

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022

1. Public question time

One member of the public (MOP) raised the issue of a new footpath which is believed to be proposed from the school to Swanacott Wood. He said the landowners initially received papers but have not heard anything since. Cllr Hopper noted that the dog waste bin had been moved and the hole filled in. Cllr Chopak said the council stopped providing dog waste bins a while back, but there should be a generic bin in the village. 22/51

2. To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising.

Cllr Chopak responded regarding the application to create a new footpath. Cllr Chopak would get the information from the displayed signs to follow it up. Cllr Chopak reported on an increase in Covid cases, with Cornwall Council asking people to use common sense and wear a mask. It is believed that it is being spread by children that have not been vaccinated, so the council is pushing vaccination for children. She noted that Treliske had recently announced a critical incident, and while Stratton Hospital is struggling for staff, Cllr Chopak has been assured that they will be able to cope over the summer. Cllr Chopak also reported that at the recent full council meeting, the council's recycling and waste contract was discussed. Renegotiations of the contract will cost around another £60 million. There was also talk about food waste. Cornwall does not have an aerobic digester, the nearest is at Holsworthy. If the council agrees to transport food waste to Holsworthy, which way would the lorries go? If the A388 is chosen, it would result in increased traffic for Launceston. 22/52

3. To note councillors present

Cllrs N Furse (chairman), C Hopper, G Martyn, M Collings and R Orchard. Also present: Nicky Chopak (Cornwall Council), S Cleave (clerk) and one member of the public. 22/53

4. To receive apologies, with reasons for absence

R Horn (vice chairman) – work; A Medland – holiday. 22/54

5. Declarations of interest

None. 22/55

6. To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting

From the Ordinary meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

**Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: C Hopper Four in favour,
one abstention. 22/56**

7. To receive the clerk's report on matters arising.

The clerk's report included getting extensions to the planning application consultations; speaking to Cornwall Council about the missing gate at the back of the Parish Hall. Cornwall Council said any structures on the public rights of way network, such as stiles and gates are the responsibility of the landowner to keep in a safe and useable condition and should only be there for the purpose of stock control. The Countryside Officer will visit to inspect the path and will take any necessary action. 22/57

8. Consideration of planning applications

a. PA22/05584 Erection of extensions to an existing agricultural building to Crowford Bridge to Balsdon Road, Whitstone for H S Medland

PA22/05611 Erection of an agricultural slurry store cover building | East Balsdon Farm Road from Crowford Bridge to Balsdon Road, Whitstone for H S Medland

Councillors discussed the above two applications together. They voted to support the plans.

Proposed: N Furse Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Unanimous 22/58

PA22/05323 – Reserved matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline consent PA17/09998 dated 20/06/2019 for the construction of a dwelling on land south-east of Whitstone Head School, Whitstone, for Medland Developments.

Councillors felt the plans were not overlooking and was in keeping with the rest of the houses. They voted to support the plans.

Proposed: N Furse Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Unanimous 22/59

PA22/06185 – Outline application for the erection of up to three dwellings with all matters reserved, except access. Land south of 50 Paradise Park, Whitstone for Mr J Dowdle and Mrs A Uglow.

Whilst the council would be supportive of the development, it cannot support access in its present form when there is a viable alternative via Paradise Park. This would raise safety and visibility concerns.

Proposed: N Furse Seconded: G Martyn Votes: Unanimous 22/60

b. To note any decisions or other consultations received.

Councillors noted the approval of PA22/04913 – Demolition of existing conservatory and reconstruction of dining room | St Anne's Residential Home, Whitstone 22/61

9. Portfolio reports:

• **Footpaths**

Plans for a new footpath were discussed earlier in the meeting. 22/62

• **Localism / Parish Plan / BAN**

Nothing to report. Cllr Chopak is the new vice chair of the Bude Area Network. 22/63

- Parish Hall
Nothing to report. 22/64

- Grants
Nothing to report. 22/65

9. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted by councillors and put on file by the clerk:

- Cornwall Council – Standards Committee vacancies
- Cornwall Council – Town and Parish Council newsletter
- Cornwall ALC – slide presentation (Protect Duty Implications, Event Safety and Emergency Management)
- Steve Haynes, Poundstock Parish Council – child poverty 22/66

11. Agenda items

1. St Anne's Hall and use of the grounds

Following the discussion at the last meeting about children using the parish hall grounds to play in, Cllr Collings explained that parishioners think that there is public access to use the premises. However, it is for those hiring the hall and not for free use. He said it has highlighted that there is a need for something. Cllr Furse said the other piece of land would probably not be suitable for a play area, and in the corner of Paradise Park would not be fair on the residents. The council hasn't got an area of green space, and would have to look into purchasing some land. Cllr Collings said it wasn't a major problem and they could look into public liability insurance. Cllr Furse suggested that the council could take over the liability and pay a peppercorn rent for the hall grounds. This would give the children in St Anne's Close and Paradise Park somewhere to play. Cllr Orchard added that if the hall grounds needed to be used for parking, there could be rules set. Cllr Collings is to go back to the parish hall committee to find out their views. Clerk to place on September agenda. 22/67

2. Whitstone Carnival

The carnival week was due to start on Saturday, July 16, beginning with a produce show and children's disco on the Saturday, a treasure hunt on Wednesday, skittles on Friday and the carnival on the following Saturday. Cllr Hopper said things have all come together. Helpers from the parish council would potentially be needed on the Saturday, with an invitation for councillors to pitch in and help. 22/68

3. Letter to community helpers

Councillors agreed a piece to go into the next edition of the Whitstone Whistler, thanking everyone that volunteered during the pandemic. 22/69

4. Windfarm – One Wind Renewable

This will be placed on the September agenda. Cllr Horn to contact One Wind Renewable about the annual payment. 22/70

5. Jubilee event monies and Jubilee round-up

The profit made during the Jubilee events is to be paid back into the council bank account, and then possibly used to purchase more balls and a PA system for village events. To be placed on the September agenda. **22/71**

6. Letter from Bude and District Age Concern
Councillors noted the letter. The clerk will forward to the Whitstone Whistler for inclusion and will place a copy on the noticeboard. **22/72**

7. Cormac workshop engagement events
Councillors would like to see an event held at Launceston and would like diversion management discussed. Clerk to respond. **22/73**

12. Accounts

12a. Balances July 6, 2022

Current Account £8,009.39

Community Benefit

Reserve Account £56,013.92

CCLA Property Fund £45,000.00

12b. To approve accounts for payment

- Clerk – June wages £176.00
- Mileage and expenses (printing) £ 43.60
- Total payable £219.60
- HMRC £ 44.00

12c. To note income

None.

Councillors resolved to approve the accounts.

Proposed: N Furse Seconded: G Martyn Votes: Unanimous 22/74

13. Items for the September agenda:

- Parish Hall ground
- Carnival insurance
- Jubilee event monies
- One Wind Renewable

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The meeting closed at 8.37pm.