noted last time he walked down the footpath – the residents of one house were abusive. Reasonable behaviour will not work in this case. The garage is in a contestable issue. The PC used to maintain the footpath properly with a tractor – current situation is very disappointing. Cllr Medland would like to keep the pressure on with the school parking. Head was going to write in the newsletter – not happened yet. Cllr Chopak will chase it up with the School. Cllr Furse noted that a cattle safety gate could be provided. Clerk to invite the Headteacher to the September meeting.

2. The Opening, Councillors present

The Meeting was opened by Cllr Furse at 2000, with 4 Councillors present; Cllrs Adamson, Medland, Collins, Horn, Hopper. Esther Greig– Clerk

3. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Collins – personal.

It was **resolved** to accept the apologies for absence

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Hopper unan 16/048

4. To receive Declarations of Interest & Approve Dispensations

Cllr Medland	7a planning PA16/04548	pecuniary	to leave room
Cllr Furse	7a planning PA16	pecuniary	to leave room

5. To receive and approve the Minutes of:

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 8th June 2016

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Hopper unan (1 abs) 16/049

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

Emergency Planning. Ongoing Clerk trying to meet with Mr Ibbotsham Defib box. Arrived – needs installing. Next meeting Paradise Park. Cllr Horn reported that Kivells have no further information. Cllr Medland was told that something might happen within a month or two. Clerk reported that Highways were having a meeting this week to see where they are at with the road adoption. The issue of surface water emptying onto Mrs Dowdle’s field may still be the main reason why the roads have not been adopted. CC are not going to pay for that to be sorted out. Weed Spraying in Paradise Park. Wasn’t included in the Cormac Contract. It is looking awful. To include in Cormac contract next year.

7. Planning

PA16/05327Plot 3 Balsdon Road. Mr Paul Moore. Non-material amendments to Plot 3 in respect of decision notice E1/2009/00338 dated 27th April 2009 (Reserved Matters for the erection of four dwellings, following demolition of existing buildings)

It was **resolved** to Support

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Adamson unan 16/050

PA16/05149. Bennetts Yard. Tamar Milling Ltd. Construction of a roof between two existing buildings to form cover for vehicle weighbridge and internal storage area [B8 storage use]

It was **resolved** to Support

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Hopper unan 16/051

PA16/04973. 6 Shire Court, Oak Lane. Mrs Diana Leppard. Listed building consent for installation of oil fired central heating using an external oil fired condensing boiler and 1400 litre bunded tank.

It was **resolved** to Support

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Medland unan 16/052

PA16/04734. Whitstone Village Stores and Post Office, Balsdon Road. Mr D Cock. Proposed conversion of existing house to ground floor shop extension and coffee shop and two bed flat over, remodel existing shop front. Cllr Horn noted that the limited car parking will fill up if customers stay at the café, should consider down lighting or reduced lighting – you’d think it is a police station with the blue light. Aim to maintain a village store feel; lighting shouldn’t be on at night. 80% of the parking issues could be solved with double yellow lines – as no one really understands red ones. It is the inconsiderate and ignorant that give the shop a bad name. Parking should not be within 10m of the junction. Loading bay could be marked. Cllr Chopak noted that we can’t engage our own contractor. Would need to pay £5000 for the consultation/work to get the road signage changed. The same scheme could cover Meadowside and further along the road – perhaps with specific bays noted. CC do not have the budget to do this. CC Officer Paul Stein would come out to draw up the scheme. Cllr Horn asked who defines the price and at what stage. That could be a negotiating problem, but definitely worth pursuing – Nicky will send the form. One person who would need to be on the committee is Dan – would need to think long term as he doesn’t want parking a condition of this planning application.

Dan noted that the lighting people haven't really considered the curb stone appeal - what he wants is a heritage fascia, plain glazed windows - will be an amendment to the façade once the design is finalised. Village location needs to be in keeping. Clerk noted that the PC have to consider what is actually in the application at the moment.

