

# Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016

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

## 1. The Opening, Councillors present

The Meeting was opened by Cllr Adamson at 1930, with 3 Councillors present; Cllrs Sutton, Medland, Horn. Esther Greig – Clerk

## 2. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllrs Hopper, Furse – business

It was **resolved** to accept these apologies

**Proposed: Cllr Horn**

**Seconded: Cllr Adamson**

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**16/006**

Cllr Collins

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

Cllr Medland 7a planning pecuniary to leave room

Items moved on the agenda at Chairman's discretion

## 7. Planning

**\*\* Cllr Medland left the room\*\***

**PA16/00246. Northmoor, Whitstone. LS SPV110Ltd.** Retention of floodlighting and CCTV cameras. Retrospective planning app – running over the planning system – doesn't seem to affect you. Not the most professional business

**\*\*Standing orders suspended in order for public to speak\*\***

Colm Ryan – planner with Lightsource. Background; Lightsource originally responsible for the construction and the current owner of the site. A site meeting was held with the County and Parish Councillors. They accept the fact that the substation does not comply with the planning permission granted. They agreed to work on mitigation measures and have been working with CC on a strategy - addition of cladding and also to provide additional planting outside of the red line boundary. Quite restricted within the boundary with regards to the overhead lines etc. They have engaged with the neighbouring landowner, negotiations ongoing and met with the landowner and tenant last week. Are now able to offer additional screening. Submitting a planning app to regularise the position. They accept that there are areas of non-compliance, and want to regularise it and they are determined to make things right. They are pleased to present the proposal and to have the opportunity to discuss it with the PC.

Cllr Horn noted that the lighting columns were previously on all the time and although WPD require security CCTV for safety requirements – it should be only on motion sensors WPC do not want lighting on the rural landscape 24/7. The lights have been tipped to be purely focus on the site. Cllr Horn is disappointed that this is a retrospective application – the current building does not match the original approved application. It is the equivalent of applying for a bungalow and building a house, and then offering to screen it with trees! Cllr Sutton noted that Lightsource took it over when it was built including the omissions from the original application. Didn't do a very good due diligence on checking the paperwork against the build before the sale. Lightsource do seem to be doing whatever they can to improve the situation. The quotation for tree planting states south of the etc. It is meant to be on the north side– the photograph identifies the exact site.

Colm Ryan - Lightsource accept the comments on the planning file. They are determined to resolve the planning issues. Current PC views of Lightsource are negative and they would like to repair the relationship. A firm commitment to have the additional planting done by the end of March.

Howard Ibbotson – would like Lightsource to run a trial, there are rules about light spillage in planning - so it doesn't shine through his window.

Colm Ryan - would welcome feedback on the planting proposal; in order to get it delivered – Cllr Sutton stated that it looks comprehensive, and future work is identified to ensure that the planting takes and does its job. Indicates that it has been thought through .

WPC accepts that CCTV and lighting is required for a sub-station, but should be motion activated. Lighting should not produce any spillage onto neighbouring properties. It was **resolved to Support** on this basis.

**Proposed: Cllr Horn                      Seconded: Cllr Adamson                      unan                      16/007**

**PA15/10914. Northmoor, Whitstone. Lightsource SPV 163 Ltd.** Variation of condition 7 of PA14/08271 dated 21.11.2014 (Construction of a solar photovoltaic park and attendant infrastructure). Scheduled for report at the Strategic Planning Committee 10am, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016. An Additional 5 years on the approved plans

Colm Ryan – An approved project being extended for 5 years; no more development. Previously supported by WPC and approved by CC. The panels have been reviewed technically and are capable of lasting at least 30 years. The request for the extension now is to ensure that Lightsource can put in the proper maintenance schedule for the 30 years period. 30 year projects are not new for solar developers – CC took on the 25 years as a standard – technology has progressed since then. Opportunity to continue the development with the equivalent renewable energy for 1600 homes. Cllr Sutton – work would not involve replacement on the site? No original panels not a whole scale replacement. Cllr Horn - what's the difference between 25 or 30 year maintenance programme? not much. Howard Ibbotson – not just the panels; other materials involved: switching gear, inverters will that last? The information in the independent review is clear - stated that the site will last 30 years with no replenishment. Cllr Horn - the construction phase had a huge impact on all of us; we don't want to go through that again in 25 years time. Cllr Sutton - you're asking us to comment on a situation that will occur in 25 years time – difficult to tell now what we think the impact will be. Cllr Horn - Impact on the village once it's already been built is minimal – it's a good site .

