

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 11th January 2017

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

John Barrett attended regarding Meadowside – he suggested that the PC undertake a site visit, it's in a state, a badly parked van meant that an ambulance couldn't get through. Front gardens have become dumping grounds. Trees have grown above the guttering. Cllr Chopak to chase, will get environmental services back on the case. Obstructing a public highway - farming vehicles will have problems. Site visit and photos - next agenda.

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

Cllr Chopak noted that CC adult social care have an £7.6m over spend this year and predicted £11m next year. Significant changes coming; one suggestion is to close all of the CC care homes over the next 2-3 years – but where will the 18,000 people in these homes go to? Government maybe allowing Councils to put up council tax by 6%, not just 2% to the social care section. NHS transformation plan will affect us more than most because of our geographical area. Devon changes are 6-9 months ahead of Cornwall. Barnstaple hospital closing some wards, same as Okehampton. Stratton being reviewed, medical centre lease will expire end of next year. Suggesting a medical hub for Bude – land offered. Big project that will cost pots of money, so lower down the priority list. Cllr Chopak would like everybody to get online - need responses from everybody, particularly those in North Cornwall. Bude Area Network Neighbourhood Beat Manager Sgt Ward attended. No police will be walking the streets, report minor problems on 111. Can also report online or on their Facebook page.

2. Councillors present

The Meeting was opened by Cllr Furse at 1930, with 4 Councillors present; Cllrs Collins, Hopper, Horn, Cock. Esther Greig – Clerk

3. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Adamson, Medland – business.

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

Proposed: Cllr Horn **Seconded: Cllr Hopper** **unan** **17/001**

4. To receive Declarations of Interest & Approve Dispensations

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Clerk approved dispensation to remain and vote – to ensure PC meeting remains quorate

5. To receive and approve the Minutes of:

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 14th December 2016

Proposed: Cllr Furse **Seconded: Cllr Cock** **unan** **17/002**

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

Emergency Planning – Mr Ibbotsham is on holiday until April. Review then.

PA16/07058. Oak Cottage, Oak Lane. Mr and Mrs J Atkinson. Refused at committee

Paradise Park. CC have checked the easement for drainage and it is not suitable for their requirements. ongoing

Froxtan Turn Bus Stop has been added to the official bus stop list.

7. Planning

Any late applications received will be discussed under this section

PA16/09446. Land South of Oak Lane. HJ and WD Medland. Outline application for the provision of public car parking, public open space area, public footpaths and erection of up to ten houses.

****Standing Orders suspended****

Peter Wonnacott, agent for applicants, outlined application and proposed that the land for the car park and playing field would be transferred by s106 agreement as soon CC grant outline planning permission – if they are minded to approve it. Hedgerows will remain. Leave the 2m strip top and bottom for paths to ease access to the school. Cllr Collins noted that the Oak lane entrance comes out at its widest point, but mainly a single-track road. Cash contribution towards education, and affordable homes. Flood risk assessment – drainage would be done for the whole site not just the development area.

****standing orders reinstated****

PC noted that the application was a good option for development in the village. Meets the criteria set out in the Parish Plan, support of the school. Good location for development in fill joining the village up a bit. Have affordable homes already – rebalance the housing stock in the village. Retaining hedgerows need to stay. Land to pass to the Parish at the beginning of process. Importance of the carpark to alleviate parking issues in Oak Lane and school traffic. Green open space in the village. Overall gain for the village. Sustainable – near shops and schools. Meets local housing need.

It was **resolved** to Support

Proposed: Cllr Cock Seconded: Cllr Collins unan 17/003

7b. Approvals

PA16/10037. Land West of Tresco. Mr J Harrison & Ms K Moore. Stayput Fencing. Continued use of building and land for the storage of fencing material and equipment in connection with fencing contractor’s business.

8. Portfolio Reports:

Footpaths – none

Localism/Parish Plan/BAN – next meeting 8th May

Parish Hall - none

Grants – none

9. Correspondence

- 1. CALC. Newsletters. noted
- 2. Christmas Card from Scott Mann MP. noted
- 3. Copy Letter from Peter, Peter and Wright Solicitors to CC regarding the width of the footpath on behalf of their client Mrs DE Quick of The Settlement. Noted.
- 4. CC – Shape the future, sustainability and transformation plan engagement. noted
- 5. Whitstone Methodist Chapel – letter - thank you for donation. noted

10. Agenda Items

- 1. The Okehampton rail line. Cllr Cock reported on the growing campaign to open the rail link full time, currently operating in the summer; at weekends, only. Trying to get a London service going. Meeting 18th February. Cllr Cock will keep PC informed of developments
- 2. Adjustments to street lighting. Cllr Cock reported that lights around paradise park were too dark. He rang CC and within 24 hours they were adjusted.
- 3. The road traffic order was discussed. Clerk to send off initial thoughts. Cllr Hopper noted that the road was still wet at Colwills – Clerk will report again.
- 4. Footpaths and verges contractor. Having no other interest parties, it was **resolved** to instruct Darren Humber

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 17/004

- 5. Digital communication within Parish. Parishioners rely on social media, PC happy to work with the Whistler on a facebook page. Cllr Cock will attend the next meeting of the Whistler to discuss further. It was **resolved** to set up a WPC facebook page

Proposed: Cllr Cock Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 17/005

- 6. It was **resolved** to adopt the Cornwall Local Councils pre-application protocol.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Hopper unan 17/006

11. Accounts

- 1. Transfer further monies into CCLA LPF investment. Following the planning application in 7a; PC discussed need for immediate funds to develop the playing field and car park. LAPF is a long-term investment. Not appropriate to transfer funds until result of planning application is known.
- 2. Quarter 3 accounts against budget were reviewed.

11.a Balances 31st December 2016

Current Account	£ 32,996.11
CCLA LPF	£ 45,000.00

11b. To approve Accounts for Payment

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages + expenses Nov	000534	£162.76
Esther Greig	Clerk expenses Dec	000534	£14.78

It was **resolved** to approve the payments

Proposed: Cllr Furse	Seconded: Cllr Horn	unan	17/007
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12. Items for February's Agenda.

Community Benefit projects – war memorial landscaping, bus shelters.
Village tidy up

The Meeting closed at 2105.