

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 11th June 2014

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1. The Opening, Councillors present

The Meeting was opened by Chairman Cllr Furse, with 4 Councillors present; Cllrs Hopper, Adamson, Sutton, Collins. Cllr Horn expected later due to work commitments. Esther Grieg – Clerk

2. Apologies for absence with reasons

none

3. Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

None

4. Public Question Time

5 members of the public attended to discuss the War Memorial Location. Options were discussed and it seems that most Parishioners would prefer the Memorial to be in a central position within the village at the Oak Lane site. More Parishioners and children would pass it every day, it would not have to be sought out as the other plaques in the village do. As the Village does not have a square, Oak Lane is the most prominent position available. Other locations at the shop and the Paradise Park corner were mentioned but these have their own issues such as height and visibility splay. The Parish Hall garden is not currently an option as the decision could take over a year to be received and the Cemetery would be awkward potentially because of different denominations and have landscaping issues. Regarding Oak Lane – Cllr Collins noted that many memorials are in the middle of the roads. Cllr Sutton noted that the Parish Plan responses favoured the Oak Lane location too.

Cllr Medland arrived

5. To put for confirmation the:

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It was resolved the Minutes be confirmed as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr Adamson

Seconded: Cllr Medland

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14/043

6. Matters Arising for report only:

CLLD Leader – community led development – report from Cllr Sutton. He summarised that there is £8-9m funding for North Cornwall for developing the economy and creating jobs.

Cllr Horn arrived

They are looking for PC's, the voluntary sector and businesses to suggest ideas. Looking at economy/farming/diversification. Cllr Sutton will monitor progress as the groups are set up this year.

Meadowside – parking. Cllr Medland reported that as he took photos of the lane for Cllr Chopak, many residents came to speak to him about their frustrations regarding the parking. They have all written to CC in previous planning applications but have given up complaining as they felt they were not listened to. Cllr Medland stated that a fire engine would not get down the lane and an ambulance would struggle. Previously NCDC had planned to turn some of the gardens into parking but the residents refused. Perhaps this could be discussed again – Clerk to invite residents to attend next meeting via the Whistler.

7. Planning

None

Approvals

PA14/04091. Land East of Dilland Farm. Non-material amendment

8. Portfolio Reports:

Footpaths – Hilton Woods. Site meeting with Enforcement took place on the 22nd, Cllr Sutton could not attend and he has not had any report back. He has tried to contact the Countryside Officer but not had a response either. The main issue is although the gates are not often shut – they sometimes are; as the residents apparently feel safer if they are. Cllr Sutton has suggested to the owners that they provide a pedestrian access.

Cllr Furse moved this item forward due to public presence/interest

10.2 War Memorial. Having discussed correspondence from the Hall and response from the Cemetery, Oak Lane seems the best option. Proximity to the road and the potential health & safety issues were raised again. Cllr Collins stated that the memorials in Kilkhampton and Marhamchurch are in the road and South Petherwin's is only accessible from actually standing in the road. He doesn't envisage a huge crowd being there on most occasions. The wreath is laid and the service of remembrance is held elsewhere. It was resolved to place the memorial at the corner of Oak Lane
Proposed: Cllr Collins, Seconded: Cllr Sutton, 5-0 (2 abstentions), declared carried 14/044
Clerk reported that she had spoken to the stone masons – they have not started the memorial as they haven't managed to get any monumental grade granite from the quarry. They would like to have the final list of names by the end of June. Names were discussed – there are 11 or 12 names (including William Piper). Other new names are Edward Toms and Harold Higgins. The current memorial has space for 12 names; the PC would like to have option to add later. Clerk to talk to stone mason regarding polishing two further sides. Clerk to chase Highways regarding services.

Localism/Parish Plan – none

Parish Hall – Cllr Collins stated that the computer club and other grants made up the income into the Hall from the broadband installation. This was £762.

9. Correspondence

For action

1. Letter from Kivells re: Land at Paradise Park. Clerk reported that following a telephone discussion with Mr Hicks of Kivells; he will approach an architect for an initial drawing to bring to the next meeting. Cllr Sutton suggested creating a brief for the architect from the Parish Plan and/or looking to a Neighbour Development Order to ensure the development is agreed. Cllr Horn suggested waiting to see what they bring to the meeting. Clerk to write confirming that the PC are looking forward to seeing Mr Hicks at the July meeting.
2. Letter from St. Anne's Residential Home regarding mobile libraries. Confirms that an outreach library at St. Anne's would be feasible. Clerk to forward to CC libraries department
3. Email from Brian Phillips - wanting to ensure his grandfather is included in the list of names. Clerk to reply that he is – an absolute valid claim. Clerk to forward emails to Cllr Collins.

For information

4. NHS – Peninsula News Magazine
5. CC – Local Action in Cornwall events. Cllr Sutton may attend the Camelford meeting
6. CC - Equality and Diversity Training 19th June, St. Austell. Cllr Sutton may attend
7. CALC – Updates to website topics, transparency code, and access to meetings

10. Policy and other items

1. Cllr Sutton outlined the General Power of Competence – enabling the PC to spend as an individual – not being restricted by statute. Considering devolution being pushed by localism, future income streams potentially coming to the village from the Community infrastructure Levy and Wind turbines – it would benefit the Parish to have a free hand and not be limited by s137 allowances. The criteria is that the Clerk be CiLCA qualified and that the PC be at least 2/3rd elected. The Clerk stated that she has started the qualification already. It was resolved that this council works towards achieving, within the next year, the qualifications required which will enable it to use the General Power of Competence for the benefit of all parishioners.

Proposed: Cllr Horn, Seconded: Cllr Adamson, unan 14/045

3. Parish Hall. To review internet costs. Cllr Sutton stated that BT business are looking into the tariffs. He also suggested that Hall could change the access from unlimited to limited – reducing the monthly costs. He also noted that doing this may have repercussions and that

the Hall may have to put security on the access to Wifi so that the monthly limit is not inadvertently used.

12. Accounts

12.a Balances 30th May 2014

Current Account	£ 6158.62
NS&I	£ 766.71

12.b Accounts for Payment

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages	000444	£84.96
St.Anne's Parish Hall	Broadband & telephone	000445	£300
Proposed: Cllr Furse,	Seconded: Cllr Adamson,	unan	14/046

12. Items for July Agenda

Meadowside Parking
Parish Benches and Noticeboard – Maintenance and Renewals - Community Chest Grant
CiLCA course costs £112.50
Parish Plan
Paradise Park Recreation Area
Memorial – site preparation

The Meeting Closed at 2055