

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 11th December 2013

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

1. The Opening, Councillors present

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

2. Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Furse advised Council that Cllr Adamson would be late arriving to the meeting

3. Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

None

4. Public question time

James Ryle and Launa from Good Energy attended. They stated that a planning application would be submitted in early 2014 for 11 turbines on farmland south of Week St.Mary. They are hoping to provide a showcase project for renewable energy, farming, wildlife and education. Good Energy are hoping for feedback on the community investment and benefit fund from the PC. Parishioners will benefit from a 20% discount from the GE standard tariff if their house is within the 5km boundary. Cllr Horn stated that this would split the Parish and be unfair – discount should be for all. He also mentioned the WPC wind turbine policy – GE are currently offering £2000 community benefit per megawatt which equates to £50,600 pa rising with inflation within the 5km boundary. GE would like feedback as to how best to manage this fund. GE agreed to forward their presentation to the Clerk so that the PC could discuss further next month.

Kevin Hicks from Kivells, representing the executors of JRJ Rees deceased attended in connection with Land at Paradise Park. He stated that the executors are inviting discussion as to which piece of land the executors could transfer to the Parish; as there doesn't seem to be two maps the same representing what has actually been built. Access to the parcel of land has been prejudiced and none of the plans are enforceable. The executors would like to finalise the adoption of the remaining highways and sort out the surface water issues. Mr Hicks mentioned that the executors would not want to hand over the land if it was going to be used for housing by the Parish. Mr Hicks suggested to the PC that they look at the site and choose best fit for an amenity. Boundaries can be negotiated to design an attractive and usable amenity. The executors are looking for some guidance for remaining housing. Mr Hicks will endeavour to get the PC an accurate measurement of the land from the plans in the original 1982 agreement. Cllr Furse stated that WPC will positively engage with this process and progress it. WPC are grateful to the executors for this approach and the square metre consensus is a good resolution. WPC will look at all the options on a daylight visit. Cllr Adamson arrived

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 Collins

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6. Matters Arising for report only:

Archives handed to Clerk

Cllr Sutton reported that the Speed watch found 2.5% of traffic were travelling above 46mph. He concluded that the perception of speed higher.

7. Planning

PA13/10065. Wynfield, Marhamchurch. Mr D Martin. Agricultural Building to cover existing yard area. Cllr Horn stated that there are no public comments to date and that he saw no reason to object to this application. **Support**

Proposed: Cllr Horn

Seconded: Cllr Furse

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Approvals

PA13/0806. Higher Wadfast Whitstone. Mr & Mrs J Stanbury

8. Portfolio Reports:

Footpaths – Hilton Woods. CC have passed the issue to the senior enforcement officer as they have not had a response to their correspondence. **The Settlement** - Cllr Sutton has looked at the archives and they muddy the waters further! The Land Registry entry of 1 Gratton Cottages does not include the lane, but the owner claims he bought the land with the footpath over it. So where exactly is the footpath? It needs to be 1 & ½ metres wide and the historically does not touch the hedge. Cllr Sutton has researched as far as he can; having contacted CC – they state they are too busy with floods etc. at the moment; but CC will have to make an adjudication - so the issue is now in their hands.

Localism/Parish Plan – Questionnaire has gone out in the Whistler. PC thanked Cllr Sutton for all his hard work. Cllr Sutton will produce an initial data interpretation for the next PC meeting and will specify a closing date for responses in the next edition of the Whistler.

Parish Hall – Vandals have started stealing the drain gratings from around the building – this is dangerous as this leaves open holes for people to fall into. Downpipes have also been broken, they have also thrown large toys at the building, broken windows, and have been up on the roof causing broken tiles. Cllr Collins hopes there won't be any leaks and that none of the people visiting the building will be injured. It is expensive to keep repairing the building. PC suggested installing a security camera and to ask the Parish for support to stop this unwanted activity.

9. Correspondence

1. Cornwall Air Ambulance – Request for a donation. Cllr Horn suggested £25.
2. Letter from Dan Rogerson MP – Wind Turbines.
3. CALC – the week issues 12
4. Letter from North Tamerton Parish Council regarding Solar Parks. Clerk to reply that the PC have not seen the plans so would not be able to comment on them.
5. Email from Brian Philips regarding war memorial. WPC were pleased that the website is proving to be a useful tool for the village and beyond. Details regarding the additional were passed to Cllr Collins.
6. CC – Listed Buildings at Risk – Heritage Lottery Fund.
7. NALC – Best practice for meetings

10. Policy and Proposals

1. Councillor vacancy. No applications in writing received. Councillors to ask for volunteers.
2. Defibrillator event. Cllr Horn has not had any luck getting information from the British Heart Foundation as to the delivery of equipment. Clerk to Chase.
3. War Memorial. PC reviewed the quotes, styles etc. Clerk to request an exact quote for a 3 tier Celtic cross with approx 10-12 space to add names, installation and fencing.
4. Standing Orders & Financial Regulations. Adopt policy as stated but remove the need to stand when speaking.

Proposed: Cllr Furse

Seconded: Cllr Horn

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11. Accounts

Budget 14-15. Proposal from Cllr Furse to set the precept at £3658.10

Following the discussion regarding the land at Paradise Park; the proposal was amended to reflect the potential needs for legal disbursements and any equipment match funding. **Precept to remain as previous at £4287**

Proposed: Cllr Horn

Seconded: Cllr Collins

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Confirmation of the Council Tax Support Grant for 14-15 at £698.90

N,S&I paperwork – It was resolved that the Chair, Cllr Furse and the Vice-Chair should be signatories to the account. Cllr Furse suggested that it would be practical to close this account and transfer the funds to the main NatWest account.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 13/045

NatWest change of address for correspondence. Clerk to action

Requested payments from Cormac Ltd for footpaths. Verges monies have been received from Cornwall Council

Clerk applied for £1000 Grant from the Community Chest for war memorial and it has been approved subject to planning permission. Clerk has spoken to planning and it seems that if WPC owns or maintains the land then planning permission is not required.

11.a Balances 29th November 2013

Current Account	£ 5200.15
NS&I	£ 761.00

11b. Accounts for Payment

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages	000430	£128.75
Cornwall Air Ambulance	Donation	000431	£25
St.Anne's Parish Hall	Hall Hire £32	000432	£57
	Income received on their behalf	£25	

Income

Cornwall Council	Verges Contract	£326.90
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Proposed for payment: Cllr Collins Seconded: Cllr Adamson unan 13/046

12. Items for January Agenda

Freedom of Information/Data Protection

Councillor Co-Option

Defibrillator event

War Memorial

Parish Plan Questionnaire

Later

Neighbourhood Plans

Review of Complaints Procedure

Traffic Management Plan

Meeting closed at 2120hrs