

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes – Thursday, December 12, 2024

1. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this)
None. 24/219
2. **To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**
No report. 24/220
3. **To note councillors present**
Cllrs N Furse (chair); R Horn (vice chair); G Martyn; M Collins; R Orchard. 24/221
4. **To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**
Cllr Hopper – unwell; Cllr Medland – prior engagement. 24/222
5. **Declarations of interest**
None. 24/223
6. **To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, November 14 2024.
Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Unanimous 24/224
7. **To receive the clerk's report on matters arising**
The clerk's report was noted. 24/225
8. **Consideration of planning applications**
PA24/09267 – Use of part of school car park at Whitstone Head for the provision of a sports hall to serve the school. Land north of Whitstone Head School, Whitstone.
Councillors proposed to object to the application for the following reasons:
1. It is breaking condition 4 of planning application PA20/01730 which reads:
"Should the site no longer be used for parking purposes the site owner shall inform the local planning authority in writing within 6 months of the cessation of use, and include a timetabled scheme for the return of the site to its natural vegetative state. The submitted timetable shall be approved in writing.
Reason: To protect the character and appearance of the local area designated as an Area of Great Landscape Value and in accordance with Policy 23 of the Cornwall Local Plan 2016."
2. It is outside the site boundary.
Proposed: R Horn Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Unanimous 24/226

b. To note any decisions or other consultations received.
The following was noted:
PA24/01256/PRE – Pre application advice for up to 10 houses on land north east of Cross Park, Whitstone. **CLOSED – ADVICE GIVEN 24/227**

9. Portfolio reports:

- Footpaths
No report. 24/228
- Localism / Parish Plan / Bude & Camelford CAP
No report. 24/229
- Parish Hall
Cllr Collins said a tree came down in the recent storm, but fortunately did not hit the building. A branch punched a hole in the roof, which has been repaired. 24/230
- Grants – Whitstone Primary School
The primary school is seeking funds for a mini-bus. It was proposed to go back to the school to let them know that an investment of this size would need to return a benefit to the whole parish and unfortunately the parish council cannot see sufficient return to the parish to support this. If the school is struggling to get children to activities, the parish council may be able to help with a smaller grant to help with the continuation of the hire of a mini-bus.
Proposed: N Furse Seconded: M Collins Votes: Unanimous 24/231

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Clean Cornwall newsletter; slides from meeting to discuss the public switched telephone network. Cllr Furse said he had spoken with Cllr Chopak about the telephone switch over, and how the phone battery would be no good for older people when the electricity goes off. It would need a generator to work. Cllr Furse will continue to liaise with Cllr Chopak. 24/232

11. Agenda items

1. October minutes
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, October 10, 2024.
Proposed: N Furse Seconded: G Martyn Votes: Unanimous 24/233
2. Whitstone Whistler
The Whistler is currently without an editor. People have been asking about it, and it is felt to be a good communication tool especially for the older members of the parish. Cllr Horn suggested applying to the Community Fund to pay for an editor. Councillors will speak to a network of people to see if anyone is keen to take on the role and bring back any news to the January meeting. 24/234
3. Christmas events
An event will be held on Thursday (December 19), at which Cllr Collins will be involved. 24/235
4. Parish lunch

Councillors will look at initial costings for the 2025 parish lunch. This will be placed on the January agenda. 24/236

5. Lights for bus shelter
The council decided not to purchase lights for the bus shelter. 24/237

6. Speed indicator sign
The clerk will seek prices for two speed indicator signs and bring them back to the January meeting. 24/238

7. Cemetery grants
Councillors approved the cemetery grants for 2024 - £250 to the Whitstone Cemetery Fund and £250 to the Whitstone Church Churchyard Fund.
Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Unanimous 24/239

12. Accounts

12a. Balances December 6, 2024

Current Account	£39,480.56
Community Benefit	
Reserve Account	£57,570.78
CCLA Property Fund	£45,000.00

12b. To approve accounts for payment

• Clerk – November wages inc HMRC	As per contract
• Clerk – mileage and printing November	£ 33.70
• Cornwall Pension Fund – November	As per contract
• St Anne’s Parish Hall – room hire x 4	£ 40.00
• Nick Furse – Fasthosts	£ 250.17
• Cornwall ALC – CiLCA part share	£ 72.00
• Nick Furse – Remembrance wreath	£ 20.00

12c. To note income

• Reserve account interest (November)	£ 61.68
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Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: R Horn Votes: Unanimous 24/225

13. Items for the next agenda – (January 9, 2025)

Whistler; parish lunch; speed signs.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.