

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 13th April 2016

All meetings are open to the press and public unless the Council decides otherwise

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

John Barratt attended

2. The Opening, Councillors present

The Meeting was opened by Cllr Furse at 1930, with 5 Councillors present; Cllrs Sutton, Hopper, Medland, Collins, Horn. Esther Greig – Clerk

3. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Adamson - personal

It was **resolved** to accept the apologies for absence

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 16/025

4. To receive Declarations of Interest & Approve Dispensations

Cllr Medland 7a planning pecuniary to leave room

5. To receive and approve the Minutes of:

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 9th March 2016

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Hopper unan 16/026

6. To receive Clerk's report on Matter's Arising:

New email address – whitstonepc@yahoo.co.uk

Emergency Plan Grant. Successful - £100

Mi-grid UU, no progress.

** Cllr Chopak arrived**

7. Planning

7a. To discuss and make a Consultee comment on Application:

PA16/02914. Oak Cottage, Oak Lane. Mr and Mrs J Atkinson. Proposed erection of garage.

Cllr Horn noted that it is a garage in his own garden but seems to be a large industrial style building rather than a residential garage. It looks to be 50m away from the house. Not in keeping with the surroundings and will be the closest building to our Grade 1 listed Church and Well. Vehicular access would be dangerous and difficult – the levels between the road and the field seem to indicate 3m. There is currently a field gate with grassed access.

It was **resolved** to reply with **Objection** based on building scale and materials used, immediate vicinity to the listed church and holy well. Vehicle access is difficult and potentially dangerous to other road users. There are factual inaccuracies on the application form in section 5.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Sutton 5-0 (1 abs Collins) 16/027

1a. To receive County Councillor's report on Matter's Arising

Cllr Chopak report. Apologised for lateness - been at St.Annes and Meadowside. Cllr Chopak is now Chair of the BAN. Trying to make it more rural; biased towards Bude previously – specified a new standing agenda item so that PCs can bring forward their issues every time. She'd like the Vice-chair to be from one of the PCs - would be grateful for WPC support. Local devolution grants £20k one-off fund – only one that was successful £830 – St.Gennys. Morwenstow applied for broadband; trying to get it into the village hall. Extended closing date of the 1st of July, extra services taking on the devolution. Opportunity to put in apply to get broadband into our Halls.

Big field wind farm Appeal – 26th April 10am Launceston town hall 6-14 days. A lot of local presence would be good. Cllr Chopak suggested that Parish Council speak on different topics; issues that directly affect the Parish; so that the inspector doesn't hear the same speech 10 times. Cllr Horn will be attending on behalf of WPC.

****Cllr Medland left the room****

PA16/02844. East Balsdon Farm. Mr Messrs H S Medland. Demolish substandard part of dwelling and erect extension to dwelling. Cllr Horn noted that there are no near neighbours and it is surrounded by its own land

It was **resolved** to reply with **Support**

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Hopper unan 16/028

****Cllr Medland returned****

7.b Approvals

PA16/00113. Whitstone Village Stores and Post office. Ms Jan Clark

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PA16/00114. Northmoor. LS SPV110 Ltd

For Information

PA16/00639/PREAPP Whitstone Village Stores and Post office. Mr D Cock. Advice for re-model of store entrance, conversion of existing adjacent dwelling ground floor to coffee shop with 2 bed flat over.

8. Portfolio Reports:

Footpaths – none.

Localism/Parish Plan/BAN – Cllr Sutton attended an Atlantic and Moors LAG meeting. 1st meeting that approved some grants. No applications received from the Whitstone area.

Parish Hall – none. Cllr Furse met with Steve from SWAST regarding the defibrillator. Needs to be in a climate controlled box so the batteries stay in good working order.. Part of being on the 999 system, is that a monthly email needs to be sent to confirm it is in pace and working WPC can do that every PC meeting. Cllr Collins will get in contact with the committee regarding the required power supply and get quote from an electrician.

