

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes – Thursday, September 11, 2025

1. **To note councillors present**
Cllrs G Martyn (chair); R Orchard (vice chair); J Chapman and M Collins. Also in attendance: Cllr N Chopak and Suzanne Cleave, clerk. 25/165
 2. **To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**
Cllr Bailey – work; Cllr Walker – work. 25/166
 3. **Declarations of interest**
None. 25/167
 4. **To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, July 10, 2025.
Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Three in favour, one abstention 25/168
 5. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed – on issues on this agenda only)
None. 25/169
 6. **To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**
Cllr Chopak noted that a draft budget is about to be formally published. There is a huge black hole and there may be a few shocks about what is coming forward. From a local point of view, she hopes it will be business as usual. Car parking fees are going up by 6%, council tax will go up by the maximum amount in April. In hospital league tables, the RCHT at Truro has come 18th in the country for being a good hospital. Launceston Minor Injuries Unit has now been re-opened. They are looking to implement a new model to allow more doctors to be on call for the MIU. Next Friday, the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner will be visiting Launceston. She has been asked to re-open the front office at Launceston Police Station. Insp Greg Hodgkiss is also trying to get the custody suite opened again. 25/170
 7. **To receive the clerk's report on matters arising**
The clerk's report was noted. 25/171
 8. **Consideration of planning applications**
PA25/05894 – Certificate of lawfulness for existing use: Use of land as a residential garden area. Pondacre, Foxhole Farm, Whitstone.
Councillors resolved to make no comment.
Proposed: M Collins Seconded: G Martyn Votes: Unanimous 25/172
- b. To note any decisions or other consultations received.**
The following decisions were noted:

PA25/04628 – Erection of agricultural storage building. Land west of Whitstone Head, Whitstone. **APPROVED**

PA25/04545 – Raising the roof and extension to dwelling. Paradise Cottage, Paradise Farm, Balsdon Road. Whitstone. **APPROVED**

PA25/03799 – A single wind turbine with a maximum blade tip height of 61m, along with accompanying access track, temporary crane hardstanding, electrical switchgear house with associated underground cabling and temporary construction compound, without compliance with Condition 9 of Decision Notice PA13/08865 (as amended by NMA PA14/04569) dated 25th November 2013. **APPROVED**

PA25/00794/PRE – Advice on permission for the extension to existing dropped kerb to accommodate two vehicles parking on existing gravel driveway to the front of the property. 47 Paradise Park, Whitstone. **CLOSED – ADVICE GIVEN 25/173**

9. Portfolio reports:

- Footpaths
Councillors will check if the work to the stile at Nethercott has been completed. **25/174**
- Localism / Parish Plan / Bude & Camelford CAP
Cllr Martyn attended the recent meeting. She said Stratton Medical Centre and Holsworthy Medical Centre are going to part ways and not be joined. Lots of discussion on water, and water run off. **25/175**
- Parish Hall – Cllr Collins said the grass needs to be sprayed. A meeting will be held this week. There is very little support, and he warned these things will not exist in the future if they don't get some volunteers. **25/176**
- Grants – Whitstone PFTA (Playground equipment replacement).
Councillors considered a grant application from Whitstone PFTA towards play equipment. Councillors said they would be happy to look at some form of match funding when the group has generated some more funds towards the project.

Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous 25/177

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; Clean Cornwall newsletter; Community Area Partnership meeting agenda. **25/178**

11. Agenda items

1. Speed signs

The locations of the signs has been decided. The clerk will purchase the brackets. One sign will be placed near the original 30mph sign and the other near to St Anne's.

Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: G Martyn Votes: Unanimous 25/179

2. Defibrillator
The clerk will try to speak with Andrew Medland again about the original defibrillator being housed at St Anne's. This will be placed on the October meeting. 25/180
3. Carnival
The carnival was well attended, with some great floats. The produce show went well. Organisers were pleased with the ball roll. 25/181
4. Whitstone Whistler
Cllr Martyn said Isla Croissant is taking over as editor of the Whistler. The committee was advised that there are possible grants available. It was felt to be good news as the Whistler lets people in the village know what is going on. 25/182
5. War memorial fencing
Cllr Collins will source the fencing. 25/183
6. Bus shelter painting
Councillors approved a quote from Matt Chubb to paint the bus shelter.
Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: M Collins Votes: Unanimous 25/184
7. Dogs on beaches consultation
Correspondence from Cornwall Council was noted. Councillors said they were happy with the restrictions. 25/185
8. Bus update
Councillors received the latest news on No 12 bus, which has been reinstated. 25/186
9. AGAR
The final report from BDO LLP was received and noted. 25/187

12. Accounts

12a. Balances September 4, 2025

Current Account	£11,165.56
Reserve Account	£7,922.96
CIL money account	£6,349.44
Community Benefit account	£73,256.72
CCLA Property Fund	£45,000.00

12b. To approve accounts for payment

- Clerk – July wages inc HMRC (including annual government increase and back pay from April) As per contract
- Clerk – mileage and printing July £ 25.29
- Cornwall Pension Fund – July As per contract
- Westernweb- new website deposit and emails £392.40
- CALC – Code of Conduct Cllr Orchard £ 30.00
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- Clerk – August wages inc HMRC As per contract

• Clerk – mileage and printing August	£ 15.39
• Cornwall Pension Fund – August	As per contract
• Microsoft 365 annual subscription	£ 84.99
• BDO LLP audit	£252.00
• CALC – Code of Conduct training x 2	£ 60.00

12c. To note income

• Reserve account interest (July)	£ 7.23
• CIL money account interest (July)	£ 5.79
• Community Benefit account interest (July)	£ 68.22
• Reserve account interest (August)	£ 6.60
• CIL money account interest (August)	£ 5.29
• Community Benefit account interest (August)	£61.06

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous 25/188

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

Defibrillator; Whitstone Whistler; Armistice.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.