

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 14th May 2014

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

1. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman & to Elect committee & members to outside bodies

It was resolved to elect Nick Furse to Chair

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Collins, unan 14/034

It was resolved to elect Andrew Adamson to Vice-Chair

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn, unan 14/035

2. The Opening, Councillors present

The Meeting was opened by Chairman Cllr Furse, with 5 Councillors present; Cllrs Medland, Sutton, Hopper, Horn & Collins. Esther Grieg – Clerk. The Chair welcomed Cllr Hopper to her first meeting – Clerk will liaise regarding paperwork.

3. Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Adamson – personal. It was resolved to accept these apologies.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 14/036

Clerk to forward rules for apologies.

4. Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

None

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

Cllr Chopak attended. She noted that Meadowside now is requested to provide an affordable home rather than a contribution as part of the development. The Planning Officer has visited site and does not see traffic as an issue at this junction. She has requested he take a further look. Cllr Medland stated that getting emergency vehicles and tractors down this road proves to be a regular problem and he has requested that the Police remove vehicles obstructing access. Cllr Medland will email photos to Cllr Chopak.

Council Officers Linda Holloway and Chris Monk have apologised for their delay in responding to the Hilton Woods footpath obstruction – they will be undertaking a site visit this week. The PC suggested that they also meet with Cllr Sutton to discuss this and other Parish issues whilst they are here.

Cllr Chopak reported that the Bude meeting regarding the Week St.Mary wind turbines was well attended – over 350 people; of which approx. 95% were opposed to the application. It was a comment session – Landowners, Developers and Council Members were not allowed to speak. The Planning Committee also undertook a site visit. Cllr Chopak noted that the associated cottage application has now become part of the larger planning application; so any further comments on this section can be added to the 1000+ comments already registered. The committee will decide on the application on the 3rd July.

6. To put for confirmation the:

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It was resolved the Minutes be confirmed as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn 4-0 (2 abstentions) 14/037

7. Matters Arising for report only:

None

8. Planning

None

9. Portfolio Reports:

Footpaths – Clerk to request that Darren cuts the paths at the end of June.

Localism/Parish Plan – Parish Plan questionnaire – full results next month but from observation, Cllr Sutton confirmed that the responses broadly support the current PC policies. Cllr Sutton attended a joint Bude and Launceston network meeting and noted that all experience similar issues. He stated that a new tranche of European funding (£25m – approx 8-9m for North Cornwall) will be available based on economic and job creation criteria. He will produce a report for next meeting.

Parish Hall - none

10. Correspondence

1. Letter from Kivells re: Land at Paradise Park. The PC feels that clarity on the access is imperative before any decision on the land can be made. Cllr Horn noted that it would be useful to know what opportunity they have in mind. Discussion on covenants and Paradise Park housing deeds came to no firm conclusion. It was resolved to send a letter and the map with the highlighted section hashed to show that are that the PC are interested in the land originally promised to the Parish.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Medland unan 14/038

2. Cornwall Council – review of Polling Places. No change required

3. Woodland Trust – Free remembrance trees. Noted

11. Policy and other items

1. It was resolved to accept the Statement of Internal Control

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 14/039

2. War Memorial. Discussion on location. Following the Annual Parish Meeting; a further review of the location was felt to be required. It was noted that the currently proposed roadside position is excellent for 364 days a year but a service held there could be awkward due to traffic and parking. Other options include; the Chapel Cemetery, the Churchyard, the front of the Parish Hall. It was resolved to investigate these possibilities in order to make a final decision on location next meeting. Cllr Medland will liaise with the Cemetery, Cllr Collins with the Church, the Clerk will write to St.Anne's Parish Hall and Cllr Chopak will chase Highways for a decision on the Oak Lane junction position.

4. Mobile Library – options for an outreach library were discussed in the event that the mobile library service is scrapped. In the Annual Parish Meeting, Mr Medland mentioned that St.Anne's Residential Home was a possibility – Clerk to write to see if this offer was still available before the PC replies to this consultation.

5. Parish Hall – internet costs. Cllr Sutton will review the bill and tariffs to ensure that they are correct or if any savings can be made. Cllr Sutton noted that the additional £800 revenue to the Hall from the computer training has more than covered the first year costs. Clerk noted that £300 was in the budget for this financial year and that she would request an invoice from the Hall for these monies to be paid out. The PC noted that increased revenue could be generated by marketing the availability of these services to the community, and one off events utilising the facilities could be organised to increase knowledge and fundraise.

12. Accounts

Annual Return. It was resolved to ratify the amendments made to note the uncashed cheques.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 14/040

Parish Council Insurance – It was resolved to accepted the Aviva quotation

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Medalnd unan 14/041

12.a Balances 30th April 2014

Current Account	£ 6667.93
NS&I	£ 766.71

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12.b Accounts for Payment

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages	000441	£181.01
Esther Greig	Mileage	000441	£12.80
CALC	Annual Membership Subscription	000442	£196.44
Broker Network Ltd	Parish Council Insurance	000443	£265
Proposed: Cllr Furse	Seconded: Cllr Collins	unan	14/042

13. Items for June Agenda

- Parish Plan Questionnaire
- Location of War Memorial
- Review of Internet Costs

Meeting closed at 2115hrs