

# Whitstone Parish Council

## Minutes – March 9

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

One member of the public asked the council how it came to the decision last month on the planning application PA23/00256 (Change of use of land for siting two holiday use static caravans, Sea View Farm, Whitstone). Cllr Horn said in interest and fairness as the application opposite was turned down. Cllr Furse also noted that there was a growing amount of accommodation, regardless if business or residential.

Another member of the public asked again about the dumped tyres in the parish. The clerk noted that she had reported it to Cornwall Council. The member of the public asked if a note could be placed in the Whistler. He also enquired about the lorries that deliver to the Spar shop. Cllr Furse said enforcement was the thing that was lacking, and noted it has been better since the council sent a letter to the shop about the situation. It was agreed to send a letter to the head office to explain that enforcement is coming imminently and to advise lorry drivers of this. 23/47
- 2. To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising.**

Cllr Chopak advised of Cornwall Council's 4.99% council tax increase. The mayoral debate is ongoing, with many councils not in favour. Local issues include Stratton Minor Injuries Unit which is currently closed on Friday nights due to staffing issues. There is concern that things are sliding back, especially with Easter coming up. Cllr Chopak donated an 8ft tree to the parish council to plant as they wish. She said the crematorium plans had been approved but is now going to judicial review which may take two to four years. She said Cornwall Council has lost two planning officers and an enforcement officer, so planning is struggling. With regard to the street lights, she highlighted an option of mini lights (like down lighters), which are waist high. The cost of these is relatively small. Councillors said it was onerous to push the parish council for funding when it is a Cornwall Council project. The lights, they said, would connect the village school to the village. Cllr Chopak to speak again to Oliver Jones. Cllr Chopak also reported that the Bude Area Network Panel will be dissolved and will become a Camelford & Bude Area Partnership. This makes it a lot bigger but it also attracts £300K of money for Highways instead of £35-40K. The money would cover all areas and applications would be approved by the panel. Cllr Chopak has plans to hold a workshop about the Levelling Up money, date TBC. 23/48
- 3. To note councillors present**

Cllrs N Furse (chair), R Horn (vice chair), C Hopper, G Martyn and M Collins. Also in attendance, S Cleave, clerk, Cllr N Chopak and two members of the public. 23/49
- 4. To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**

Cllr Orchard – poorly; Cllr Medland – work commitment. 23/50

- 5. Declarations of interest**  
None. 23/51
- 6. To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**  
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, February 9, 2023.  
**Proposed: G Martyn      Seconded: R Horn      Votes: Unanimous 23/52**
- 7. To receive the clerk's report on matters arising.**  
The clerk's report was noted. 23/53
- 8. Consideration of planning applications**  
PA23/01209 – Proposed extension to dwelling. Barn View, Southmoor, Whitstone.  
Councillors voted for no objection to the plans. 23/54
- b. To note any decisions or other consultations received.**  
None. 23/55
- 9. Portfolio reports:**
- Footpaths  
No report. 23/56
  - Localism / Parish Plan / BAN  
No report. 23/57
  - Parish Hall  
No report. 23/58
  - Grants (received from Whitstone Primary School and Helen Retallick)  
A grant request was received from Whitstone Community Primary School. They would like children in the school community team to have permission and funding to put a flowerbed at the beginning of Oak Lane by the memorial with flowers in it. The total cost would be £230.  
Cllr Horn said it was a good idea but a questionable location. He said it is on the main road, with vehicles splashing water. He said he would be happy to sponsor but thought it would be safer to do in the school grounds. It was proposed to contact the school and say the council would be happy to support, but could they supply invoices and consider a different location.  
Clerk to action.
- Another grant was received from Helen Retallick for a Further Education Travel Bursary. Cllr Hopper said it would not be needed until September, so to go back and ask for an invoice.  
**Proposed: R Horn      Seconded: N Furse      Votes: Unanimous 23/59**
- 10. Correspondence**  
The following correspondence was noted: Bude CNP meeting info; Cornwall Council affordable housing newsletter; road closure information (Tackbear Road and Oak Lane); Local housing provision event invitation; Climate emergency DPD policies training. 23/60

## 11. Agenda items

### 1. Coronation

Discussions continued regarding the Coronation plans. Councillors agreed to book a band for £250. There will be a marquee in the car park with barbecue and bar, open to all. Logistics were discussed and councillors said there was a need for plenty of volunteers. On the Saturday, there are plans to show the Coronation on a big screen in the hall. Councillors also spoke about a commemorative item, and agree to investigate a Coronation coin. Clerk to research and circulate findings. 23/61

### 2. Dog fouling

An update was given on the dog bins. Cornwall Council said a replacement bin can be found for the one that was removed from Meadowside. 23/62

### 3. Parking

The clerk gave an update on the traffic warden. Cllr Furse to arrange an online meeting with Tracey French, the technical support officer at Cornwall Council. 23/63

### 4. Electric charging points

Cllr Horn gave some information on a number of electric charging points. A large charging point can cost in the region of £50K, with a 7KW charger, that users can use overnight costing £2,100. He said you can make it chargeable, with people logging in through an app. It was agreed to leave with the village hall committee. 23/64

### 5. Grass cutting agreement and LMP payments

The clerk gave the council the 2023/24 Local Maintenance Plan and grass cutting figures from Cornwall Council. The clerk to fill out the relevant forms to apply for the funding. The clerk was asked to contact CORMAC to ask about the weed spraying on the main roads and pavements around Paradise Park that is carried out twice a year. 23/65

## 12. Accounts

### 12a. Balances March 9, 2023

Current Account	£15,954.27
<b>Community Benefit</b>	
Reserve Account	£56,212.55
CCLA Property Fund	£45,000.00

### 12b. To approve accounts for payment

- Clerk – February wages £ 208.00
- HMRC £ 52.00
- Clerk – mileage and printing £ 33.70

### 12c. To note income

- Cornwall Council LMP payment 2021/22 £289.58

## 13. Items for the April agenda (April 13)

Coronation.