

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes for the Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 9th September 2015

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

Community Support Officers attended, Sarah and Gary. He started in June, has worked for the fire service 5 years stationed at Bude. Front of desk closed is in Bude – but neighbour and response are located there. Ring 101 non-emergencies or email 101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk, or bude@. They are getting handheld phone so maybe will be able to receive emails direct in future. Emails will be received by Gary, Stuart or Steve – can also use the tab number in front: 30722. Gary is having 6 weeks under mentorship with Sarah, but will be out and about undertaking community engagement. They have a neighbourhood car now! 2 PCSO's for Bude. Aaron Ward - Sergeant based in Launceston. Can't say what will change under the new budget. PC enquired about crime in rural Bude – 2 or 3 lots of sheep rustling– farmers suffer – quad's and oil are stolen, less since the oil price has dropped.

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

None – apology for absence received.

2. The Opening, Councillors present

The Meeting was opened by Cllr Furse, with 4 Councillors present; Cllrs Sutton, Horn, Hopper, Medland. Esther Greig – Clerk

3. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Adamson - holiday

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Sutton unan 15/058

4. To receive Declarations of Interest & Approve Dispensations

None

5. To receive and approve the Minutes of:

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 12th August 2015

Proposed: Cllr Furse Seconded: Cllr Sutton 3-0 (2 abs) 15/059

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

Minimum investment on deposit with CC is £25,000

Unilateral Undertaking for Renewables. Tinney and East Balsdon – Clerk to liaise

Cllr Collins arrived

7. Planning

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

PA15/05957. Land South of Pentecost. Mrs Della Dowdle. Planning officer recommended refusal because of the impact on the Chapel & Highways have objected. PC have the opportunity to call it into committee. Planning permission has been passed to convert the Chapel. Unclear what is it listed – the extension does affect the significance of the building. Cllr Furse has had representations from Mrs Dowdle and her agent. The proposed development is within the 30mph zone, has off road parking and turning as well as good visibility both ways. PC would like some consistency from Highways.

It was **resolved** to ask send to committee

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Furse unan 15/060

Someone needs to attend the committee hearing – Cllr Furse will attend if possible.

For Information

8. Portfolio Reports:

Footpaths – the contract has been signed for this season

Localism/Parish Plan/BAN – Atlantic and Moors – door open for business on 5th October for projects. European funding – for 4 years, employed a project co-ordinator. John Teague helping small businesses and farmers to access this money.

Parish Hall – broadband for 2 years, now at the end of the contract – accounts show a deficit of £410. Broadband costs £720 per year. If the village hall doesn't have a broadband then how do the PC access paperless planning? Less income generated from broadband this year. PC suggests the Hall committee look around to see what the choices are for alternative providers/contracts. PC has budget £300 support for the broadband in this financial year – to be paid out next month. A business line is not needed anymore – can get a domestic supply – Committee to look into for next month. A speaker would be useful for large audiences; there is a 10watt speaker in the projector. A plug-in active speaker costs £90 x 2. Small grant application a possibility.

9. Correspondence

1. CCLA – Local Authorities Property Fund – Forms for completion. **Completed**

10. Agenda Items

1. Poppy Wreath & Services at the War Memorial. Bude British Legion supply the PC and Church wreath – Cllr Furse will collect. PC suggests an 11am service in front of the war memorial – combined service – entirety of the service there or split back to respective venues? Cllrs Hopper and Medland noted that Marhamchurch get a bigger congregation – drawing the local clubs and groups by have a 'village' service. It's not a PC job to sort this out – Cllr Collins is already liaising with John Mill at the Methodist Church.

2. War Memorial – to finalise landscape and wall design. PC have had a look at John Barratt's wall – happy with the finish. Fixed brick has a fixed price. Full stone walling has no fixed price depends on what is delivered from the quarry. Curved wall. Slate cap would need maintenance but moulded a cap to extend over would be better – mushroom top. Height 1.2m – from the plinth base. 3 quotes - Dave Weeks, Cllr Collins to ask Stuart. Advert in Whistler for any other quotes.

3. The Clerk's request for a pension was discussed. It was **resolved** to pay 3% of salary, annually in arrears, into Clerks personal pension with Standard Life. To be reviewed in 2 years time.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Furse unan 15/061

4. Priorities for 2016-2017 were discussed. Nothing extra to budget for – a planning year rather than a financial year.

5. CALC Training – forward planning. It was **resolved** that Cllr Sutton attend this session.

Proposed: Cllr Horn Seconded: Cllr Furse unan 15/062

Any further training needs within the Council? Cancelled Chairmanship course – Clerk to chase the rescheduled date or refund.

11. Accounts

Balances 31st August 2015

Current Account £ 59,017.69

11b. To approve Accounts for Payment & note Income

Esther Greig	Clerk Wages	000478	£123.60
ICO	Data Protection renewal	DD	£35
St.Anne Hall	Hall hire	000479	£79

Income

Cornwall Council	Precept	£2425
Cornwall Council	CTS Grant	£281.46

It was **resolved** to approve payments and note income.

Proposed: Cllr Collins Seconded: Cllr Furse unan 15/063

12. Items for October Agenda.

Oak Lane – check road surface. Double white line at the top of church hill is an incorrect roadmarking. Clerk to chase highways.

Proposal to support Hall broadband to £410 as a loss

The meeting closed at 2100.