

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting Wednesday, May 11, 2022

1. Election of chairman

It was resolved to elect Cllr Furse as chair.

Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: C Hopper Unan 22/15

2. Election of vice chairman

It was resolved to elect Cllr Horn as vice chair.

Proposed: M Martyn Seconded: A Medland Unan 22/16

3. Elect committee members and representatives to outside bodies

None to elect, but Cllr Furse normally attends the Bude Community Network Panel meeting. **22/17**

4. a) Public question time (15 minutes allowed for this)

None. **22/18**

b) To receive Cornwall Councillor Nicky Chopak's report

Cllr Chopak reported the recent Cornwall Council meeting, at which discussions surrounded a potential elected mayor. This has not gone down too well with members. The position would come with money but there are reservations about giving power to one person. There will be more on this towards the end of the year.

The Poundstock crematorium application is going to Strategic Committee. There have been lots of complaints and lots of support. The solar farm plans at Canworthy Water would see the site extend to three times its size.

A meeting is being held in June regarding the Stratton overnight treatment centre, with the aim of pinning down what the NHS hopes to do at Stratton.

Cllr Chopak also spoke about the current situation at Whitstone Primary School, in which the governors have been asked to leave and an extraordinary board has been brought in. Possible plans for the school to join an academy.

Cllr Furse mentioned the complaints raised about doctor surgeries at Stratton and Hosworthy. Cllr Chopak said it is the same at Launceston. She is to raise the issue at a meeting on June 10.

Cllr Martyn asked about the 30mph sign that was up for a short time and then disappeared. Cllr Chopak to look into this. **22/19**

5. To note councillors present

Cllrs N Furse (chairman), M Martyn, A Medland, C Hopper and R Orchard. Also present, Nicky Chopak, Cornwall Councillor and Suzanne Cleave, clerk. **22/20**

6. To receive apologies, with reasons for absence

Chairman

- Cllr R Horn (vice chairman) – business. 22/21
7. **Declarations of interest and Approve Dispensations**
None. 22/22
8. **To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
From the Ordinary meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022.
Proposed: C Hopper Seconded: M Martyn unan 22/23
9. **To receive the clerk’s report on matters arising**
The new clerk was introduced to councillors. 22/24
11. **Consideration of planning applications**
None received. 22/25
12. **Portfolio reports:**
- **Footpaths**
Nothing to report
 - **Localism / Parish Plan / BAN**
Cllr Furse noted the result of the Bude Community Highways Scheme 2022/23 recommendations. The parish council’s expressions of interest for streetlights on the B3254 is to be reviewed in Year 2. Cllr Furse said the £20,000 estimate may have been too much. Cllr Chopak suggested to find out how much two streetlights would be rather than five, and although the parish council has missed the boat for this year, it will only be around eight months until the consideration for Year 2 takes place. The safety aspect due the lack of pavement was also mentioned and this could allow the council to go down another route to get the lights.
 - **Parish Hall**
Nothing to report.
 - **Grants**
Nothing to report. 22/26
13. **Correspondence**
- Introductory letter from PC Nick Jessop, Neighbourhood Beat Manager – *council to invite PC Jessop to a winter meeting.*
 - Homes for Cornwall / Civic Lantern event information – *unable to attend due to other commitments.*
 - Letter from the new activities co-ordinator at St Anne’s about their Jubilee events – *Cllr Hopper to email clerk a list of jubilee events, and clerk to make contact with the new co-ordinator.* 22/27
14. **Agenda items**
1. To update NatWest mandate to add the new clerk.
Cllr Furse to get forms from NatWest.
 2. Update on Queen’s Platinum Jubilee preparations.

Chairman

Councillors gave an update on Jubilee events including a high tea on Saturday, June 4. The organisation of the event has been passed to the Whitstone Cancer Research UK Committee. The council to buy tea, coffee, squash and napkins and the committee to provide everything else. Council to give a donation of £1,000. In the morning on the Saturday, there will be children's sports and the presentation of mugs. The ball roll will be held. The beacon will be lit on the Thursday and a barbeque held. Clerk to check council insurance.

The donation, which was discussed at the April meeting, was approved.

Proposed: A Medland Seconded: R Orchard unan

3. Bude Community Network Highway Scheme – to note scheme decision.
Decision noted. **22/28**

15. Accounts

15a. Balances March 31, 2022

Current Account £10,989.50

Community Benefit

Reserve Account £56,013.92

CCLA Property Fund £45,000.00

15b. To approve accounts for payment

• Clerk - wages, mileage and office expenses			VAT
	G B Jordan from March	£ 24.00	
	wages and expenses to April 30	<u>£ 107.94</u>	
	Total payable	£ 131.94	
• HMRC		£ 22.00	
• Whitstone Cancer Research Comm		£1,000.00	
• Tamar Milling Ltd (jubilee mugs)		£ 745.68	£124.28

15c. To note income

Precept	£2,325.23
Community Infrastructure Levy	£2,883.11
Council Tax Support	<u>£35.94</u>
Total from Cornwall Council	<u>£5,244.28</u>

Councillors resolved to approve the accounts.

Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: N Furse Unan 22/29

16. Items for the June 8 agenda.

- Cllr Furse gave his apologies for the June meeting
- Carnival (July 18 to 23)
- Letter to community helpers (clerk to sort a letterhead)
- Windfarm – One Wind Renewable **22/30**

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman