

Whitstone Parish Council

Minutes – Thursday, July 10, 2025

1. **To note councillors present**
Cllrs G Martyn (chair); R Orchard (vice chair); W Bailey and J Chapman. Also in attendance: Cllr N Chopak; S Cleave, clerk, and one member of the public.
25/141
2. **To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**
Cllr Walker – prior engagement.
25/142
3. **Declarations of interest**
None.
25/143
4. **To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, June 12, 2025.
Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: W Bailey Votes: Unanimous 25/144
5. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed – issues on the agenda only)
None.
25/145
6. **To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**
Cllr Chopak reported that the Cornwall Council Cabinet is made up of portfolio holders from the Lib Dems and the Independents. All have been put on committees – she is on four and has been elected the chair of the Adult and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. She said when health services are talked about, she wants to ensure it is not Truro-centric. Car parks will now not be privatised, and the Newquay Airport deal is off. Ben Maguire has now been in the post of North Cornwall MP for a year, and has mentioned North Cornwall in the House of Commons over 1,000 times. She noted the 20mph roll-out consultation. The dates will be tight as they wish to roll out the scheme by September / beginning of autumn.
25/146
7. **To receive the clerk's report on matters arising**
The clerk's report was noted.
25/147
8. **Consideration of planning applications**
PA25/04628 – Erection of agricultural storage building. Land west of Whitstone Head, Whitstone.
Councillors raised no objection.
Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous 25/148

PA25/04545 – Raising of roof and extension to dwelling. Paradise Cottage, Paradise Farm. Balsdon Road, Whitstone.
Councillors raised no objection.

Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: W Bailey Votes: Unanimous 25/149

PA25/04587 – Application for Permission in Principle for one single dwelling (minimum 1, maximum 1). Cherry Cross, Whitstone.

Councillors raised no objection to the plans.

Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous 25/150

b. To note any decisions or other consultations received.

The following decisions were noted:

PA25/03101 – Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of holiday let as dwelling. Paradise Farm, Balsdon Road, Whitstone **APPROVED**

PA25/03272 – Application for the discharge of the S106 Agreement dated 01/12/1993. Pondacre, Foxhole Farm. Whitstone.

S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps

PA25/02150 Trehawsa, Whitstone – one simple shepherds hit style building for use as a short term holiday let in an isolated location not visible from any roads – five day protocol * **25/151**

9. Portfolio reports:

- Footpaths
Councillors reported an overgrown footpath. The clerk will speak with the contractor to see if he can cut it. The stile should be replaced this coming weekend. **25/152**
- Localism / Parish Plan / Bude & Camelford CAP
The next meeting is on September 8 at the Camelford Old Bank with the focus on water. **25/153**
- Parish Hall
No report. **25/154**
- Grants
No applications. The clerk will advertise that travel bursaries are available to school leavers. It will be placed on the next agenda to further discuss. **25/155**

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Save the date – meeting with Ben Maguire in Bude in July; 20mph meeting notes; Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter. **25/156**

11. Agenda items

1. Speed signs
Cllr Martyn has received a call from Highways, and will be meeting a member of the team on July 22 to discuss the best location for the signs.
2. Defibrillator
It was suggested to contact Andrew Medland to see if he still wanted to put the old defibrillator at St Anne's. Cllr Walker said, via email, that he would

be willing to take over the monitoring of the new defibrillator. It was noted that someone went to use the defibrillator and there were lots of books stacked in front of it. It was resolved for the clerk to ask Richard Horn if he had a spare set of pads, and if not to purchase some.

Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Unanimous 25/157

3. Carnival

On Wednesday, July 23, a car treasure hunt will take place, meeting 6.30pm at the parish hall car park. The carnival will take place the following Saturday.

25/158

4. 20mph roll out

Councillors looked at the information and proposals provided by Cornwall Council. They felt that the whole of Oak Lane needs to be 20mph, as well as Balsdon Road. It was felt that people driving on Paradise Park and St Anne's won't be going more than 20mph anyway. Cllr Bailey raised concern at the junction at the top of the hill (near Froxton Road). He said it was a bad junction on a bend, and children get off the bus there and cross the road. The clerk will email Highways and ask if they can have a look when they visit to discuss the speed signs.

Proposed: G Martyn Seconded: W Bailey Votes: Unanimous 25/159

5. Citizens Advice

Councillors noted the statistics but have a policy to not give funds outside the parish.

25/160

6. Cornwall Council Street Trading Policy review

Councillors made no comment.

25/161

7. Bude Park and Ride

Correspondence about the new scheme was noted.

25/162

8. Council website and emails

Councillors were presented with quotes for a gov.uk website and emails. It was resolved to move over to a gov.uk system, hosted by Westernweb.

Proposed: J Chapman Seconded: G Martyn Votes: Unanimous 25/163

12. **Accounts**

12a. **Balances July 4, 2025**

Current Account	£12,353.72
Reserve Account	£7,909.13
CIL money account	£6,338.36
Community Benefit account	£73,127.44
CCLA Property Fund	£45,000.00

*(Community Benefit fund adjusted by £6,651.87 due to duplicate entries)

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

• Clerk – June wages inc HMRC	As per contract
• Clerk – mileage and printing June	£ 45.09
• Cornwall Pension Fund – June	As per contract

- S Cochrane – postage / envelope £ 5.45
- Irene Sutton – website support £ 46.00
- CALC election training part 2 (part share) £ 10.50

12c. To note income

- Reserve account interest (June) £ 7.38
- CIL money account interest (June) £ 5.92
- Community Benefit account interest (June) £73.74

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: R Orchard Seconded: W Bailey Votes: Unanimous 25/164

13. Items for the next agenda – (September 11, 2025)

Carnival round up; war memorial fencing; bus shelter painting; defibrillator.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.