

# Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014

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

## 1. The Opening, Councillors present

The Meeting was opened by Chairman Cllr Furse, with 3 Councillors present; Cllrs Medland, Sutton, Hopper. Esther Grieg – Clerk

## 2. Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Horn – business, Cllr Adamson – family commitment, Cllr Collins – notice for late arrival

**Proposed: Cllr Furse                      Seconded: Cllr Medland                      unan                      14/076**

## 3. Declarations of interest & dispensations

Cllr Furse	Planning PA14/10451	pecuniary	to leave room
Cllr Medland	Planning PA14/10451	pecuniary	no vote - dispensation to remain so that the meeting remains quorate.

## 4. To put for confirmation the:

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It was resolved that the Minutes be confirmed as a correct record after a minor amendment.

**Proposed: Cllr Sutton                      Seconded: Cllr Medland                      3-0 (1 abs)                      14/077**

PC is happy for The Whistler's Editor to amend minor typographical errors in the PC report.

## 5. Matters Arising for report only:

None

## 6. Public question time

10 members of the public.

David Fowler spoke regarding Light Source Solar development/community benefit. He mentioned that Cllr Chopak said there would be no binding agreement with CC planning. Perhaps Cllr Medland could make it part of the contractual agreement with the land lease. Cllr Furse noted that the lease/business could be sold to a third party without a guarantee of continuing payments.

Paradise park residents have canvassed all residents and owners in PP. Some felt that original section 52/106 agreements should stand. Correspondence from Mr & Mrs Slade – Amenity land at Paradise Park was read out. Cllr Furse noted that Phil Tucker, (previous County Cllr), devoted months to this issue and discussed this document with CC legal department, and because it was so badly written, it would be very difficult to enforce. Cllr Medland stated that the current situation is an impasse and has been regularly discussed at PC meetings over the last 20 years. He also noted that the access on the original agreement is inadequate. There is an opportunity now. Residents were concerned that the previous agreement has not been completed in good faith – would a new one be stood by? The proposed access would not take many more houses/vehicles. They are happy with 3 more houses but 15. Cllr Sutton noted that a promise was made 30 years ago and should be offered now. He said that the PC would support whatever the residents want, but that the whole village should be included in the discussion. General consensus was that there was no support for the plan put forward by Kivells, they would accept 3 houses and a play park as that is what is in PP deeds. They would rather that it was a natural area than have more development. It was noted that the developers can't get more houses without community support.

**\*\*Cllr Collins arrived\*\***

Kivells are negotiating on behalf of the estate. Cllr Sutton noted that a play area was no.1 priority in the Parish plan. The best way forward is for all the express opinions to the elected representatives – the PC. Perhaps allotments could also be part of the plan – in order to involve the rest of the village.

Cllr Medland speculated that perhaps 8 houses and a play area could be a 'middle-ground' option, ensuring that the playground is completed before another brick is laid for houses. It was concluded that more drawings and wider consultation were needed.

## 7. Planning

### 7a. Applications

**PA14/10451. Tamar Milling at Bennets Yard. Tamar Milling Ltd.** Construction of a grain storage building [B8 use]. Cllr Furse left room. Cllr Sutton stated that there were 2 objections on the CC system regarding noise/operating hours - early morning and late evening. Cllr Collins mentioned that the access could mean problems for large vehicles going in and out, but that there were only 3 more vehicle movements per week. The building sits alongside the existing ones and the eaves are the same height. **No Objection**

**Proposed: Cllr Hopper                      Seconded: Cllr Collins                      unan                      14/078**

### 7.b Approvals

**PA14/09184. West Nethercott. Mr Michael Hopper.** Roof to cover existing silage pits.

**PA14/08271. Northmoor. Electro Greenpower Ltd.** Solar PV park and infrastruvture

### For Information

**PA14/09425. Land West of Tresco. Karen Moore.** Application for prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to a single dwelling house with amenity area and parking. **Planning permission required.**

## 8. Portfolio Reports:

**Footpaths** – Cllr Sutton reported that the Forestry commission are due to clear a section of footpath in Swanacott Woods. The ultimate aim is to produce a cycle track around the woods and access to week St.Mary.

**Localism/Parish Plan/BAN** – none

**Parish Hall** - none

### 9.a Correspondence for Action

1. SLCC Regional Roadshow – 25<sup>th</sup> February. Clerk attending
2. Young People Cornwall – Charity delivering youth projects/work. noted
3. Energy Analysis – Feasibility projects - Rural Community Energy Fund. noted

### 9.b Correspondence for Information

1. Cornwall Blind Association – Request for donation
2. Cornwall Air Ambulance – thank you for donation

## 10. Policy and other items

1. It was resolved to appoint a councillor to be the **Funding Portfolio Holder** with terms of reference to include:

1 Maintain up to date knowledge of grant funding opportunities and application procedure.

2 Be able to offer advice on funding opportunities to both the council and parishioners.

**Proposed: Cllr Sutton                      Seconded: Cllr Hopper                      unan                      14/079**

Councillor to be appointed in January.

2. It was resolved to undertake the minor **maintenance of the historic milestones** in the parish by including it in the contract for annual maintenance of footpaths and open spaces. Darren Humber estimated £50 in the first year to include painting.

**Proposed: Cllr Sutton                      Seconded: Cllr Furse                      unan                      14/080**

3. It was resolved to accept **NALC Clerk pay settlement of £10.53** and one-off payment £7.95

**Proposed: Cllr Furse                      Seconded: Cllr Medland                      unan                      14/081**

Cllr Furse noted that the Clerk's annual appraisal had been completed

4. It was resolved to accept **budget** forecast, after discussion to include milestones and asset maintenance, and It was resolved to **precept** £4,850

**Proposed: Cllr Furse                      Seconded: Cllr Medland                      unan                      14/082**

6. **Micro-Library** – St.Anne's Residential Home. Clerk reported that it was a very simple set-up at Wainhouse. Computer equipment available for folk to go online, a manual folder to borrow and return books and a couple of shelves of books. No staff required. Clerk suggested that Mrs Medland

visit to discuss with the landlords. The contract itself seemed straight forward and necessary to ensure all responsibilities are covered within a clear agreement.

8. One-off payment from Lightsource Renewable Energy Ltd – **Community benefit** payment for PA14/08271 approx - £30,475. Unless Cllr Medland can include an annual payment to the Parish in his landowner's contract, it was felt that the safest/easiest option is to take the one-off payment. Clerk to contact Lightsource for further details. It was resolved that the PC to be holders of the monies as there are no other options at the moment.

**Proposed: Cllr Furse**                          **Seconded: Cllr Collins**                          **unan**                          **14/083**

## **11. Accounts**

### **Balances 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Current Account                                      £ 2,889.68

NS&I    £ 766.71

Footpath cutting LMP claimed – max £200.

### **11.a Accounts for Payment**

Esther Greig                                      Clerk Wages                                      000459                                      £92.93

### **Income**

Cornwall Council – verges contract    £326.90

**Proposed: Cllr Furse**                          **Seconded: Cllr Collins**                          **unan**                          **14/084**

## **12. Items for January Agenda.**

Parish Plan

Solar Farm, Community Benefit

Micro-Library

Bude Area Network

Paradise Park

**The Meeting Closed at 2140**