

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes – Wednesday, January 14, 2026

1. **To note councillors present**
Cllrs J Martyn (chair); R Orchard (vice chair); J Chapman; W Bailey; S Walker and M Collins. Also in attendance: Cllr N Chopak and S Cleave, clerk. 26/1/1
2. **To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**
None. 26/1/2
3. **Declarations of interest**
None. 26/1/3
4. **To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, December 10, 2025.
Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: W Bailey Votes: Unanimous 26/1/4
5. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on issues on this agenda only)
None. 26/1/5
6. **To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**
Cllr Chopak said the CAP meeting on December 8 was about the budget. Cornwall Council are £50m short and have been trying to find ways of saving money. Central Government has given more money for Adult Social Care and SEND. The budget consultation is currently live online. The Police and Crime Commissioner is wanting to put her precept up considerably; Ben Maguire MP will bring this up in Parliament. The December 19 meeting was about housing, and about 60 people attended at the Parkhouse Centre. The next CAP meeting will be on March 8, face to face at Budehaven School. 26/1/8
7. **To receive the clerk's report on matters arising**
The clerk's report was noted. 26/1/7
8. **Consideration of planning applications**
None. 26/1/8

b. To note any decisions or other consultations received.
None. 26/1/9
9. **Portfolio reports:**
 - Footpaths
No report. 26/1/10
 - Cornwall CAP
The next meeting will be in March. 26/1/11

- Parish Hall
No report. 26/1/12
- Grants – Whitstone Whistler
A grant request for £200 towards the production of the latest Whitstone Whistler was submitted. Councillors felt that Isla, the new editor, did a great job and it was good to get the Whistler up and running. It was resolved to approve the grant.
Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Unanimous 26/1/13

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council analysis of budget; Cornwall Together newsletter; Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; North Cornwall CAP priorities and budget meeting update; CAP housing summit agenda. 26/1/14

11. Agenda items

1. Parish Lunch
The parish lunch has been well attended in recent years, and councillors were keen to hold another in 2026. Cllr Martyn will get in touch with Tom Wickett to see if he is able to provide the food again on a choice of dates, and also the cost. She will report back in February. 26/1/15
2. Whitstone Whistler
No further update. Cllr Bailey will report back next month. 26/1/16
3. CAP highways funding
Councillors resolved to submit two expressions of interest – one for a passing place of some kind on Oak Lane
Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: G Martyn Votes: Unanimous 26/1/17
4. Website
The new Whitstone Parish Council website is now up and running. There is still a link to book the parish hall. It can be found at www.whitstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk 26/1/18
5. Parking on grass verge
Councillors discussed concerns raised about parking on grass verge by Paradise Park. Cllr Chopak will investigate. 26/1/19

12. Accounts

12a. Balances January 7, 2026

Current Account	£ 9,287.55
Reserve Account	£ 7,949.68
CIL money account	£ 6,370.88
Community Benefit account	£73,143.80
CCLA Property Fund	£45,000

12b. To approve accounts for payment

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| • Clerk – December wages inc HMRC | As per contract |
| • Clerk – mileage and printing January | £ 35.19 |
| • Cornwall Pension Fund – December | As per contract |
| • M Collins – war memorial fence panels/materials | £115.00 |
| • Whitstone Whistler grant | £200.00 |

12c. To note income

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| • Reserve account interest (December) | £ 6.82 |
| • CIL money account interest (December) | £ 5.47 |
| • Community Benefit account interest (December) | £ 62.82 |

Councillors approved the payments and accounts

Proposed: J Chapman Seconded: S Walker Votes: Unanimous 26/1/20

13. Items for the next agenda – (February 18th)

Parish lunch; defibrillator.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.