

# Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**All meetings are open to the press and public unless the Council decides otherwise**

## **1. The Opening, Councillors present**

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

## **2. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons**

none

## **3. Public question time (15 minutes allowed for this)**

Dan Cock – spoke about his request that the PC create a car park. His petition is ongoing with 285 signatories and 16 letters from individuals and businesses to support the ‘justification of need’ – in order to get a satisfactory resolution to this issue. Since he took ownership of the shop, he has had the support of the PC – he wants to do the best for the community and wants to work with the PC to get these parking issues sorted. Committed to get the issue resolved. Dan presented the document that he has given to all the suppliers – asking them not to park in the immediate area; within 10m of the junction. Demonstrates that he is trying to address the problem with locals and suppliers. Difficult with holiday makers and passing trade. He noted that 7 of 9 employees live in the Parish.

David Fowler – same planning application back in again – change is now there is not an affordable dwelling – happy to have a section 106 on it but environmental health can’t support it, there no public objections. Cllr Chopak has queried the EH comment already and is on the case, every condition has been met on the WT – plans now show the chicken sheds being removed.

Emily Medland – West Balsdon - wanting PC feedback on the Community Benefit; WT would feed businesses i.e St.Annes’s residential home, CB could help with the parking issues. or, the WT could be part community owned, and the CB paid out on the electricity produced not just the basic CB asked for by the PC. Community Power Cornwall will be asked to attend the next meeting – PC would need to see firm fact and figures. WT is closer to the village – PC can’t tell what the reaction of the village would be before an application is submitted. Do the PC want the community to own 25% (at approx £350,000)? Would 3 WT’s owned by the same family constitute a wind farm ? No – they have separate identities as they are on separate holding numbers.

## **3a. To receive County Councillor’s report on Matter’s Arising**

Residents Association meeting at Meadowside has taken place – clear that they are fully aware of the parking issues as there are 12 houses and 26 cars. Always going to be a problem. All agreed to review their behaviour over the next few months and meet again to hold a brain storming session in September. Other ideas that came up; moving the 30 mile an hour speed sign out a bit might help with the visibility splay, cutting back the hedges coming into the village – Cllr Chopak has formally asked Highways to deal with them as they stick out quite bit, speed data collection – asked for that to happen over the summer. Removing the front garden of the bungalows - happy to do it – but no money to pay for it. Cllr Chopak summarised that is was amenable and they are working together. CC not obliged to provide parking spaces for LA housing, all residents going away to look at their own gardens and driveways to see if they can help themselves.

Hornacott – got refused at CC planning committee– cumulative impact – concerned about the number of renewable applications. Vote 15-2 - not even close. Week St.Mary appeal scheduled to go live on 8<sup>th</sup> July - has to be heard within 6 months – all surrounding Parishes will be approached to raise £40,000 to pay for the appeal. CC will fight the appeal on the grounds of historic impact, but their barrister will cover all the other issues.

## **4. To receive Declarations of Interest & approve Dispensations**

Cllr Medland 10.1 Agenda Item Pecuniary to leave room

## 5. To receive and approve Minutes

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of Annual Meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Proposed: Cllr Furse                      Seconded: Cllr Adamson                      unan                      15/038**

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

Clerk not contacted One wind renewable as they have paid the current year's CB so thought it best to wait until the agenda item is discussed in full in 10.1

## 7. Planning

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

**PA15/03204. Sea View Bungalow. Mr & Mrs Fowler.** Conversion of egg packing/office building to form 2no. dwellings. Same as before in 2013 but without the affordable element.

It was **resolved** to **Support**

**Proposed: Cllr Horn                      Seconded: Cllr Adamson                      unan                      15/039**

**PA15/04836. Dipperfarm. Mrs S MacDonald.** Two storey rear extension with the inclusion of a Juliette balcony at first floor level on the north elevation

It was **resolved** to **Support**

**Proposed: Cllr Horn                      Seconded: Cllr Medland                      unan                      15/040**

## 8. Portfolio Reports:

**Footpaths** – Darren promised to send a quote but hasn't been received. The footpaths contract was done well last year - he has done the work to the open spaces already this year. PC will proceed on his verbal quote given last year. Cllr Sutton has specified the paint for the Milestones

**Localism/Parish Plan/BAN** – next meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Community emergency plans – Cllr Furse noted that hedge trimming has not been started on the Highways.

**Parish Hall** - none

## 9. Correspondence

### 9.a To Discuss Correspondence for Action

1. Letter from Dan Cock – requesting that the PC create a car park. Discussion on options took place, purchasing a parcel of land - how do you justify spending Parish money on one issue for 12 houses only? Not one solution, considering all the options. If the PC/Community find an acceptable solution then it doesn't want to be hindered by CC red tape.

2. Chris Sims – highways inspection and maintenance – any issues/ willing to consider taking on. None

3. Chris Sims - Community Emergency Plan. Not at this time.

### 9.b To Note Correspondence for Information

none

## 10. Agenda Items

1. To **resolve** to open formal negotiations on the subject of Community Benefit Payments with the owners and developers of the Renewable Energy projects described in the following planning applications. The negotiations should follow 'best practice' and be generally in line with the Council's policy. The intention is to establish a formal Community Benefit Payment Agreement for each of the projects:

PA12/11717 East Balsdon Farm

PA13/08865 Dilland Farm

PA15/03334 West Balsdon Farm

To protect the CB against the development being sold on – need a formal agreement. Cllr Sutton noted that developers are aware of CB and it's an industry policy. He suggests that the PC writes to them to invite a formal CB contribution. The PC then presents our standard Unilateral Undertaking if they agree to it. Clerk to retype the Balsdon Agreement for resolution in July

2. Meadowside – rubbish in garden. Cllr Adamson approached by Parishioners – Cllr Chopak will deal with it.

3. East Balsdon - updated unilateral undertaking. Cllr Medland to forward contact details as the manager would like to talk to us.

