

# Whitstone Parish Council

## Minutes – Thursday, November 14, 2024

1. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this)  
None. 24/198
  
2. **To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**  
Cllr Chopak reported that there had been a vote of no confidence in the council leader, which was lost. The council is looking at its budget and has found a bit of money, still leaving a £43-million overspend. There will be some shuffling and saving carried out between now and April. Talks around the potential sale/transfer of Newquay Airport and council car parks continue. The new waste and recycling scheme has begun. Cllr Chopak also looked ahead to the elections next year and hoped that all parish councillors will want to stand again. 24/199
  
3. **To note councillors present**  
Cllr Hopper; Cllr Collins; Cllr Martyn; Cllr Orchard and Cllr Medland. Also in attendance: Cllr Chopak and S Cleave, clerk. 24/200
  
4. **To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**  
Cllr Furse and Cllr Horn – both work commitments. 24/201
  
5. **Declarations of interest**  
None. 24/202
  
6. **To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**  
The approval of the minutes from the meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2024 will be deferred to the December meeting. 24/203
  
7. **To receive the clerk's report on matters arising**  
The clerk's report was noted. 24/204
  
8. **Consideration of planning applications**  
PA24/08260 – Removal of sub-standard conservatory and proposed two storey extension for kitchen/utility with en suite and bedroom over. Five Acres Farm, Whitstone.  
Councillors voted to make no comment on the application.  
**Proposed: R Orchard    Seconded: G Martyn    Votes: Unanimous 24/205**
  
- b. To note any decisions or other consultations received.**  
The following decisions were noted:  
PA24/06527 – Outline application for the construction of up to five dwellings, all matters reserved, following demolition of existing storage sheds.  
Bridgmans, Balsdon Road, Whitstone. APPROVED

PA24/01256/PREAPP – Pre application advice for up to 10 houses on land north east of Cross Park, Whitstone. 24/206

**9. Portfolio reports:**

- Footpaths  
No report. 24/207
  
- Localism / Parish Plan / Bude & Camelford CAP  
CAP meeting in December will be online. 24/208
  
- Parish Hall  
No report. 24/209
  
- Grants – None. 24/210

**10. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; Planning News for Local Councils newsletter. 24/211

**11. Agenda items**

1. July minutes  
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, July 11, 2024.  
**Proposed: G Martyn    Seconded: C Hopper    Votes: Four in favour, one abstention** 24/212
  
2. September minutes  
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, September 12, 2024.  
**Proposed: R Orchard    Seconded: M Collins    Votes: Three in favour, two abstentions** 24/213
  
3. Stile  
The stile is on the list to be completed. 24/214
  
4. Village Christmas tree  
Cllr Hopper noted that from last December the Christmas tree purchase and erecting would fall under the parish council. Cllr Furse will contact Staceys to order a tree and a small donation will be made to Ray for providing the electric. 24/215
  
5. Defibrillator  
As previously discussed, Cllr Medland would be happy to install the original defibrillator at St Anne's Residential Home in the porch where it will be accessible to everyone. The clerk will send him the information on a case to house the defibrillator and then it can be added to the Circuit.  
**Proposed: M Collins    Seconded: R Orchard    Votes: Unanimous** 24/216
  
6. Bude Stratton Town Council skatepark  
Councillors received correspondence from Bude-Stratton Town Council, which included a request for funding towards the skatepark. It was agreed

that the clerk reply thanking the council for the letter However, it is the policy that parish council funds stay within the village.

## 7. Budget

Councillors set a budget of £8,935.23 for the year 2025/26, and a precept of £5,586. This equates to a 5% increase.

Proposed: A Medland    Seconded: M Collins    Votes: Unanimous **24/217**

## 12. Accounts

### 12a. Balances November 8, 2024

Current Account                      £39,923.45

#### Community Benefit

Reserve Account                      £57,509.10

CCLA Property Fund                  £45,000.00

### 12b. To approve accounts for payment

- Clerk – October wages inc HMRC and Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/5 back pay                  As per contract
- Clerk – mileage and printing October                                  £ 33.70
- Cornwall Pension Fund – October    £ 51.67

### 12c. To note income

- Reserve account interest (October)                                  £ 70.26
- Cornwall Council – LMP payment    £333.71
- CCLA interest    £505.26

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

**Proposed: G Maryn    Seconded: R Orchard    Votes: Unanimous 24/218**

## 13. Items for the next agenda – (December 12, 2024)

Whistler; Christmas events; parish lunch 2025; lights for the bus shelter; speed indicator signs; cemetery grants.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm.