

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes – November 12, 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 S Cleave, clerk. 25/190
2. **To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**
Cllr S Walker – prior engagement; Cllr W Bailey – working. 25/191
3. **Declarations of interest**
None. 25/192
4. **To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, October 9, 2025.
Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Three in favour, one abstention 25/193
5. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on issues on this agenda only)
No public in attendance. 25/194
6. **To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**
Cllr Chopak reported that the budget is coming forward. The CAP meeting on December 8 will look at the budget. There is a £70m deficit. Figures released have showed a decrease in homelessness in Cornwall. This time last year, the number was 50 and this year it is zero. Cornwall Council are doing a count of how many people are on the street. Cornwall Councillors have been encouraged to take part in orange button training – on mental health and suicide awareness. After completing the training, they can wear an orange badge, and if approached by someone they can help. She said suicide rates in Cornwall are one of the highest in the country. The second CAP meeting in December on the 15th will focus on housing (to be held at the Parkhouse Centre in Bude). She highlighted the news that there is some highways funding available, and the North Cornwall CAP area has been allocated £200,000. The council has until December 30 to put in an expression of interest. In addition, Cllr Chopak has some funding available from her Community Chest. 25/195
7. **To receive the clerk's report on matters arising**
The clerk's report was noted. 25/196
8. **Consideration of planning applications**
None. 25/197

b. To note any decisions or other consultations received

None. 25/198

9. Portfolio reports:

• Footpaths
No report. 25/199

• Cornwall CAP
Two meetings are to be held in December. 25/200

• Parish Hall
Cllr Collins said there is ongoing work. The hall has recently lost the Waddlers. 25/201

• Grants – Charlotte's Angels event.
It was resolved to grant the application for funding of £150.
Proposed: M Collins Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Unanimous 25/202

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; Cornwall Council Priorities and Financial Strategy online consultation (December 8); North Cornwall Community Area Partnership meeting – housing (10.30am to 12.30pm, December 19 at the Parkhouse Centre, Bude); Planning News for Local Councils and Agents; Community Highways Improvement Programme update. 25/203

11. Agenda items

1. Defibrillator
Cllr Martyn has approached James at the shop. He said there would be no issue to have it on the side of the shop, but he would check. The parish council would need to buy a case for it. The clerk will try to speak with Andrew Medland to check if he still wanted it for St Annes. 25/204

2. Parking around the shop / traffic warden
Cllr Martyn has a meeting with Oliver Jones of Cornwall Highways next week. There have been issues with lorries trying to get down Balsdon Road, and being unable to because of people parking around the shop. 25/205

3. Whitstone Whistler
This will be deferred to the December meeting. 25/206

4. DMMO - Downrow
Updated information was received. No further comments will be made by the council. 25/207

5. Emergency Plan
The council considered putting together an emergency plan for the parish. The clerk will send round the template and start to put one together. 25/208

6. Co-option Policy
Councillors adopted the Co-option policy.
Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: M Collins Votes: Unanimous 25/209

7. Roles and Responsibilities Policy

Councillors adopted the Roles and Responsibilities policy.

Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Unanimous 25/210

8. Budget

Initial discussions were held on the budget. The budget and precept will be decided at the December meeting. **25/211**

12. Accounts

12a. Balances November 6, 2025

Current Account	£12,550.10
Reserve Account	£7,937.08
CIL money account	£6,360.77
Community Benefit account	£73,387.34
CCLA Property Fund	£45,000.00

12b. To approve accounts for payment

• Clerk – October wages inc HMRC	As per contract
• Clerk – mileage and printing October	£ 45.09
• Cornwall Pension Fund – October	As per contract
• CALC – Code of Conduct (Cllr Collins)	£ 30.00
• CALC – Chairman training (Cllr Martyn)	£ 42.00
• CALC – Code of Conduct (Cllr Chapman)	£ 30.00
• Matt Chubb – bus shelter painting	£400.00
• G Martyn – wreath	£ 20.00

12c. To note income

• Reserve account interest (October)	£ 6.83
• CIL money account interest (October)	£ 5.48
• Community Benefit account interest (October)	£ 63.18

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: M Collins Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous 25/212

13. Items for the next agenda – (December 10, 2025)

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.