

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 10th September 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 3 Councillors present; Cllrs Medland, Horn, Collins. Esther Grieg – Clerk

2. Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllrs Hopper and Adamson - holiday

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Medlans unan 14/052

3. Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

Cllr Collins	7a planning	PA14/02107	Non-registerable, Dispensation to speak
Cllr Sutton	9a 2	Correspondence	Pecuniary
Cllr Medland	9b 7	Solar Farm	Non-registerable, Dispensation to speak
Cllr Sutton	11 a	Accounts for Payment	Pecuniary
Cllr Horn	11 a	Accounts for Payment	Pecuniary

** Cllr Sutton arrived**

4. To put for confirmation the:

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It was resolved the Minutes be confirmed as a correct record after a minor amendment

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Collins unan 14/053

5. Public Question Time

2 members of the public and Cllr Chopak attended. Meadowside - Cllr Horn noted that the letter to the resident seems to have worked. Cllr Chopak is in contact with the residents in order to set-up a Residents Association. Having spoken to CC there is no budget this year; but they will consider removing a boundary wall, extending the pull-in place and allocating parking in the next financial year. It will involve several front gardens being lost; so Highways will be liaising with Housing - it will take time to resolve. There is a concern that this would increase the speed at which vehicles would enter the lane. Hopefully, the Residents Association will help sort out the inappropriate parking. Cllr Chopak will contact Environmental Health regarding the Scrap Metal Merchant. Cllr Collins noted that some houses have provided additional parking at their own expense. All residents need to be reminded that this is a public highway not a car park. John (?) mentioned that cutting the overhanging trees and hedges would help agricultural vehicles negotiate the road. Cllr Chopak is arranging for the new Area Highways Officer to inspect the site.

6. Matters Arising for report only:

War Memorial installation and service. The PC would like to thank all those involved in the installation of the memorial and the organising of the service. Cllr Collins will thank the RBL and the RNA. Cllr Horn reported vandalism to the bench – he had to repaint it prior to the service.

Traffic survey – It seems that Whitstone does not meet the criteria for a pedestrian crossing. They counted 2266 vehicles and 47 pedestrians crossing the road in the 12 hour session from 7am to 7pm. Cllr Furse stated that it was a typical day so he has no complaints regarding the data collection. Cllr Sutton noted that the figures were similar to those experienced by Speed Watch.

Community Chest Application for new Parish notice board. Grant has been approved. Cllr Sutton noted that the top section fell off during July so the contents is now open to the elements.

Micro Library draft agreement. Has been received by St.Anne's residential home for consideration

7. Planning

7a. Applications

Cllr Horn reported that both these applications have been decided during the August break
PA14/06042. Tamar Milling at Bennetts Yard. Tamar Milling Ltd. Change of Use of existing agricultural building to storing milling and mixing of agricultural feedstuffs – previously carried out without consent. *Approved by CC*

PA14/06651. Deran, Oak Lane. Mr D & Mr J Weeks. Proposed new dwelling. *Refused by CC*

PA14/02107. The Big Field Wind farm, land at and Ajoining Creddacott Farm, Week St.Mary, Holsworthy. Mr John Colombi, Good Energy Generation Ltd. Wind Farm development of up to 11 turbines (up to 125m to blade tip). Cllr Chopak presented the new information regarding St.Anne's Church - photo montages and noise evidence. These have been provided by Good Energy following the objections from English Heritage. She is requesting that Parishioners review and respond again to this application, with regard to Plate 7 in particular – remembering that the wind turbines will be moving! They can all be viewed on the planning portal. Cllr Collins mentioned that Good Energy can't commit to what the turbines will actually look like.

It was resolved to reiterate the PC's previous objection with further note to Plate 7:

There will be a huge visual impact on all surrounding areas as these industrial monsters are out of keeping with the rural area.

