

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 9th March 2016

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

Mr Medland and Peter Wonnacott attended. The agent spoke about the outline planning application for 4 dwellings on what was the playfield – a brown field site. He feels it would get policy support because of that. Mr Medland has chosen bigger dwellings but fewer of them, in keeping with the area. CC would require a contribution towards affordable housing.

Cllr Hopper arrived

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

Cllr Chopak is meeting Highways next Wednesday regarding Oak Lane problems with the parking at school, resident has sent her a detailed email about the flower pots out the front. Bigger issue than previously thought. Cones are breeding; a further 6 have appeared further along the road. Cllr Horn noted that parents of the school children also need to be more considerate. Only going to get worse. Headteacher has sent letters home regarding this ongoing issue. Cllr Medland noted that residents and other road users have to work around school time. Mr Medland noted that parking has eroded verge away – used to be 4ft wide. Main road to the school needs more width – maybe Highways could buy some of the verge. Some parents drive to school when they could walk to reduce the congestion. Cllr Horn has built a wall. Cllr Hopper noted that there are 77 children this year; expecting there will be more next year. Balsdon road has been surveyed again this week. Potholes outside of Whitstone Head an ongoing issue – but Cllr Chopak thinks only one fits the criteria for repair. Cllr Collins noted that the whole road is breaking up. It has not been resurfaced for nearly 19 years. 17 houses and farms at Hillhead. Cllr Chopak noted that Council Tax will rise 1.97% + 2% for Adult social care. Car park fees will be going up to cope with road maintenance. CC has altered the ticketing machines so that the same registration number can't be put in twice for a cheaper fee.

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 7a planning pecuniary to leave room

5. To receive and approve the Minutes of:

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 10th February 2016

Proposed: Cllr Adamson Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 16/013

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

Notice board repair. Cllr Horn has mended all the locks and screwed in the centre post – perhaps Darren could give it a coat of Danish Oil. Cllr Furse thought that a 5 litre tin would be required.

It was **resolved** to add the noticeboard to the maintenance schedule for Darren Humber to action

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 16/014

Bus Shelter. Highways noted that if it is the same size they don't need to be notified. Clerk attended SLCC conference today and visited exhibitor's stands inc metal work and playgrounds. Cllr Collins was surprised that the bus shelter needs replacing; he drove past and saw someone sitting in it. Cllr Furse noted that the village is quite well served with buses; it is not a bad thing to do to update the bus shelter after 40 years. Cllr Sutton noted that the PC shouldn't wait for complaints. Everyone drives through Whitstone. Clerk to get a range of bus shelter quotes for the next meeting.

Defibrillator. Accreditation – Clerk to chase Steve at SWAT to get hold of Nick. Quote for climate controlled box £350+VAT. Will know after SWAT visit whether this is required.
Transparency Code Grant – equipment. Clerk feels that a cloud is unnecessary; she using the portable hard drive. Cllr Sutton thought there was not a strong reason to use the cloud.

7. Planning

Any late applications received will be discussed under this section

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

Cllr Medland left the room

PA16/00966. Land Nort East of Whitstone Head School. HJ and A Medland. Outline planning permission with some matters reserved: erection of four dwellings. It's on the old playing field. Putting in a new entrance. The gym remains as it is. £26,000 s106 monies would be allocated to Whitstone towards affordable housing, then after 2 years id not used it goes into the central CC housing pot. There is no choice. Cllr Collins - with regards to the public footpath; would the end of the lane be improved? Surface would be tarmacked. Ruby has a gate into her property, sheeted field gate – not used for a while; so would not be affected. Cllr Horn noted that the Ramblers have no comments and no other comments online. Cllr Sutton is happy with the assurance that the RofW is safeguarded. No gateway at the end of the private drive. No archaeological interest and the ecology for the site is clear. Trees remain. The road into the school is a private road. The development will not impact this. Developer wanted to keep the entrances separate. All 3 bedroom houses, 2 or 3 parking per house. The traffic would need Highways need to mark the road to ensure pedestrian safety from the footpath.

It was **resolved** to **Support** the outline planning for 4 houses. The proposed density is in keeping with the immediate area. The footpath should not be adversely affected in any way during the construction and completion of the proposal.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Hopper unan 16/015

Cllr Medland returned

7.b Approvals

PA15/11877. West Froxton Barn. Mr & Ms I & M Moore and Martyn.

PA15/10914. Northmoor, Whitstone. Lightsource SPV 163 Ltd.

8. Portfolio Reports:

Footpaths – none. Cllr Sutton is involved working on 'Project 2026' about restoring the lost roads & footpaths – those that weren't put on the definitive map in 1949. CC, ramblers and the British horse society are working together to get them all put on the definitive map. Hot potato – Cllr Collins noted is may cause a bit of a stir, he produced a map of footpaths dating from 1874 for the society. The Definitive map will then be closed to modification after 2026, happening nationally. As it stands if a RofWay is on the map, it is all the evidence that you require to prove that there is a RofW, but this is not to say that they don't exist elsewhere. If there was a highway at one time; there is always a highway.

Localism/Parish Plan/BAN – none

Parish Hall - none

Grants – Cllr Hopper reported a successful open morning yesterday at Waddlers, little ones and parents were enticed by coffee and cake - over 20 children attended and all the new toys were out. Hopefully boost the numbers in the playgroup. Photos of the children using the equipment were passed around. Cllr Medland noted that Mi-Grid are aware they need to pay out – it will come, but he thinks they have a cash-flow issues. Clerk to chase the UU agreement. Ongoing.

