

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes – Thursday, January 11, 2024

1. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this)
None. 24/1

2. **To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**
A full meeting of Cornwall Council will be held next week with two main agenda items – climate change and violence against women and girls in local government. She said the budget will be discussed. The Police and Crime Panel are still to discuss their proportion of the council tax, with some talk of it being 10%. There are also proposals for an offshore wind farm, to be submitted by Torridge District Council, which, if approved, will be visible from Hartland to Tintagel. 24/2

3. **To note councillors present**
Cllrs N Furse (chairman); R Horn (vice chair); G Martyn; C Hopper; M Collins.
Also in attendance: Cllr N Chopak and S Cleave, clerk. 24/3

4. **To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**
Cllr R Orchard – unwell; Cllr A Medland – prior engagement. 24/4

5. **Declarations of interest**
None. 24/5

6. **To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2023.
Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: C Hopper Votes: Two in favour, three abstentions 24/6
(This will be ratified at the February meeting).

7. **To receive the clerk's report on matters arising.**
The clerk's report was noted. 24/7

8. **Consideration of planning applications**
None. 24/8

- b. To note any decisions or other consultations received.**
The following decision was noted:
PA23/08921 – proposed extension to breakfast area. St Anne's Residential Home, Whitstone. APPROVED 24/9

9. **Portfolio reports:**
 - Footpaths
Cllr Hopper said they have the materials for the stile, but it has been too wet to sort. It is probably a job for March/April. Cllr Hopper will forward the

instructions to a contractor to see how much it would cost to have the work carried out. 24/10

- Localism / Parish Plan / Bude & Camelford CAP
No report. 24/11

- Parish Hall
Cllr Collins said the parish hall doesn't have an insulation. He said although it is on the agenda each month, the parish council have nothing to do with the running of the hall or put money towards it. He said there used to be an improvement fund, held by the parish council. He said there would be a long-term advantage to insulate the hall better. Available grants will be explored and Cllr Chopak will send the link of the Cornwall Council grants officer. The clerk will check with CALC how the parish council can help. 24/12

- Grants
None. 24/13

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council Resettlement Team message; Civility and Respect newsletter; Citizens Advice Cornwall newsletter. 24/14

11. Agenda items

1. November 2023 minutes

Councillors ratified the approval of the November 2023 minutes.

Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: N Furse Votes: Unanimous 24/15

2. Stile

As above, the repair of the stile will be carried out in the Spring. 24/16

3. Parish meal

There was further discussion about the proposed parish meal. Cllr Martyn noted what the Stumble Inn could offer. There was queries raised about transport and pre-ordering. Cllr Hopper will go back to Tom to see what he can do at the parish hall for a certain sum of money, with some of the meal being subsidised by the parish council. This will be discussed again at the February meeting. 24/17

4. Footballs

Cllr Horn will send the clerk a copy of the invoice for the footballs purchased, with payment to be made on the February agenda. 24/18

12. Accounts

12a. Balances January 5, 2024

Current Account £30,651.17

Community Benefit

Reserve Account £56,812.87

CCLA Property Fund £45,000.00

12b. To approve accounts for payment

- Clerk – December wages £ 208.00
- HMRC £ 52.00
- Clerk – mileage and printing £ 43.60
- S Cochrane – memory stick £ 4.00

12c. To note income

- Reserve account interest £ 65.38
- Cornwall Council Local Maintenance Partnership payment £ 318.13
- Week St Mary Parish Council – East Balsdon money (paid in error) £5,405.43

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: R Horn

Seconded: G Martyn

Votes: Unanimous 24/19

13. Items for the next agenda – February 8, 2024

Parish meal / footballs / ratification of the December minutes.

24/20

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.