

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes – Thursday, October 9, 2025

1. **To note councillors present**
Cllrs G Martyn (chair); R Orchard (vice chair); W Bailey; J Chapman and S Walker. Also in attendance: Cllr N Chopak and S Cleave, clerk. 25/189
2. **To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**
Cllr Collins – family engagement. 25/190
3. **Declarations of interest**
None. 25/191
4. **To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, September 11, 2025.
Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Three in favour, two abstentions 25/192
5. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on issues on this agenda only)
None. 25/193
6. **To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**
Cllr Chopak said the Cornwall Council budget is dire – council tax will be going up 4.99% in April. Some changes are probable. There is some money for public toilets (Widemouth and Bude included). Regarding Highways, there is no budget other than pothole repairs. The next CAP meeting will be around housing. 25/194
7. **To receive the clerk's report on matters arising**
The clerk's report was noted. 25/195
8. **Consideration of planning applications**
PA25/06829 – Proposed self-build dwelling on brownfield site. Land east of The Barn, Whitstone.
No objection was raised.
Proposed: S Walker Seconded: W Bailey Votes: Unanimous 25/196

b. To note any decisions or other consultations received.
The following decision was noted:
PA25/05894 – Certificate of lawfulness for existing use: use of land as a residential garden area. Pondacre, Foxhole. Whitstone.
GRANTED (CAADs, PIPs and Lus only) 25/197
9. **Portfolio reports:**
 - Footpaths

Councillors will check that the stile on the Nethercott footpath has been repaired. 25/198

- Localism / Parish Plan / Bude & Camelford CAP
The next CAP meeting will be in December. 25/199
- Parish Hall
No report. 25/200
- Grants – Friendship Girls.
Councillors proposed to award a grant of £67.83 to the Friendship Girls for their Remembrance project.
Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous 25/201

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; Forest for Cornwall newsletter; CAP meeting notes; Clean Cornwall newsletter. 25/202

11. Agenda items

1. Defibrillator
Cllr Walker said he had completed some defibrillator training with Jay's Aim. He will carry out checks to the defibrillator and let the clerk know so she can update the Circuit. There were questions over where to locate the old defibrillator. Cllr Martyn will speak to James at the shop. Cllr Walker will ask Andrew Medland if he was still interested in siting it at St Anne's Residential Home. 25/203
2. Remembrance service / wreath
Cllr Martyn will make enquiries about a wreath. 25/204
3. Whitstone Whistler
It was reported that there is still money in the account for a few issues, but it would need money going forward. There are proposals to produce the Whistler quarterly. Isla Croissant will be the new editor. Cllr Walker will come back to the new meeting with some more information. This will be placed on the November agenda. 25/205
4. Cornwall Rights of Way Improvement Plan survey
Cllr Walker will look into footpaths in the area that may need improvement and this will be placed on the November agenda. 25/206
5. Website / emails
The clerk gave councillors their new log in details for their gov.uk emails. The new website is almost live. One area that needs discussion is the facility to book the hall on the old website, as this booking system cannot be transferred to the new one. The clerk will email Cllr Collins to ask if the parish hall committee can discuss. 25/207

12. Accounts

12a. Balances October 3, 2025

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| Current Account | £13,029.36 |
| Reserve Account | £7,930.25 |
| CIL money account | £6,355.29 |
| Community Benefit account | £73,324.16 |
| CCLA Property Fund | £45,000.00 |

12b. To approve accounts for payment

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| • Clerk – September wages inc HMRC | As per contract |
| • Clerk – mileage and printing October | £ 35.19 |
| • Cornwall Pension Fund – September | As per contract |
| • BS Fixings – speed sign clamps | £56.75 |
| • Cornwall Council – election recharges | £288.68 |

12c. To note income

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| • Reserve account interest (September) | £ 7.29 |
| • CIL money account interest (September) | £ 5.85 |
| • Community Benefit account interest (September) | £ 67.44 |
| • Cornwall Council – second half of precept | £2,793.00 |

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: S Walker Votes: Unanimous 25/189

13. Items for the next agenda – (November 12, 2025)

Budget; defibrillator; parking around the shop / traffic warden.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.