

# Whitstone Parish Council

## Draft minutes – Wednesday, November 9

1. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this)  
None. 22/104
  
2. **To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising.**  
Cllr Chopak reported that at a recent extraordinary meeting, network panels were discussed. The 19 networks may be reduced to 12, and there was talk of Bude joining in with Camelford. She said the decision was made to get together with Camelford now instead of waiting until May. There was to be an Adult Social Care meeting the following week – the council needs to make £10 million of savings (15% of the entire budget). She noted that the healthcare system in Cornwall is the worst in the UK. Cllr Chopak asked for the speed visor to return to Whitstone. It will return before Christmas. Finally, she spoke about the Shared Prosperity Fund, informing them of St Gennys' plans. 22/105
  
3. **To note councillors present**  
Cllrs N Furse, R Horn, C Hopper, G Martyn, M Collings, A Medland and R Orchard. Also present, S Cleave, clerk. 22/106
  
4. **To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**  
None. 22/107
  
5. **Declarations of interest**
  - a. **To declare any personal interests in items of the agenda and their nature;**  
Cllr Medland – planning application PA22/09766.
  - b. **To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature;**
  - c. **To approve dispensations.** 22/108
  
6. **To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**  
Councillors approved the minutes from the Ordinary meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2022.  
**Proposed: N Furse    Seconded: C Hopper    Votes: Unanimous** 22/109
  
7. **To receive the clerk's report on matters arising.**  
Noted by councillors. 22/110
  
8. **Consideration of planning applications**  
PA22/09766 Non-material amendment in relation to decision notice  
PA22/02540 dated 26/05/2022 to move the access to the site (not the access to the highway) down the internal site road by 6 metres to enable shallower vehicular access into the site and associated with this is the re-positioning of

the car port/roof terrace within the site to meet the changed access position – land south of Whitstone Head School, Whitstone, EX22 6TJ.

Councillors voted to raise no objection to the plans.

**Proposed: N Furse    Seconded: R Horn    Votes: Unanimous    22/111**

**b. To note any decisions or other consultations received.    22/112**

Appeal notification – APP/D0840/W/22/3300831 An appeal has been made in respect of the planning decision for application PA21/12063 – permission in principle application for up to 2no. dwellings, The Laurels, Whitstone, EX22 6LD, which was refused by Cornwall Council  
Councillors decided not to raise any further comments.

The following decision notices were noted:

PA22/07610 – Remodelling of existing farm entrance to improve visibility and help alleviate surface water run-off into highway, Sea View Farm Road from Cherry Cross to Wheatley Road, Whitstone, EX22 6LD    **APPROVED**

PA22/07641 – Proposed extension and new access in place of lapsed planning PA18/11518, 44 Paradise Park, Whitstone, EX22 6TQ  
**APPROVED**

PA22/06186 – Outline application for the erection of up to three dwellings with all matters reserved, except access, land south of 50 Paradise Park, Whitstone, EX22 6TQ  
**APPROVED**

**9. Portfolio reports:**

- Footpaths  
None. **22/113**
- Localism / Parish Plan / BAN  
Cllr Furse attended the last meeting. **22/114**
- Parish Hall  
Cllr Collings explained that the parish hall is renewing its contract for internet. It is currently £43.95 a month. The hall committee would like to keep it, but he asked councillors whether it was unsustainable. He said at one time there were computer courses being held in the hall, but he wondered if it was a service that the village needed. Cllr Horn said it equated to £10 a week plus VAT (£600 a year), which was a lot going out of the door on Wi-Fi. He said there will be extra energy costs which would consume that amount. Cllr Hopper said it was the only venue in the village that has the service. Cllr Horn said in light of increasing bills where you may have to choose between heating, lighting and internet, he would prefer heating and lighting. Cllr Collings said it was not his decision. Cllr Furse noted that the mobile reception in the village was not great, adding that the parish council would struggle if it was needed. Cllr Horn said the council could buy a dongle for the clerk to use in parish council meetings to access the internet. **22/115**
- Grants

A grant application was received from the Whitstone Whistler for £1,480 towards the printing of the parish magazine. Cllr Horn said the magazine was ticking along, with people contributing things for submission. Cllr Furse said the publication goes to everybody. Cllr Horn asked if the clerk could send the minutes to Helen, the editor, for inclusion. Councillors voted in favour of approving the grant request.

**Proposed: C Hopper Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Unanimous 22/116**

An application was submitted for the prize winning hampers of the Christmas lighting display competition – a total of £75. Councillors voted in favour of approving the grant request.

**Proposed: N Furse Seconded: R Horn Votes: Unanimous 22/117**

## 10. Correspondence

The following pieces of correspondence were noted: Cornwall Council Strategic Planning agenda November 17 (including the Poundstock crematorium application); Cornwall Council planning newsletter; Bude Community Network Panel meeting update including information on Highways Scheme Expressions of Interest; Bude Community Network Panel meeting notification that the December 5 meeting has been moved to January 4; CALC Safeguarding briefing invitation; Cornwall Council Planning Training for Local Councils invitation. 22/118

## 11. Agenda items

### 1. Budget

Cllr Furse suggested that he would sit down with the clerk to put together a fuller picture and defer the budget until the December meeting. 22/119

### 2. East Balsdon monies

The East Balsdon solar farm monies had been paid to Week St Mary Parish Council by mistake. The clerk to contact Week St Mary Parish Council to ask for the money to be transferred. 22/120

### 3. Dates of meetings

Cllr Horn said at the last meeting councillors discussed changing the day of the parish council's meetings to accommodate Cllr Horn, who was often working away and unable to attend the current set date of the second Wednesday. Cllr Furse proposed to move meetings to the second Thursday from the start of 2023 (initially to try for six months).

**Proposed: N Furse Seconded: A Medland Votes: Unanimous 22/121**

### 4. Shared Prosperity Fund / playground project

Cllr Furse said he had spoken with a landowner, and they came up with an idea of working with a planning consultant from the start, so that the landowner is left with some planning gain. Cllr Furse said he had looked into the SPF funding and felt it didn't seem applicable for buying a piece of land for a playing field, as it didn't fall into any of the categories. However, it wouldn't be a total waste of time to put in an expression of interest. Cllr Horn said it involves reducing people's carbon footprint by having a playing area in the village, something they have been campaigning for for 40 years. Cllr Furse suggested a discussion be held with a planning consultant and a few of the

councillors to explore options. Cllr Horn said a strategy needed to be set for the council to define what it wants before entering into negotiations. Cllr Furse to discuss with the clerk details for an expression of interest, to be followed by a meeting with the landowner for an exploratory talk. 22/122

## 12. Accounts

### 12a. Balances November 4, 2022

Current Account	£15,397.95
<b>Community Benefit</b>	
Reserve Account	£56,065.25
CCLA Property Fund	£45,000.00 (bid market value £51,069.48)

### 12b. To approve accounts for payment

• Clerk – September wages	£208.00
• HMRC	£ 52.00
• Clerk – October wages	£208.00
• HMRC	£ 52.00
• Clerk – mileage and printing	£ 33.70
• ICO	£ 35.00 (DD)

### 12c. To note income

Lamit Property Fund	£ 479.04
Jubilee monies	£ 680.00

Councillors approved the accounts.

**Proposed: N Furse   Seconded: R Orchard   Votes: Unanimous 22/123**

## 13. Items for the December agenda (December 14)

- Coronation
- Budget
- Playground

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.