Given the assurance that wouldn't be a major refit and no impact from construction, it was **resolved to reply with No Objection**

**Proposed: Cllr Horn                      Seconded: Cllr Sutton                      unan                      16/008**

## 9a correspondence

### 5. Lightsource - Community Benefit offer £10,000.

Colm Ryan – Lightsource offer CB on a voluntary basis to all their projects as it is their adopted approach that the Parish should share in the benefits which is encouraged by government. They are applying to extend the lifespan for 5 years, so £10,000 is equivalent and comparable to what they gave previously. It will be payable as soon as approved and the necessary forms are sorted out. Cllr Sutton - whole hearted welcomes this further unsolicited contribution to our Community Benefit Fund from Lightsource. It is this kind of corporate attitude to working with communities that host their projects that should be encouraged across the board. It should be noted and adopted by other developers wishing to build in the Parish, even smaller local companies should consider this approach. This contribution, as previous contributions, is not linked to any comments the PC may make on any past or future planning application. The PC will consider any planning application objectively and be guided in its comments by the responses from the community. Colm Ryan - this is a lump sum payment; he cannot authorise anything more. Cllr Horn - at this stage we don't need to make a decision - it's been noted WPC will fully discuss and negotiate when appropriate. Colm Ryan – Lightsource would like to see where the CB is being spent. Clerk will produce an annual spend report for the businesses that contribute. Encouraging to see the benefits that the villages are getting. Whitstone haven't had the division as in some of the other Parishes. Northmoor is a good site. Cllr Sutton – our Policy for management of the fund says that the companies that are contributing will be widely publicised - our acknowledgment to you.

**\*\*Cllr Medland returned to the room\*\***

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

Howard Ibbotson – interested in latest news regarding defibrillator Emergency planning. Cllr Sutton is quite keen to do something on this. Has been to some of the meetings in Bude. Interested that Howard has attended – he thought that there was very little appetite for that kind of thing, apart from noting a few things such as folk with 4 wheel drives and tractors willing to help. Had progressed it a little. What would an emergency plan would like for Whitstone? Howard would look for a wider range;

first aiders, follow up training session for the defib - then regular sessions. Forming a group to get some training – he's still got AED trainer certificate. Hone skills – a refresher is a necessity. Howard is quite happy to make the list of names of people with skills and to co-ordinate it. He will put a request in the Whistler. He suggested a proper training organisation is employed.  
 Cllr Medland is still concerned about the pothole in Balsdon Road. Highways came on a Friday afternoon and by Monday afternoon it had cracked up again – dangerous could have a collision. Clerk to report again to Highways and to enquire whether there is repair scheme planned for 16-17.  
 Cllr Adamson noted that there caravan in the middle of the field and a car park. Clerk suggested that it should reported to Enforcement. Cllr Adamson to send her a location map.

**\*\*Standing Orders reinstated\*\***

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

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
**Proposed: Cllr Sutton                      Seconded: Cllr Horn                      unan                      16/009**

**6. To receive Clerk’s report on Matter’s Arising:**

Notice board repair – awaiting dry day to assess the problems – joiners are aware there is a problem  
 Bus Shelters Clerk reported that they cost from £2-3000. Nice one £5000. It’s the one PC asset.  
 Have to stand outside the shelter to actually see the bus. All day folk are out there, kids going school.  
 Clerk to find out how to go about it. Perhaps put windows in the existing structure. Could ask Lightsource and other businesses to contribute. It’s a £5,000 project  
 Copy Correspondence to Mrs Dowdle  
 Copy Correspondence to Kivells regarding Paradise Park progress.  
 CCLA – confirmation that PC’s do not pay tax, dividends are paid gross into the NatWest bank account.

