

# Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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

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

Acorns representative attended

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

Cllr Chopak reported that there should be an application due November from Lightsource regarding the sub-station – flood lights, cctv and the height of the building potentially with cedar cladding – negotiating with landowner in front for more hedging – they can't take it down and are trying to hide it – Enforcement can't do anything as there is a planning application on it way. Any complaints on the lighting? Not yet. Feedback about the school transport – any complaints? nothing specific. She attended the Meadowside community meeting – trying to help themselves. Cllr Collins asked why isn't it a priority for the LA to provide parking for their tenants – they are not obliged too. She will feed back this comment to Cornwall Housing. Common throughout the country not to have enough parking around older houses. Meadowside residents could use their driveways and their gardens – maybe another meeting later in the year. If, somehow we could get a piece of land to provide parking – many wouldn't use it as would not be outside their houses. Recycling scheme – all the plastics soon. Planning committee meeting on Monday – refused 11 to 2 not close. disappointed – applicant might appeal. Suggested may consider one house on the plot.

## 2. The Opening, Councillors present

The Meeting was opened by Cllr Furse at 1930, with 4 Councillors present; Cllrs Sutton, Adamson, Hopper, Medland. Esther Greig – Clerk

## 3. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Horn - Business

**Proposed: Cllr Furse**

**Seconded: Cllr Sutton**

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**15/058**

\*\*Cllr Collins arrived\*\*

## 4. To receive Declarations of Interest & Approve Dispensations

Cllr Hopper 7a Planning PA15/08374 Pecuniary to leave room

## 5. To receive and approve the Minutes of:

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**Proposed: Cllr Furse**

**Seconded: Cllr Sutton**

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**15/059**

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

Unilateral Undertaking for Renewables.

## 7. Planning

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

\*\*Cllr Hopper left the room\*\*

**PA15/08374. Land South west of Wilsworthy Cross. Mr G Hopper.** Proposed shed to house agricultural machinery.

Same application but avoiding some of the comments from Environmental Health. Supported previous application, Cllr Medland noted that the noise from their business would be minimal. Cllr Collins wondering why would you need a barn that side of the farm, but probably the only bit of land that Mr Hopper owns that he can put a barn on. Support as previous and support environmental health officer's recommendations

**Proposed: Cllr Sutton**

**Seconded: Cllr Adamson**

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**15/060**

\*\*Cllr Hopper returned\*\*

**7b. Approvals**

**PA15/06403. Paradise Farm, Balsdon Road, Whitstone. Mr Nick Furse.**

**8. Portfolio Reports:**

**Footpaths** – Update regarding the style on David Fowler’s land. Cllr Sutton chased many times and it has been delivered. It’s a kissing gate enabling easier access for all.

**Localism/Parish Plan/BAN** – was postponed. Emergency Planning Meeting 16<sup>th</sup>, also covers maintaining list of folk who have machinery to clear snow, basic things to stay overnight in a building in an emergency etc.

**Parish Hall** – Cllr Collins reported that the committee is looking into changing the broadband provider.

**9. Correspondence**

- 1. CCLA – Local Authorities Property Fund – Forms for completion.
- 2. CC – Paperless Planning Grant £700. Would perhaps need a screen for the smaller meeting room, £10 a session to hire projector. Try it out over the next few months to see how it works. Clerk to talk to other PC’s to see what equipment can be shared, and to see what best practice is recommended at the training workshops. It was **resolved** to switch to paperless planning on the 1st April 2016

**Proposed: Cllr Furse                      Seconded: Cllr Sutton                      unan                      15/061**

- 3. CC – Community Emergency planning meeting 16<sup>th</sup> November.
- 4. Speed limits on Wheelie bins. noted

**10. Agenda Items**

- 1. Oak Lane – check road surface. Done a lot of patches – but haven’t improved it or resurfaced it.

2. Cllr Horn proposed to support Hall broadband for a further £410 in this financial year due to loss incurred. Cllr Sutton noted that the PC is a major user and it is a necessity with the paperless planning system coming in – consider as an ongoing cost to the Parish Council. Suggest that they go through the grant scheme for any shortfall – PC shouldn’t underwrite the whole cost but be encouraging them to get hirers to use it. Establish a rental with the Hall to help with the ongoing cost. Cllr Collins noted that it’s not a profit making business – sustainable services provided for the village. Cllr Furse proposed an amendment and it was **resolved** that the PC pay £8 per session room hire and then £10 for projector and broadband hire.

**Proposed: Cllr Furse                      Seconded: Cllr Sutton                      unan                      15/062**

- 3. To discuss Grant Application Forms received: Acorn Pre-school £2000 & Whitstone Waddlers £487. Cllr Medland noted that £487 from a voluntary organisation is a reasonable figure for applications, a proposal for £2000 without specific items and no match funding is not right. It’s not been costed out properly, and they might want to come back for more money later in the year. £500 every year – not sustainable for every application. If the PC start funding bigger requests then the money just disappears. Cllr Furse noted that everyone is little once. Cllr Sutton noted that match funding would help on the larger requests. Clerk to write to the grant applicants. Cllr Collins noted that when the Hall received grants, payments only came through when they had receipts to prove expenditure. The deadline for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> November for discussion at the December’s meeting, during the precept and budgeting decisions. PC will resolve upon the CB Fund policy before agreeing any grant payments.

- 4. It was **resolved** that the Council submit a request to Cornwall Council for installation of additional street lighting between St. Anne’s Parish Hall and Oak Lane to improve safety and convenience for residents. This area is on the route between the main residential areas and the Parish Hall.

**Proposed: Cllr Sutton                      Seconded: Cllr Furse                      unan                      15/063**

- 5. Cllr Sutton proposed that the Council resolves to approve, and adopt as policy, the document ‘Whitstone Parish Council Community Benefit Fund – Policy. Talking about the CB Fund policy on strategy for investment and Grant Payment. Review in detail ready for next month – ideas to Clerk for discussion. Clerk to forward around the document with changes noted.

- 6. Cllr Sutton proposed that the Council resolves to apply for Community Asset listing, under the Right to Bid legislation, for the Amenity Land in Paradise Park’. provoke a discussion – trying to get an update on any progress on. Cllr Collins has heard but can’t comment at the moment – but it seems that ‘they’ have finally understood the true issue. Cllr Sutton is concerned that nothing further has happened. The CA Listing would mean that we would get notice of any change. Letters have been

