

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 12th February 2014

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, Adamson. Esther Grieg – Clerk

2. Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Medland – no apologies received by Clerk.

3. Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

None

4. Public question time

3 members of the public attended. Stephen Blakeman, Architect, and David Chapman, landowner. They spoke regarding Meadowside – consultation before submitting a planning application for 3 smallish houses to fit on the plot. Designed as two bedroom houses with scope for owners to extend living space into the loft to gain a third bedroom. 2 parking spaces per house, and 1 or 2 will be 'affordable'. They have no plans for the old office area – hoping that someone will rent it as is. Cllr Horn noted that the PC would mention the access issues for Balsdon Road onto the main road as part of the PC reply to the full application. Mr Fowler attended.

5. To put for confirmation the:

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It was resolved the Minutes be confirmed as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr Collins Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 14/009

6. Matters Arising for report only:

none

7. Planning

PA13/09824. Sea View Farm, Whitstone. Mr & Mrs Fowler. Conversion of egg packing/office building to form 1 no. market value dwelling and 1 no. affordable dwelling. Cllr Horn stated that there were no public comments so far, 50% of the development is affordable and it is well sited. It was resolved to support this application.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Adamson unan 14/010

Approvals

PA13/10624, Northmoor Whitstone. Electro Green Power Ltd. Non material amendment.

For Information

Sea View Farm PA14/00398. Screening opinion for installation of 50KW wind turbine

8. Portfolio Reports:

Footpaths – Hilton Woods. none

Parish Plan – closing date for the questionnaires is 14th Feb. Cllr Sutton will interpret the data in time for the April meeting.

Localism – Cllr Sutton attended a Neighbourhood Plan meeting at Boyton 10th Feb. He will produce a written summary; it was an informal talk with questions and answers. The general feeling was that local Parishes are a long way from deciding whether or not they want to do one; but working together would be an advantage. Our NP would build the CC local plan which is yet to be published. However, Cllr Sutton did note that the CCLP would run 2010-2030, so many (approx. 50 since 2010 in the Parish) of our existing and planned new developments would count towards the target of around 400 new houses in the rural areas around Bude. The PC could argue that it will have done its share.

Parish Hall – none.

9. Correspondence

1. CC Consultation – School Transport. Cllr Horn to speak to the Govenors
2. CC Consultation – Affordable Housing. Poster to put on the noticeboard
3. CC Consultation – Mobile Library and One Stop Shops. April Agenda

Cllr Sutton noted that once the questionnaire responses have been interpreted then the PC will be in a position to respond to these consultations on behalf of the Parish.

4. CC Road Closure 12/17th March, road from Tamerton Hill to Wilsworthy Cross. Noted
5. AONB – Delivery plan and Annual Forum
6. Campaign to Protect Rural England – letter; request to join organisation. No
7. Letter from Brain Phillips – war memorial names. Noted. Clerk to reply
8. CC Road Closure 14-20th Feb, road from Week Green to Highmoor. Noted

10. Policy and other items

1. **Traffic Management Plan.** Meeting with Highways – Cllr Furse; report to Council – Cllr Furse emailed the discussion points from the 11th January to Rob Constance (appendix to minutes). He has not had a reply. Clerk to forward the copy email to all.

2. **War Memorial.** It was resolved that the following inscription be etched on the memorial: “In remembrance of all those from the Parish of Whitstone who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.” It was resolved that full names, abbreviated regiment, and year of death be stated.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Adamson unan 14/011

3. **Paradise Park Land.** Some digger work has taken place to fill in a hole and flatten an area; but not for a drain. The PC felt that it should have a specific meeting on site to discuss all the options. PC felt that it may need independent, professional advice. Cllr Horn will approach a land agent for initial advice and cost of ongoing work if he’s feels it will be necessary. Meeting to take place at Paradise Park 2pm Sat 1st March.

4. **Councillor vacancy.** Charlotte Hopper is interested but due to personal commitments may not be able to start until April or May.

5. **Defibrillator & associated event.** Booked in Parish Hall for Saturday 1st March from 3pm. Whitstone Cancer Committee will catering 150 people at £300. Protective box has arrived, Cllr Horn has completed the signage, and fitted tamper proof cable ties (that can be broken easily) – this needs to be installed before the event, as does the security equipment. Kensey Training will be running sessions on how to use the defibrillator. Clerk to undertake PR. PC would like to thank Cllr Horn for all his hard work.

6. Freedom of Information/Data Protection

PC resolved to adopt the procedures in the two documents mentioned below, as amended from time to time, in order to comply with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Whitstone Parish Council FOI Publication Scheme

Whitstone Parish Council Requests for Information

Proposed: Cllr Sutton Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 14/012

7. **Storm Damage** – Cllr Furse spent 3 hours chasing around after sheets of galvanised roofing material that blew off the ex-Bridgeman depot roof. The PC resolved that Cllr Furse should speak to the owner of the site about general health and safety concerns.

Proposed: Cllr Sutton Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 14/013

11. Accounts

NS&I account. Statement received for interest added in January 2104. Cllr Furse will ask the existing signatory for a letter confirming the changes to PC.

Clerk claimed £171.36 VAT this month

Internal Auditor 13-14. Cllr Furse to ask John Barrett if he wishes to continue in this role for 13-14.

11.a Balances 31st January 2014

Current Account	£ 6435.72
NS&I	£ 766.71

11b. Accounts for Payment

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages	000433	£115.88
St.Gennys Parish Council	Office Hire + stationery	000434	£135.05

Income

NS&I	Interest		£5.71
Proposed: Cllr Furse	Seconded: Cllr Collins	unan	14/014

12. Items for March Agenda

Defibrillator event
Paradise Park Land
War Memorial
Neighbourhood Plans
Traffic Management Plan
Annual Parish Meeting

Later

Mobile Library and One Stop Shop Consultation
Parish Plan Questionnaire
Councillor Co-Option

Meeting closed at 2110hrs