

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes – June 10, 2026

- 1. To note councillors present**
Cllrs G Martyn; J Chapman; S Walker and M Collins. Also in attendance: Cllr N Chopak; S Cleave, clerk and one member of the public. 1/6
- 2. To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**
Cllr Orchard – family engagement; Cllr Bailey – work. 2/6
- 3. Declarations of interest**
None. 3/6
- 4. To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
The approval of the minutes from meetings on April 8 and May 13 will be deferred to the July meeting. 4/6
- 5. Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – issues on this agenda only)
One resident spoke about the speeding in the village. He said he is unable to use his front door people their house is right on the road and the vehicles speed by. He said with vans parked outside the shop, it is difficult to cross the road. 5/6
- 6. To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**
Cllr Chopak spoke about the consultation over the use of glyphosate, and said the council is now asking people to weed outside their own properties. The Leader of Cornwall Council, Leigh Frost, will be at the Weir on Friday to chat to people. 6/6
- 7. To receive the clerk's report on matters arising**
The clerk's report was noted. 7/6
- 8. Consideration of planning applications**
None. 8/6
- b. To note any decisions or other consultations received.**
None. 9/6
- 9. Portfolio reports:**
 - Footpaths
No report. 10/6
 - Cornwall CAP
Cllr Martyn attended the recent meeting online. The main topic was emergency planning. The clerk will print off the template and it will be added to the July meeting. 11/6
 - Parish Hall

The hedge outside the hall has been cut back. There are plans to make some improvements, and the committee may improve the glazing at the front of the hall. 12/6

- Grants – Highgate Hill Home School (balance bikes).
The council received an application towards the purchase of balance bikes. While councillors thought the project was an excellent idea, it does not meet the criteria and so the council cannot support it financially.
Proposed: J Chapman Seconded: M Collins Votes: Unanimous 13/6

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; CORMAC summer workshops information; North Cornwall Community Area Partnership AGM agenda (June 8). 14/6

11. Agenda items

1. Whitstone Whistler

An update was given on the Whistler. The current editor has said she is not able to continue in the role, but will do so until the end of December. It will be placed on the July agenda. 15/6

2. Play area

This will be deferred to July. 16/6

3. Public Spaces Protection Order - dogs

The council received information from Cornwall Council on the proposals, but decided not to make any comment. 17/6

4. Enhanced LMP grants

Cllr Chapman will send the clerk the photos and information for an application to be made. 18/6

5. Speed data

Following concerns raised over speeding, Cllr Chopak has received correspondence from Elaine Fell from the community speed watch team. She said that the village could set up a speed watch with a minimum of four volunteers. Oliver Jones has asked for the data from the speed monitors to find out average speeds. Cllr Chopak said the police won't do anything without the data. If this shows there is a consistent speed problem, they will investigate. There may be a number of other options, such as signs saying 'Welcome to Whitstone, thank you for slowing down,' as well as dragons' teeth, but again these need to be backed up with data. Cllr Walker will look into downloading the data from the units. 19/6

6. Neighbourhood Priorities Statement

The council resolved not to register for a Neighbourhood Priorities Statement at this stage. It will be left on the table.

Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: S Walker Votes: Unanimous 20/6

7. Reserves

This will be discussed alongside the play strategy at the July meeting. 21/6

8. Noticeboard
The clerk will get some quotes for the July meeting. 22/6
9. AGAR
- 9.1 The end of year finances were agreed and bank reconciliation signed. 23/6
- 9.2 The Internal Audit was noted. 24/6
- 9.3 The Annual Governance Statement was reviewed and signed.
Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous 25/6
- 9.4 The Accounting Statements were reviewed and signed.
Proposed: M Collins Seconded: G Martyn Votes: Unanimous 26/6
- 9.5 The Notice of Public Rights were reviewed. 27/6
- 9.6 The Conflict of Interests form was signed.
Proposed: J Chapman Seconded: G Martyn Votes: Unanimous 28/6

12. Accounts

12a. Balances June 4, 2026

Current Account	£ 8,471.68
Reserve Account	£ 7,978.79
CIL money account	£ 6,394.21
Community Benefit account	£78,818.58
CCLA Property Fund	£45,000

12b. To approve accounts for payment

• Clerk – May wages inc HMRC	As per contract
• Clerk – mileage and printing	£ 35.19
• Cornwall Pension Fund – May	As per contract
• Zurich – insurance	£ 304.00

12c. To note income

• Reserve account interest (May)	£ 5.38
• CIL money account interest (May)	£ 4.32
• Community Benefit account interest (May)	£ 55.32
• Money from the Parish Lunch	£776.00
• CCLA	£509.26

The payments and accounts were approved.

Proposed: S Walker Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous 29/6

13. Items for the next agenda – (July 15, 2026)

Carnival, produce show and sports day; playing field and reserves; co-option.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.