9. Correspondence

9a. For Action

1. Cornwall Council – Local Devolution Fund. A one off fund. What could PC take on? no toilets or libraries providing one stop shop, turning phone boxes into information etc. Could provide an information stand in the new bus shelter? **Noted.**

9b For Information

1. Good Energy – Big Field Wind Farm. Appeal Supplementary Environmental Information. Includes new photomontages, tip height the same and lowering the hub height. Increased capacity, mitigation landscaping; banks of trees – different implications. Part of Rule 6, Cllr Chopak noted that it would be good if Whitstone PC could attend. Cllr Furse noted that the information would be biased towards Good Energy's case. Principle hasn't changed –just the type of turbine. It was **resolved** that Cllr Horn would represent the PC at the Appeal hearing on 26th April.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Sutton unan 16/016

2. CALC – AGM 11/3/16 Truro 7pm. Cllr Sutton to go.
3. Tower Mint – Commemorative medal
4. CC email from s106 Development Officer - no funds collected or expected to be due in respect of s106 contributions for the Parish of Whitstone. **Noted**
5. One Wind Renewables – CB payment of £4,000 to be expected every March. Not cleared as at meeting, but Clerk will keep checking.

10. Agenda Items

1. To **finalise** the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting. Invite Whistler, Grants recipients & community benefit, emergency plan – Mr Ibbotsham. Wind turbine update Cllr Chopak.
2. To **finalise** design and get quotes for the War Memorial Landscaping project. Cllr Collins – finding a balance, to be on the level, the height needs reducing. The village side is a lot easier to do including taking back the hedge extension. Level it to the man hole cover – tarmac it – no steps to trip on. Cllrs Horn and Furse took the top off the manhole covers to see how far they go down – a long way down – not an issue for levelling as it must be about 4ft. Hard standing is needed in November. Better to have the benches off the pavement. Cllr Furse will speak to licenced contractors to see if the covers can be lowered down and to tarmac the area. He will get 3 quotes for the work - indicative prices for next meeting. Take the fence panels down, but put in some kind of back board. Concrete slab underneath the memorial itself.
3. It was **resolved** to appoint John Barratt as Internal Auditor
Proposed: Cllr Adamson Seconded: Cllr Collins unan 16/017
4. To was **resolved** to accept the CB offered by Lightsource SPV 163 Ltd of £10,000; as the planning permission for the development has been extended 5 years
Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Sutton unan 16/018
 Clerk will get the contracts for signing for next meeting and ask if they would like to contribute something to the bus shelter.
5. General Power of Competency. Whitstone PC meets the criteria for eligibility by having two-thirds elected Councillors, and the Clerk having a recognised professional qualification.
 It was **resolved** to have the General Power of Competency
Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 16/019
6. It **resolved** to develop an emergency plan and to apply for the start-up grant from CC.
Proposed: Cllr Sutton Seconded: Cllr Hopper unan 16/020
 Cllr Sutton is thinking about something simple and as practical as possible. Cllr Sutton, Mr Ibbotsham + 1 other. Clerk will forward other PC copies.
7. Benchmarking the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer position for Whitstone PC to the NALC recommended SCP 22-29. Cllr Sutton has double-checked the figures. Cllr Horn noted that it has become a more professional role in recent years.
 It was **resolved** to position the role at SCP range 22-29
Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Medland unan 16/021
 Clerk will have her appraisal with Cllrs Furse and Hopper before the next ordinary meeting.
8. To **discuss** Paradise Park. Progress to date and next steps. Cllr Horn will ring Kevin Hicks. In the hands of the executors. Clerk needs reference numbers in order to find all the s106 agreements relating to PP. Cllr Collins thought that the original application would have been around 1973, amenity area mentioned from 1982. He may have some paperwork he could pass onto the PC. Cllr Chopak is going to Bodmin next week so could ask the planning department to locate them as the records have now been moved to the new building.
9. To **discuss** the Queen’s 90th birthday celebration. Cllr Horn suggested weekend 14/15th May. Cllr Medland has kindly offered the playground at Whitstone Head. Thank you. Provide horsebox bar. Childrens’s sports in the afternoon and beer and music in the evening. Folk music. Cllr Furse will lend his marquee. Budget discussion: free burger and soft drink with each for ticket. Longhill burgers. Profit from beer to cover the burgers, then Village organisations to benefit by monies going back into the CB pot. Cllr Horn to talk to a band. Whistler poster – save the date. Clerk to complete grant app of £500 for cashflow and any additional costs, any unused money will be returned to the pot. 3pm start.
10. To **resolve** to accept the CC LMP footpaths contract 2016 and to **complete** the signed acceptance
 It was **resolved** to **Support**
Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Adamson unan 16/022

11. Accounts

Covering letter to Standard Life regarding Clerks Pension completed

NatWest form for a 30-day notice account completed. This account will hold CB funds separately from PC funds for clarity.

It was **resolved** to open the account with £7,584.20 (balance 2015-16) and to make a transfer, following 1st April RPI Data, to CCLA to keep capital value in line with inflation.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Furse unan 16/023

Dividends from CCLA LPF are paid directly into the PC current account

Balances 29th February 2016

Current Account	£ 13,984.68
CCLA LPF	£ 45,000.00

11b. To approve Accounts for Payment

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages	000498	£147.42
Standard Life	Clerks Pension – annual payment	000499	£31.11
St.Gennys Parish Council	Office Hire, stamps and stationery	000500	£94.67

To note Income

Cornwall Council	LMP - Footpaths		£200
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It **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and to note income

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Adamson unan 16/024

12. Items for April's Agenda.

Clerk's email address

Clerk's appraisal – Cllr Hopper and Furse. 1845.

SLCC membership subscription

The Meeting closed at 2130.