It was **resolved** to Support whilst observing that consideration should be given to car parking, the PC will work with the village stores to ensure a satisfactory solution is reached. The PC requests that there be minimal lighting when the store is closed.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Adamson unan 16/053

7b. Approvals

PA16/04612. Accomodation Whitstone Head School. Messrs H S Medland. Change of use (reversion) of school house to dwelling

For information

Withdrawn PA16/02914. Oak Cottage, Oak Lane. Proposed erection of garage

Pre-app Advice – Hannafords Mill. Mr & Mrs Koster. Conversion of barn into 1 bed holiday cottage

Pre-app Advice – Land North of Whitstone Parish Hall. New residential development of approx 15-20 dwellings. Cllr Horn noted that this is not an application for consultation. However, he would like the Clerk to write to developer requesting early engagement and to planning officer requesting effort is made to meet identified needs in the Parish Plan. Mr Chubb hasn't engaged with the PC or with Cllr Chopak to date.

PA16/04548. Chestnuts, Balsdon Road. Mr John Mill. New dwelling.

8. Portfolio Reports:

Footpaths – Letter from Mike Sutton – regarding footpaths co-ordinator.

It was **resolved** to elect Mike Sutton as Footpath Co-ordinator and that he should have a copy of the definitive map, but the originals should be returned to the Parish Council

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Furse unan 16/054

Localism/Parish Plan/BAN –There will not be a specific portfolio holder for Localism/BAN for the time being. Cllr Chopak noted that the next meeting will be in October – Bude canal, planning enforcement.

Parish Hall -none

Grants – Cllr Hopper reported that an application from Whitstone Waddlers for £307.93 had been received. Protection for the babies and new ride-ons. Fundraising ongoing. Completely volunteer based organisation, every parent pays the same.

It was **resolved** to pay £307.93 to Whitstone Waddlers

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Furse unan 16/055

Cllr Hopper noted another letter had come in too late for the agenda. The Inter-Parish shoot is a recognised village event, but PC not happy spending public money on the ammunition. PC could contribute to the hire of the venue as it is Whitstone's turn to host. Clerk to write inviting the Parishes to the event.

9. Correspondence

9a. For Action

10. Agenda Items

1. It was **resolved** to purchase a desktop computer to the value of £450 excl.VAT under terms of Transparency Code Grant

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Hopper unan 16/056

Clerk will amend the fixed assets registers to note that the lap-top is WPC's and the desktop belongs to St.Gennys PC. As this makes more sense as WPC does not have an office.

2. Quotes for the War Memorial Landscaping project. Cllr Furse reported that nothing around the back of the memorial, priority to get clean hard standing at the front. Has requested 3 quotes. 30sq m extending the pavement, 4in curb at the top and a gentle wide slope from both sides. Will be able to stand 40 people on clean ground – which is sufficient cheapest quote £1423.10, taking off a bit of top soil – 1 load to be removed by client.

It was **resolved** to accept the cheapest quote from GM Contractors

Proposed: Cllr Medland Seconded: Cllr Furse unan 16/057

3. To **discuss** co-option of a Councillor. 1 formal application and a couple expressions of interest. Only just advertised in the Whistler. Next agenda.

4. Cllr Horn reported on the Queen's birthday celebrations. Total cost to CB funds was 154.16 or 70p per house. Those who came enjoyed themselves. No regrets on the event. John Medland thanked PC for organising the event.

5. To **discuss** East Balsdon WT. next agenda.

11. Accounts

NatWest additional paperwork for the savings account. Next agenda

To **review** 1st Quarter accounts – all on schedule. Defib box purchase to come out of reserves rather than CB.

11.a Balances 30th June 2016

Current Account £ 19,280.42

CCLA LPF £ 45,000.00

Clerk to chase the £10,000 payment from Lightsource

11b. To approve Accounts for Payment

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages (Gross £167.54)	000511	£93.94
Esther Greig	Clerk Expenses – PP signage	000511	£180.30
HMRC	Clerks Income tax month 1-3	000512	£73.60

To note income

Queens Birthday Celebrations Whitstone Village Stores £158.23

It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment and to note income

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Adamson unan 16/058

12. Items for September's Agenda.

August meeting – Planning; only if necessary.

School footpath

Enforcement footpath blockage at the Settlement

Co-option

EB Turbine

Yellow Lines

NatWest Savings account

The Meeting closed at 2105.