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

**PA16/00113. Whitstone Village Stores and Post Office, Balsdon Road. Ms Jan Clark. Notemachine UK Ltd.** Rentention of ATM installed through the glazed window bay, replacing the glazing with a white laminate composite security panel.  
 It was **resolved** to **Support**  
**Proposed: Cllr Horn                      Seconded: Cllr Adamson                      unan                      16/010**

**PA16/00114. Whitstone Village Stores and Post Office, Balsdon Road. Ms Jan Clark. Notemachine UK Ltd.** Advertisement consent to display one illuminated fascia sign. Blue ring is an awful sight, but no complaints have been received – ATM is useful.  
 It was **resolved** to **Support**  
**Proposed: Cllr Horn                      Seconded: Cllr Adamson                      unan                      16/011**

Cllr Sutton noted that it was disappointing that the applications are all retrospective this month.

**7.b Approvals**

**PA15/10772. Land south of Pentecost. Mrs Della Dowdle.** Outline application

**For Information**

PA15/03525/Preapp – advice given for new build development for one to two dwellings, John Mill.

**8. Portfolio Reports:**

**Footpaths** – none. Cllr Sutton to chase the outstanding items. Might be possible to accompany the boundary check at the settlement.

**Localism/Parish Plan/BAN** – none. Another meeting of the local action group on 23<sup>rd</sup> feb. Now meeting monthly looking at projects.

**Parish Hall** - none

**Grants** – none

## 9. Correspondence

### 9a. For Action

1. Cornwall Council – Bude Parking Review
2. Cornwall AONB – online survey
3. CALC – Consultation on the proposed changes to the NPPF
4. Cornwall Council – Consultation on key changes to Local Plan
6. Lightsource – Substation landscaping
7. Helen Retallick – traffic calming measures in Paradise Park. Clerk to reply. Very little PC can do but trying to get the field sorted out. Could buy own signs – apply for a grant.
8. CC Highways – response to query regarding 8a.7
10. Peninsula Rail Task Force – request for support

### 9b. For Information

1. NALC – staff Pensions
2. Cornwall Council – Community Emergency Plan Grant.
3. Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Limited – Update
4. Devon and Cornwall Police – Guidelines for engagement
5. CALC - Good Councillor's Guide

## 10. Agenda Items

1. Date for Annual Parish Meeting, Meeting timetable 2016-17. April 20<sup>th</sup> APM.
2. War Memorial Landscaping – to finalise design and get quotes. March agenda
3. Internal Auditor – Reappoint John Barratt, or get quote from CC.  
Speak to John first, if accounts were getting complicated then we might need an 'official internal auditor', but the number of transactions is still low. Can be an assurance for the general public. Clerk noted that there is still an External Auditor inc 16-17 annual return.
4. Clerk's appraisal and CiLCA qualification. Clerk will liaise with Cllr Furse for an appraisal. She has passed her course.
5. Transparency Code Grant – to **resolve** to purchase a laptop. Clerk noted that £450 needs to be spent on equipment, with further £700 available from the paperless planning grant. Cllr Horn Cloud set-up? investigate Google cloud, Cllr Sutton has 100gb a month for \$1.80. A collaborative store that all can access and see. Has the potential to make things easier. Shorten the working time for the Clerk. Also discussed sharing resources between Parishes. Cllr Sutton to propose for March.

## 11. Accounts

### Balances 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Current Account	£ 14,164.10
CCLA LPF	£ 45,000.00

### 11b. To approve Accounts for Payment

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages	000496	£147.42
St. Anne's Hall Whitstone	Hall Hire	000497	£98

### To note Income

Cornwall Council	LMP - Verges	£326.90
CALC	Transparency Code Grant	£597
LAMIT Property Fund	Dividend payment	£320.66

It **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and to note income

**Proposed: Cllr Adamson      Seconded: Cllr Horn      unan      16/012**

## 12. Items for March's Agenda.

- Footpath and Verges contract for 2016
- Clerk's Pension Payment
- Queens party
- APM speakers, grants receivers, police etc.
- General Power of Competence
- War memorial
- Paradise Park progress
- Bus shelter
- Defibrillator
- Transparency Code Grant

**The Meeting closed at 2125.**