Grants – Cllr Hopper reported a request from the PC to have a £500 cash-flow fund towards Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations. Max cost £1.50 per person. Live music sorted, venue free, tents free. Any unused monies will be returned to CB fund.

It was **resolved** to pay £500 out of CB fund

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Medland unan 16/029

9. Correspondence

9a. For Action

1. Bruce Wallace – Letter and information regarding the Mules family. Cllr Sutton will pass the information to Irene Sutton.

9b. For Information

1. Clerks and Councils Direct - Magazine

10. Agenda Items

1. Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting; acceptable in its current format

2. Quotes for the War Memorial Landscaping project. Cllr Furse has had 1 contractor look at this. Quite a bit of work to hard surface the original area. The ground is high - 2ft around the SWW and the signs; this will be difficult and expensive to reduce. There would be a lot of forms to do to! However, extending the pavement – no change in levels required – would provide adequate standing room for 40-50 people. Contour around to the path to the bench as the slabs are wonky. Practical and safe to have tarmac. We've got to be prepared that something will pull in there to park if it is big enough, so there will need to be decent foundations. The tarmac can be extended along the verge towards the village if it needs to be. Cllr Collins suggested buying a canvas gazebo for weather protection during ceremonies.

3. The CB acceptance contract from Lightsource SPV 163 Ltd was completed

4. To accept pay recommendation from Clerk's appraisal. Cllr Furse reported that the appraisal has been completed and a benchmarking exercise for the salary scale had been undertaken. Cllr Hopper and himself had decided on SCP 27 as it was a borderline decision between that and SCP

26. Cllr Sutton requested a written report of the appraisal be forwarded before the resolution was voted on. May agenda.

5. WPC considered to donating to Rule 6 Appeal fund for Big Field Wind Farm. Cllr Furse noted that they approached the PC last Autumn and it decided not to donate. CARE are short of funds if the appeal drags on for 2 weeks. Decision can be deferred until after the Appeal because if a token donation might open us up to a potential costs liability if the appeal is lost; cannot be seen to be careless with public money.

It was **resolved** not to make a contribution at this time

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn 5-0 (1 abs) 16/030

Cllr Horn noted that this is a planning issue –admire those that who have driven this appeal this far. CC should be paying for the appeal not the local residents! Cllr Chopak noted that she is having a conversation with CC about covering costs for some of the experts.

6. To purchase a bus shelter from the quotes provided and to apply for a CB grant. Cllr Horn noted that until a figure is finalised for the war memorial, the PC should wait to make a decision on the shelter. Cllr Sutton wanted more options. He also suggested that the current one could be refurbished and the other one is considered too. future agenda.

11. Accounts

Annual Return

1. It was **resolved** to **approve** the annual governance statement

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Collins unan 16/031

2. It was **resolved** to **approve** the accounting statements 2015/16.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 16/032

Cllr Sutton noted that the footpaths and verges budget figures needed amending on the spreadsheet.

11.a Balances 31st March 2016

Current Account	£ 17,789.87
CCLA LPF	£ 45,000.00

11b. To approve Accounts for Payment

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages	000501	£150.05
St.Gennys Parish Council	SLCC Membership Subscription	000502	£25
Cllr R Horn	Grant for Queens Birthday Celebration	000503	£500
cancelled cheque – Cllr Horn will submit invoices after the event.			
CALC	Annual Membership renewal	000504	£219.66

To note Income

Cornwall Council	Precept and CTS Grant	£2474.78
RSJ3 Renewables Ltd	Community Benefit	£4000
HMRC	VAT reclaim	£78.39

It **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment and to note income

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Collins unan 16/033

12. Items for May's Agenda.

Transparency Code Grant – to apply for further grant, to spend existing funds

To **resolve** to accept pay recommendation from Clerk's appraisal

Defibrillator security box – pay for one.

War Memorial Landscaping project

The Meeting closed at 2110.