

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 11th September 2013

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1. The Opening, Councillors present

The Meeting was opened by Chairman Cllr Furse, with 4 Councillors present; Cllrs Sutton, Medland, Horn, Collins. Esther Grieg – Clerk

2. Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Adamson – Holiday

Cllr Parker – Working

Proposed: Cllr Furse

Seconded: Cllr Horn

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3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Public question time

3 members of the public present. Discussion on 7a – Wind Turbine at West Nethercott was brought forward. Cllr Horn stated that during the Parish Plan process there was no objection to small/medium turbines – like this proposal. If these were approved these would be the 5th & 6th approved turbines with our small Parish; creating over 1 megawatt of renewable energy input which is more than our 250 homes would be expected to use at any one time. The Parish would become an exporter. The Parish can start to demonstrate proliferation. Cllr Horn has produced a report (appendix to minutes). They are becoming common in the landscape now and there is no requirement to offer the Parish incentives – this could change under the Localism Act. There were 24 comments and objections to the first application and no comments on this application. Cllr Collins stated that perhaps Parishioners think that their objections carry forward to the next turbine application. Public opinion seems to play no part in the planning decisions. Cllr Furse said that the Parish has high land, is close to the coast and next to pylons – ideal area for export. PC decided to produce a ‘wind turbine’ policy at the next meeting.

5. 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 Medland

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6. Matters Arising for report only:

Boyton PC Meeting date – NPs. Postponed their discussion until the following month.

Register of Interests – Outstanding for Cllrs Collins & Parker.

Good Energy Consultation Event at Week St.Mary. Cllrs Furse and Horn attended. £50k annual funding for community projects would be paid by Good Energy – this would be split between the 5 local Parishes if they get planning permission. Good Energy offered to speak to Whitstone but Cllr Furse suggested that they get planning; then come with a contract. Week St.Mary are opposing the application.

7. Planning

7a. Applications

PA13/06873. Agricultural Farmland At West Nethercott Farm, Whitstone. Mr Hopper. Installation and operation of two small scale 50kW wind turbines each with a tip height of 46m. Following the public discussion; Cllr Horn proposed that the PC reply includes the ongoing development/proliferation data. No Objection.

Proposed: Cllr Horn

Seconded: Cllr Collins

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Cllr Chopak asked whether she should request a site visit. It was suggested that this option was held for when the PC objects to a specific siting.

7b Approvals

PA13/06028. Northmoor, Whitstone. Electro Green Power Ltd. Construction of electrical substation **PA13**

PA13/06089. Land East of Higher Thorne, Thorne Farm, Whitstone. Mr W D Medland. Siting of a 40.5m high anemometer mast for a temporary period of 18 months in order to collect site specific wind speed data.

8. Portfolio Reports:

Footpaths - Hilton Woods footpath, correspondence re 564/3/1. Cllr Sutton - No progress to report. Initial problem was reported in November 2011. Clerk to chase Hilton Woods and copy Cllr Chopak to all correspondence. Cllr Medland stated that they may apply for 70 extra lodges.

Localism/Parish Plan – Cllr Sutton - Update on progress was published in the Whistler. The next stage is to send out a questionnaire (1 per household) to address any issues since 2010. Collect these in and publish the updated Parish Plan in January. Cllr Sutton will bring the draft questionnaire to the next meeting.

Parish Hall – Cllr Collins stated that the September meeting has taken place. Reported that the committee had accepted the proposal to have the defibrillator in the porch and to install security lighting and cameras. They are not concerned about having security cameras at the rear of the Hall. Cllr Collins would prefer to 'know' where the 'trouble-makers' are – not force them somewhere else.

9. Correspondence

1. Peter Twining – Cancer Trek Appeal – Cornwall Hospices. Noted
2. CC – Budget consultation event – 2/10/13 6.30-8pm Falcon Hotel, Bude. Cllrs Sutton & Horn will attend.
3. 2nd Town and Parish Council Annual Summit – 21/9/13 9.30am Kingsley Village. Noted.
4. CC – Driving safer for longer workshop 8/10/13 10am -12pm Parkhouse Cnetre.
5. CC – Community Emergency Plans Meeting – invitation to attend. Noted that Whitstone is lucky to be on the main road between Bude and Launceston.
6. CC – Cornwall Community Flood Forum Conference – invitation to attend. Noted no flood risk in Whitstone.
7. CALC – Code of Conduct consultation meeting – 25/9/13 Bodmin 7-9pm. Noted.

10. Policy and Proposals

War Memorial. The Clerk noted that the PC could not build the memorial itself; but could find ways to donate/budget for it separately. Cllr Sutton noted that the Heritage Lottery Fund has '1st World War Then and Now' grants of between £3-£10k which could include building a memorial. Cllr Sutton will ask for ideas and support in the September edition of the Whistler and look into a strategy and plan for the Parish Plan. Cllr Chopak mentioned that the PC could apply to have a donation from her 'Community Chest'. The Parish could produce a website with then and now stories and family recollections with the schools' involvement. A site was suggested on the corner of Oak Lane and the main road – where the brownie bench is set back – this is a public area already. This could be cleared and the conifers cut back with community involvement. Clerk to cost a new bench and Cllrs to look at memorial options, and a low level fence for the next meeting in order to work up a plan and a budget. Once support for the memorial has been gauged then the project could be launched at Remembrance Sunday.

Defibrillator – placement, security, event. Discussed under 8. Parish Plan. Cllr Horn suggested that the event is planned after the defibrillator is received and the security and lighting systems is installed. PC to go ahead with buying the required equipment to the approximate value of £250.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Furse unan 13/024

Clerk Contract. Clerk to bring a standard CALC Contract for signing at the next meeting. PC will pay for half of any future training courses with St.Gennys PC and support any pay rises this additional experience/training will bring.

11. Accounts

Bank Signatories – Outstanding Additional Party forms for Cllrs Adamson & Collins. Clerk to repost forms.

N,S&I passbook is missing – Clerk to liaise with Mrs L Woods to request another and change contact details

11.a Balances 30th August 2013

Current Account £ 5,555.61

11b. Accounts for Payment

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages	000419	£72.10
Cornwall Council	Uncontested Election	000420	£143.34
Mike Sutton	Portable Drive (CPC invoice)	000421	£46.20
British Heart Foundation – Defibrillator		000422	£419.40

11c. Income

Cornwall Council	Precept		£2143.50
Cornwall Council	CTS grant		£298.85

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Collins unan

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12. Items for October Agenda

Review of Standing Orders
Review of Financial Regulations
Review of Complaints Procedure
Wind Turbine Policy
Defibrillator event
War Memorial
Parish Plan Questionnaire
Clerk Contract
Archives

Meeting closed at 2110hrs