

# Whitstone Parish Council

## Minutes – Wednesday, April 8, 2026

- 1. To note councillors present**  
Cllrs G Martyn (chair); W Bailey and M Collins. Also in attendance: Cllr N Chopak and S Cleave, clerk.
- 2. To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**  
Cllr Walker – away; Cllr Chapman – away; Cllr Orchard – working.
- 3. Declarations of interest**  
None.
- 4. To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**  
The approval of the March minutes will be deferred to the May meeting.
- 5. Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on issues on this agenda only)  
None.
- 6. To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak’s report on matters arising**  
Cllr Chopak said there had been a 4.99 per cent council tax increase. She has a £1,400 Community Chest going forward, so if any group would like some funds, they are advised to make an application. There has been a public consultation on the car park charges. The viewing point at Widemouth, which has always been free, now will be free for the first hour then charges will apply. Parking at the Stratton car park will also be chargeable. This may affect people who park here to go to the doctors. There will also be a consultation on mobile libraries. With regards to the 20mph scheme, the restrictions were supposed to have been in place by the end of the financial year, but teams have been working on the roads. This has been put back to June. There was a CAP meeting at Christmas, attended by around 60 – 70 people on the subject of housing. The March meeting focussed on young people, which ended up being a lot about children that have been excluded. Cllr Chopak referred to the meeting in Launceston about Launceston College. As the college is part of an academy, Cornwall Council is unable to do anything unless there is a safeguarding issue. If people feel they do have a safeguarding issue, they are urged to complain to Cornwall Council. Ben Maguire was due to visit Whitstone the day following the parish council meeting to have a walk round and to knock on a few doors.
- 7. To receive the clerk’s report on matters arising**  
The clerk’s report was noted.
- 8. Consideration of planning applications**  
None.

**b. To note any decisions or other consultations received.**

PA25/00256/PRE – Pre application advice for change of use of part of the school car park for the provision of a sports hall. Land north of Whitstone Head School, Whitstone.

**CLOSED – ADVICE GIVEN**

**9. Portfolio reports:**

- Footpaths  
No report.
- Cornwall CAP  
The next meeting will be in June.
- Parish Hall  
No report.
- Grants – Whitstone Parish Council parish lunch deposit £150  
Councillors approved this grant.

**Proposed: W Bailey    Seconded: M Collins    Votes: Unanimous**

**10. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; Community Area Partnership March 9 meeting action notes; Cornwall Together newsletter; Local Councils involvement in the Local Plan information.

**11. Agenda items**

1. Parish Lunch

The parish lunch has been booked for Saturday, May 9. It will be two courses and open to residents of Whitstone. Bookings can be made to Grace or Charlotte – posters will be circulated. The price has been kept the same as 2025 - £10 for adults and £6 for children of primary school age.

2. Whitstone Whistler

An appeal has been made for anyone who is interested in taking on the role of Whistler treasurer. Please contact the parish council for more details.

3. Defibrillator

It is hoped that the old defibrillator will be positioned at the Chapel. The clerk will apply to Cllr Chopak's Community Chest towards a new box to house the defibrillator.

4. AGAR

Councillors resolved to appoint Linda Coles as internal auditor for the parish council's AGAR 2025/6.

**Proposed: G Martyn    Seconded: W Bailey    Votes: Unanimous**

**12. Accounts**

**12a. Balances March 30, 2026**

Current Account	£ 6,986.52
Reserve Account	£ 7,961.69
CIL money account	£ 6,380.50
Community Benefit account	£78,870.18
CCLA Property Fund	£45,000

**12b. To approve accounts for payment**

• Clerk – March wages inc HMRC	As per contract
• Clerk – mileage and printing	£ 35.19
• Cornwall Pension Fund – March	As per contract
• CALC – subscription	£382.59
• Office shredder (part pay)	£10.00

**12c. To note income**

• Reserve account interest (March)	£ 6.15
• CIL money account interest (March)	£ 4.93
• Community Benefit account interest (March)	£ 56.76
• East Balsdon CB Fund money (paid in error to Week St Mary Parish Council)	£5,867.68

**13. Items for the next agenda – (May 13)**

Play area strategy.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.