

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 13th November 2013

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 5 Councillors present; Cllrs Sutton, Adamson, Horn, Collins, Medland. Esther Grieg – Clerk

2. Apologies for absence with reasons

None

3. Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

Cllr Adamson 7 Planning PA13/08865 Pecuniary No dispensation required.

4. Public question time

Cllr Chopak attended. Hilton Woods – Cllr Chopak is continuing to chase the case; currently with CC Enforcement. She will continue to keep us in the loop. Cllr Chopak has received correspondence from Parishioners regarding the Wind Turbine planning process. She also asked for an update of the parking issues around the shop, Meadowside and Balsdon Road. She suggested that an onsite meeting with Highways to fully observe the issues would be useful – she will liaise to arrange in early December. Some of the current problems have risen from; in-fill houses without proper parking, LA housing not providing enough off road parking, Parishioners no longer being able to park on private land, and insufficient parking available for the shop.

5. To put for confirmation the:

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It was resolved the Minutes be confirmed as a correct record following amendments

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Adamson 5-0 (1 abstention) 13/032

6. Matters Arising for report only:

Hilton Woods. Clerk has contacted their head office again – there has been a change in personnel but Clerk is continuing to chase.

7. Planning

PA13/08865. Land East Dilland Farm, Whitstone. Mr S Coles. A single wind turbine with a maximum blade tip height of 61m, along with the accompanying access track, temporary crane hard standing, electrical switchgear house with associated underground cabling and temporary construction compound. Cllr Horn stated that there was no real difference from the previous application apart from the change in model of the Wind Turbine. **Objection – previous comments still apply.**

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Medland 5-0 (1 dec int) 13/033

Cllr Horn spoke to the applicants regarding the WPC Wind Turbine Policy - they have confirmed in writing their offer to the Parish - £4,000 per annum.

PA13/08845. Hambleys (Whitstone Ltd), Balsdon Road, Whitstone. Mr AWJ & JA Barrett. Application for a lawful development Certificate that the operations conducted at the development site before 27th April 2009, comprising demolition and site clearance, where there was no condition requirement to demolish the buildings before the development commenced, are both material and lawful commencement of Permission 2009/00338. Cllr Furse has spoken to planning and this application has been passed to enforcement. **No Comment – but would note that demolition actually occurred April 2011.**

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Adamson unan 13/034

8. Portfolio Reports:

Footpaths – none. Cllr Sutton has spoken to CC regarding Hilton Woods and The Settlement 564/6/1. There may be a possible infringement regarding the width of the path; but there is no width mentioned in the definitive map narrative. Cllr Sutton will look to the archives and ask Parishioners for further information.

Localism/Parish Plan – Questionnaire is being finalised and will be published in the Whistler this month. The same questions are being used as before for comparative purposes and several new ones were reviewed by the PC. It was felt that the Whistler is the best, cost effective medium for the questionnaire to ensure that the Parish is involved in this process of updating the Parish Plan.

Parish Hall – none.

9. Correspondence

1. Eden – free community building weekends. Noted
2. War Memorials Trust – Call to remember – information leaflet
3. CALC – the week issues 9 & 10. Noted
4. Letter from Darren Humber – grass and verge cutting. Noted.
5. Shared Lives South-West. Annual Review. Noted
6. Email from David and Penny Wright – regarding speed patrol & wind turbine at Dilland Farm. Noted. Cllr Sutton has organised a Community Speed Watch session next week. They have an approved safe site to clock drivers exiting the village.
7. CC – Free Dog Chipping at Splash Leisure Centre 9am to 12pm. 18th November.
8. Petition from Parishioners – regarding a pedestrian crossing on the B3254. The 97 signatories have been given to Cllr Chopak as she is having a meeting with highways this week. PC will consider a 'Traffic Management Plan' in the December Meeting to include scheduling a 'drop in' session
9. CC – licensing consultation on new draft policy. Clerk to respond.
10. CC – Natureworkshops – offering free trees. Noted

10. Policy and Proposals

1. Councillor vacancy. No requests for an election – PC free to co-opt a Councillor. Cllr Sutton will advertise the vacancy in the Whistler – asking for applications in writing.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Adamson unan 13/035

2. Freedom of Information Act/Data Protection – proposed using the scheme. Clerk and Cllr Sutton to liaise on finer details.

Proposed: Cllr Sutton Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 13/036

3. Defibrillator event. Cllr Horn to chase British Heart foundation regarding timescales.

4. War Memorial. Plan & Budget. Application for Cllr Chopak's community chest. Cllr Furse has researched options for the memorial. Clerk will use St.Breward Quarry quote – using architectural Granite (2 ton block with one side polished 1.5mx1.5mx0.5m approx size of an upright piano £2-2.5k +VAT) and will complete the grant paperwork to hand to Cllr Chopak.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 13/037

PC discussed the site, practicalities and questionnaire sent by Highways. Cllr Sutton to add a question about siting into the Parish Plan questionnaire.

5. Archives. Cllr Adamson has sorted through the archives and handed to Cllr Sutton for his footpaths research. Thank you.

6. Asset ownership – Security Camera, Screen & Projector. It was resolved to donate these to the Parish Hall.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Sutton unan 13/038

11. Accounts

Budget 13-14 revision for discussion and decision. It was resolved to ring fence reserves.

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Horn unan 13/039

Budget 14-15 initial discussion; for decision in December once Memorial issue is resolved.

Small changes to the budget were suggested – Clerk will amend for decision in December's meeting.

11.a Balances 30th September 2013

Current Account	£ 7,316.92
NS&I	£ 761.00

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11b. Accounts for Payment

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages	000425	£144.20
Mike Sutton	Camera, Projector, Screen	000426	£808.57
Darren Humber	Footpaths	000427	£250
Darren Hmber	Verges	000428	£828
Proposed for payment: Cllr Furse		Seconded: Cllr Adamson	5-0 (1 abstention) 13/040

12. Items for December Agenda

- Freedom of Information/Data Protection
- Standing Orders & Financial Regulations
- Councillor Co-Option
- Traffic Management Plan
- Hilton Woods/The Settlement footpath
- Budget for 13-14 &14-15
- Defibrillator event
- War Memorial
- Parish Plan Questionnaire
- Archives
- Budget 14-15
- N,S&I paperwork
- Later**
- Neighbourhood Plans
- Review of Complaints Procedure

Meeting closed at 2130hrs