

Whitstone Parish Council

Draft minutes – June 22, 2023

1. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this)
One member of the public raised that the footpath from the hall to Oak Lane and also to St Anne's is overhanging. The clerk to report to Cornwall Council as it is becoming a road hazard. 23/111
2. **To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising.**
No report. 23/112
3. **To note councillors present**
Cllrs N Furse (chairman), R Horn (vice chairman), R Orchard, C Hopper, G Martyn and A Medland. Also in attendance, S Cleave, clerk, and two members of public. 23/113
4. **To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**
Cllr Nicky Chopak – another meeting. 23/114
5. **Declarations of interest**
None. 23/115
6. **To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors resolved to approve the minutes from the Ordinary meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2023.
Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: C Hopper Votes: Unanimous 23/116
7. **To receive the clerk's report on matters arising.**
The clerk's report was noted. 23/117
8. **Consideration of planning applications**
PA23/03939 – Change of use of former office building to dwelling. Office adjacent to Keel House, Meadowside, Whitstone.
The parish council was surprised that this is not a retrospective application as photos on Airbnb clearly show all the work internally has been undertaken. In the design and access statement it states: 'The building has been used as an accommodation building by the applicant whilst constructing the adjacent dwellings. It was also let for eight days for holiday purposes in the latter part of 2022.' It also states that this building is suitable for one person living. The Airbnb listing is for two people. All internal work has already been undertaken and by the applicant's own submission this office has been let out to visitors clearly unregulated and without building control permission. If this application were to be granted as an open market property, how does Cornwall Council control that there is only one person living in the property as the design access statement suggests? There are ongoing complaints in the village about parking in the area. For these reasons, councillors were unable to support the application.
Proposed: N Furse Seconded: A Medland Votes: Unanimous 23/117

b. To note any decisions or other consultations received.

None.

23/118

9. Portfolio reports:

- Footpaths

No report

23/119

- Localism / Parish Plan / B&CCAP

Cllr Martyn attended the recent inaugural meeting of the Bude and Camelford Community Area Partnership meeting. Representatives were asked to identify three problems in their town or village. She chose parking, speeding and playground for Whitstone. Barry Jordan was elected as chair and Nicky Chopak as vice chair. Meetings will be held every three months.

23/120

- Parish Hall

No report.

23/121

- Grants – Highgate Hill House School

Councillors received an update from Highgate Hill House School on their plans to buy a polytunnel. It was felt, on this occasion, that there was not sufficient community benefit for all parishioners.

Proposed: N Furse Seconded: R Horn Votes: Five in favour, one abstention

23/122

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Paradise Park road closure notification; Local council planning training.

23/123

11. Agenda items

1. Carnival

To discuss the forthcoming village carnival

The parish council will be involved with the ball roll. Cllr Horn to purchase some more balls.

23/124

2. AGAR

1. The Annual Governance Statement was reviewed and agreed

Proposed: N Furse Seconded: R Horn Votes: Unanimous 23/125

2. The internal audit was noted

Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: C Hopper Votes: Unanimous 23/126

3. The Accounting Statements were reviewed and agreed.

Proposed: N Furse Seconded: R Horn Votes: Unanimous 23/127

4. The Conflict of Interest with BDO LLP was signed.

Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Unanimous 23/128

3. Paradise Park complaint

To receive correspondence from a resident of Paradise Park.

It was agreed to invite the member of the public to the next meeting, and send the council some photos.

23/129

12. Accounts

12a. Balances June 16, 2023

Current Account	£21,103.12
Community Benefit	
Reserve Account	£56,358.90
CCLA Property Fund	£45,000

12b. To approve accounts for payment

• Clerk – May wages	£ 208.00
• HMRC	£ 52.00
• Clerk – mileage and printing	£ 33.70

12c. To note income

• Coronation money	£ 151.00
--------------------	----------

It was agreed for the clerk to look into available instant access savings accounts and bring to the meeting in July to consider investing some of the council's reserves.

Councillors approved the accounts.

Proposed: C Hopper Seconded: R Horn Votes: Unanimous 23/130

13. Items for the July agenda

Savings account; carnival.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.