

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes – Annual Meeting Thursday, May 15, 2025

1. **To elect a chairman for the year 2025/26**
Cllr Martyn was proposed as chair.
Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: M Collins Votes: Unanimous 25/86
2. **To elect a vice chairman for 2025/26**
Cllr Orchard was proposed as vice chair.
Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: M Collins Votes: Unanimous 25/87
3. **To elect committee members and representatives to outside bodies**
Cllr Collins was proposed to stand as the Community Area Partnership representative.
Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: G Martyn Votes: Unanimous 25/88
4. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this)
None. 25/89
5. **To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**
Cllr Chopak was delighted to have been re-elected in the recent elections. She said Cornwall Council is in a state of flux, but councillors and public will find out more the following week. There is a 1.37billion overdraft, which needs sorting out, with possible cuts. She said hopefully there will soon be some good news stories. 25/90
6. **To note councillors present**
Cllrs G Martyn, M Collins and R Orchard. Also in attendance: S Cleave, clerk and Cllr Chopak. All councillors signed the Declaration of Office. 25/91
7. **To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**
None. 25/92
8. **Declarations of interest**
None. 25/93
9. **To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, April 24, 2025.
Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: M Collins Votes: Unanimous 25/94
10. **To receive the clerk's report on matters arising.**
The clerk's report was noted. She shared dates of the forthcoming Code of Conduct training, and will book councillors on their date of choice. 25/95

11. Consideration of planning applications

PA25/03058 – Erection of agricultural livestock building. Land south west of Cherry Cross, Whitstone.

Councillors raised no objection.

Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: M Collins Vote: Unanimous 25/96

PA25/03101 – Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of holiday let as dwelling. Paradise Farm, Balsdon Road, Whitstone.

Councillors made no comment.

Proposed: M Collins Seconded: G Martyn Vote: Unanimous 25/97

PA25/02150 – A shepherds hut style building for use as a short term holiday let in an isolated location not visible from any roads. Trehawsa, Whitstone.

Councillors made no comment.

Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: M Collins Vote: Unanimous 25/98

b. To note any decisions or other consultations received.

None.

25/99

9. Portfolio reports:

- Footpaths

No report.

25/100

- Localism / Parish Plan / Bude & Camelford CAP

The next CAP meeting will be held on June 9.

25/101

- Parish Hall

Cllr Collins reported that the AGM was held on Tuesday where he learnt that the playgroup is finishing after some 50-odd years. There is a different facility at the primary school. He noted that the playgroup was one of the first ones to be set up anywhere in the area.

25/102

- Grants – none received

25/103

10. Correspondence

The following was noted - Planning news for local councils.

25/104

11. Agenda items

1. Whitstone Whistler

The council is waiting to hear from the Whistler committee.

25/105

2. Bus shelter

This will be placed on the next agenda.

25/106

3. Hele Valley Trail

The parish council would be happy to promote this, but as a parish council it has always been the policy to not give money to other parishes.

Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Unanimous 25/107

4. Training

These were circulated and the clerk will make the bookings.

25/108

5. Computer security

It was resolved to purchase ESET security for the council computer from Tavistock Computer Services at a cost of £42.00.

Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: M Collins Votes: Unanimous 25/107

12. Accounts

12a. Balances May 9, 2025

Current Account	£7,286.88
Reserve account	£7,881.06
CIL money account	£6,328.44
Community Benefit account	£75,657.69
CCLA Property Fund (Community Benefit)	£45,000

12b. To approve accounts for payment

• Clerk – April wages inc HMRC and overtime	As per contract
• Cornwall Pension Fund (April)	As per contract
• Clerk – mileage and printing	£ 35.19
• Whitstone PC grant for parish meal (as approved at April meeting)	£1,261.00
• St Anne's Parish Hall grant (as Approved at April meeting)	£1,194.00

12c. To note income

• Reserve account interest	£ 57.98
• CCLA investment interest	£ 481.06

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: M Collins Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Unanimous 25/108

It was resolved to add the new councillors as signatories on the bank accounts and CCLA account, and then remove the former signatories.

Proposed: M Collins Seconded: G Martyn Votes: Unanimous 25/109

12. Items for the next agenda – June 12, 2024

War memorial fencing; stile; co-option.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.