

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 11th May 2016

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

Annual Parish Meeting 20th April 2016 noted for accuracy

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

Cllr Chopak – Hillhead roundabout traffic lights/road works will be there until the 21st July. Queuing back to Kilkhampton. She reported that regarding the barn at Oak Lane, the planning officer has concerns, yet to be decided. The headmaster, Mr Warner has contacted her regarding the traffic issues outside the school and wants to have a conversation with the PC to try to resolve the issues. A suitable time and date? 4pm one day next week. Cones are still there. Cllrs Medland and Furse to attend. Cllr Medland suggested sending Mi-Grid a bill for the Community Benefit. Cllr Collins asked if Highways have looked around Whitstone head yet? Cllr Chopak said it is on the list.

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

It was resolved that all Councillors were re-elected to their current positions on block.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Collins unan 16/034

3. The Opening, Councillors present

The Meeting was opened by Cllr Furse at 1940, with 3 Councillors present; Cllrs Medland, Collins, Horn. Esther Greig – Clerk

4. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Adamson – personal, Cllr Hopper – business.

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

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 16/035

Resignation from Cllr Sutton from immediate effect. PC discussed the process of election/co-option

5. To receive Declarations of Interest & Approve Dispensations

None

6. To receive and approve the Minutes of:

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 13th April 2016

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Medland unan (1 abs) 16/036

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

NatWest savings account – Clerk to speak to NatWest about the relevance of the document request Annual Return, completed and posted to Auditor

8. Planning

None - Any late applications received will be discussed under this section

Approvals

PA16/02844. East Balsdon Farm. Mr Messrs H S Medland. Demolish substandard part of dwelling and erect extension to dwelling.

Cllr Horn's report on the Big Field Wind Turbine Appeal. He attended on Monday and spoke on behalf of the PC. He read out his statement:

There will be a huge visual impact on all surrounding areas as these industrial monsters are out of keeping with the rural area. There will be a huge impact on the community during the construction phase. This area is overwhelmed with renewable energy schemes which are changing the face of our communities for all our residents.

We have considered the matter again prior to this appeal and have not changed our mind.

Whitstone Parish church has far reaching rural views to the south, peppered only with a few farms and houses, the implementation of this scheme would change the setting of the grade 1 listed church and views from it altering the vista and setting in which it can be considered.

The appellant's claim of there being local support for this is not borne out in our conversations with village residents as no uninterested party residing in our parish has ever approached the parish council to support the application.

WPC totally support the stance being taken by the Rule 6 residents and commend them for the passion and zest in which they have mounted the campaign.

From a personal point of view I find it abhorrent that we local people have to fight a large company over this matter when it is clear that the scheme is not welcomed by the majority of people in this area.

9. Portfolio Reports:

Cllr Furse asked the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Mike Sutton. His portfolios will be considered at the next PC meeting when there are more councillors attending

Footpaths – none

Localism/Parish Plan/ –

Parish Hall – Cllr Collins reported that the committee had agreed that the electrical supply to the defib box and camera be sorted out.

Grants – PC has received £100 towards constructing an Emergency plan – Clerk to approach Howard Ibbotson regarding the way forward.

10. Correspondence

1. CCLA – Letter regarding increase in Stamp Duty Land Tax and its affect on transactions.
2. Came & Company - Magazine

11. Agenda Items

1. Transparency Code Grant – to **discuss** applying for further grant, spending existing funds. Software for STG PC's PC.

It was **resolved** to purchase the latest Microsoft office for the office PC and a connecting hdmi cable for the projector to the laptop.

Proposed: Cllr Horn **Seconded: Cllr Medland** **unan** **16/037**

2. To **discuss** quotes for the War Memorial Landscaping project. To get more. Next agenda.

3. It was **resolved** to accept pay recommendation from Clerk's appraisal. £12.317 per hour

Proposed: Cllr Furse **Seconded: Cllr Horn** **unan** **16/038**

4. It **resolve** to purchase a Defibrillator security box.

Proposed: Cllr Horn **Seconded: Cllr Medland** **unan** **16/039**

To discuss budget heading for this item at next meeting. Cllr Chopak offered a Community chest. Grant of £250.

6. To **note** minimum payment into CCLA LAPF is £10,000

7. To **note** Clerk's holidays; last week in July, and last week of August.

8. To **discuss** purchasing a SLCC minute taking text book £11.96 + delivery.

12. Accounts

PC noted receipt of grass cutting agreement 2016/17. Darren doing a sterling job. Cllr Furse would like to know who made the big ruts when they did the tree... they should reinstate the level.

12.a Balances 30th April 2016

Current Account	£ 20,534.10
CCLA LAPF	£ 45,000.00

12b. To approve Accounts for Payment

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages	000505	£246.34
Esther Greig	Clerk Mileage	000505	£11.25
Esther Greig	Clerk Expenses	000505	£9.01

Came and Company	Insurance renewal	000506	£273.75
SWAST	Defib climate controlled box	000507	£420
To note Income			
CCLA – LAPP	Dividend 1 st quarter		£539.16
Cornwall Council	Emergency Plan Grant		£100
It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment and to note income			
Proposed: Cllr Horn	Seconded: Cllr Collins	unan	16/040

13. Items for June’s Agenda.

To **discuss** parking at Oak Lane/school run

To **discuss** quotes for the War Memorial Landscaping project. To get more. Next agenda.

Chase Kivells regarding Paradise Park.

The Meeting closed at 2030.