There will be a huge impact on the community during the construction phase

This area is overwhelmed with renewable energy schemes which are changing the face of our communities for all our residents

Plate 7 shows Whitstone Church in the foreground and the 11 proposed turbines in the distance.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan (Cllr Collins left room) 14/054

7b. Approvals

PA14/04693 & 04695 – Milton Farm. Covered Yard Building

PA14/00274. Sea View Farm

PA14/02015. Land at Meadowside

For Information

PA14/05788. Northmoor. Electro Green Power Ltd. S5/S106 and discharge of condition apps,

8. Portfolio Reports:

Footpaths – All issues still ongoing and being actively chased.

Parish Plan – Parish Plan questionnaire – Cllr Sutton has produced a booklet of the raw results for analysis and preparation into an interesting format at the next meeting. He suggested publishing a summary of the Parish Plan in the Whistler, having a full version on the website, emailing a copy to those Parishioners who provided their email addresses, and that the PC use the information as a basis for a strategic plan over the course of its term in office. PC expressed thanks to Cllr Sutton and the team at the Whistler.

Localism - It was resolved that Cllr Sutton will be a representative of Whitstone Parish Council on the Atlantic and Moors Local Action Group.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 14/055

Parish Hall – none.

9.a Correspondence for Action

1. South West Resilience - Campaign correspondence - infrastructure

2. Irene Sutton – funding of village website. It was resolved to continue to support the website.

PC would like to thank Irene for her voluntary support.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 14/056

9.b Correspondence for Information

1. CC – Schedule of Focused Changes to the Cornwall Local Plan

2. CPRE – Housing in Cornwall

3. South West Coast path – Circular Walks

4. Cornwall Apprenticeships – support material

5. CC Leisure Options Consultation

6. CC Review of Polling Districts and Places. Schedule and map showing recommended scheme.

7. Laurence Associates – Proposed Solar PV Development on land at Northmoor. Cllr Medland reported that they are willing to attend a PC meeting to discuss details and community benefit. Clerk to invite them to attend. Full renewable energy Policy to be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Sutton noted that no community benefit has been received by the PC to date. Cllr Horn reported that he is in discussion with Dilland – he will be sending them bank details as soon as they have registered with OFGEN as they have agreed to pay 3 months after they receive their certificate.
8. Cornwall Council – Budget event, 30th September Truro 6.30pm. It was also noted that there is a BAN budget event on the 13th October.

10. Policy and other items

Standing Orders. Cllr Furse proposes amendments to SOs following NALC guidelines regarding the deletion of current 3 (l) to be replaced by permission to record and film meetings. Cllr Furse proposes that CALC guidelines for broadcasting or using social media at Council meetings become Policy.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 14/057

Parish Noticeboard. Cllr Furse proposes the purchase of a new Parish Notice Board to be mounted on the exterior of shop. Cllr Collins noted that the board used to be on the post office wall but was moved by the owners without notifying the PC. Cllr Sutton stated that the Parish Plan supports moving to the shop side of the road. It was resolved to purchase a 12 xA4 notice board to be mounted on two posts by the boundary wall (subject to permission), budget £420.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Sutton unan 14/058

War Memorial – long-term landscaping options. Current boarding is temporary. Landscaping to be put on the agenda for July 2015 and for the budget in November. If any community benefit is paid it can be looked at sooner. Clerk to ensure that ongoing maintenance is precepted, insurance and fixed asset register is amended appropriately.

11. Accounts

Balances 29th August 2014

Current Account	£ 5,493.03
NS&I	£ 766.71

11.a Accounts for Payment

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages	000448	£260.08
H G Stacy Ltd	Balance War Memorial	000449	£3049.20
Irene Sutton	Website – annual cost	000450	£146.62
Cornwall Council	Planning Conference x 2	000451	£20
Richard Horn	War Memorial – landscaping expenses	000452	£69.86
Parish Magazine Printing	War Memorial – booklets	000453	£16.10

Income

HMRC	VAT reclaim		£217.02
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Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Collins unan (2 abstentions) 14/059

12. Items for October Agenda.

Meadowside
Paradise Park – Architect drawings
FOI/data protection
Parish Plan data
Solar PV
CC budget
Bench vandalism

The Meeting Closed at 2110