

# Whitstone Parish Council

## Minutes – Thursday, June 12, 2025

- 1. Formal co-option of members**  
Rob Orchard and Grace Martyn were formally co-opted onto the council following the receipt of sealed Order.  
**Proposed unanimously by M Collins.** 25/112  
The decisions of the May meeting were ratified.  
**Proposed: M Collins    Seconded: G Martyn    Votes: Unanimous** 25/113
- 2. Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this)  
None. 25/114
- 3. To receive county councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**  
Cllr Chopak reported that Cornwall Council is operating with a Cabinet made up of Lib Dems and Independents. Committees are being sorted out and there is lots of online training. Locally, at Monday's CAP meeting, Cllr Chopak was elected as chair and Alan Whittle of Launcells as vice chair. The CAP serves 23 parishes, and there is a subgroup for health and well-being already in place. A transport subgroup will be set up to look into issues surrounding the No 12 bus and other issues. More funding has become available through the Levelling Up, so another group will look at funding. The next meeting will be held in September. A 20mph roll out online meeting was held. For Whitstone, the B3254 is a through road so won't be 20mph, but they are proposing it for Paradise Park, St Anne's Close and Meadowside. Balsdon Lane had not been proposed for 20mph, but Cllr Chopak disagreed, and this will be looked at. This will be consulted on and will be placed on the parish council's July agenda. 25/115
- 4. To note councillors present**  
Cllrs G Martyn (chair); R Orchard (vice chair) and M Collins. Also in attendance: Cllr Chopak; S Cleave, clerk and three members of the public. 25/116
- 5. To receive apologies, with reasons for absence**  
None. 25/117
- 6. Declarations of interest**  
None. 25/118
- 7. To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**  
Councillors approved the minutes of the Annual meeting held on Thursday, May 15, 2025.  
**Proposed: R Orchard    Seconded: M Collins    Votes: Unanimous** 25/119
- 8. To receive the clerk's report on matters arising**  
The clerk's report was noted. 25/120

**9. Consideration of planning applications**

PA25/03273 – Application for the discharge of the S106 Agreement dated 01/12/1993. Pondacre, Foxhole Farm, Whitstone.

Councillors heard that the S106 agreement referred to local occupancy only restriction. The applicant has tried to sell but has been unable to because of the restriction. Councillors proposed no objection.

**Proposed: R Orchard    Seconded: G Martyn    Votes: Unanimous    25/121**

PA25/03799 – A single wind turbine with a maximum blade tip height of 61m, along with the accompanying access track, temporary crane hardstanding, electrical switchgear house with associated underground cabling and temporary construction compound, without compliance with Condition 9 of Decision Notice PA13/08865 (as amended by NMA PA14/04569) dated 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. Land east of Dilland Farm, Whitstone.

It was proposed to separately approach the developer to see what community benefit was being offered. Councillors raised no objection to the plans.

**Proposed: G Martyn    Seconded: R Orchard    Votes: Unanimous    25/122**

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

The following decisions were noted:

PA25/02604 – Repairs and alterations to cottage to include re-glazing, re-thatching along with repair of gable wall and replacement chimney. Bevills Hill Cottage, Whitstone **APPROVED**

PA25/02605 – Listed Building Consent for repairs and alterations to cottage to include re-glazing, re-thatching along with repair of gable wall and replacement chimney. Bevills Hill Cottage, Whitstone **APPROVED    25/123**

**9. Portfolio reports:**

- Footpaths  
No report. **25/124**
- Localism / Parish Plan / Bude & Camelford CAP  
Update above from Cllr Chopak. **25/125**
- Parish Hall  
No report. **25/126**
- Grants  
No applications. **25/127**

**10. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted. Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; Cornwall Council affordable housing newsletter; North Cornwall Community Area Partnership meeting agenda; Clean Cornwall newsletter and link to 20mph roll out meeting. **25/128**

**11. Agenda items**

**1. Bus routes**

The council received a letter raising concern over the No 12 bus. Cllr Chopak said a meeting was held recently with Ben Maguire MP in

attendance, along with bus company representatives and officers from Cornwall Council. Go Cornwall has said it has been facing challenges and have not had any spare vehicles. Cornwall Council has said it will closely monitor the issue, and they are aware of the issue. Cllr Orchard said the schools are aware of it, but children are still being marked as late. Cllr Chopak said she will be meeting with other councillors about the buses. She said they are looking at a community hub for buses, but this will be no quick fix. There is some funding available, and they are looking to get a grant fund up and running.

25/129

2. Bus shelter

This will be placed on the July agenda.

25/130

3. War memorial fencing

Cllr Collins will source some panels, like for like, and present the bill. A team of councillors will get them fixed into place.

25/131

4. Stile

Cllr Martyn will check to see if this has been completed.

25/132

5. Co-option

Councillors co-opted Will Bailey, James Chapman and Stephen Walker onto the council.

**Proposed: M Collins    Seconded: R Orchard    Votes: Unanimous 25/133**

6. AGAR

6.1 The end of financial year finances were agreed and the bank reconciliation signed.

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6.2 The Internal Audit was noted.

25/135

6.3 The Annual Governance Statement was reviewed and signed.

**Proposed: G Martyn    Seconded: R Orchard    Votes: Unanimous 25/136**

6.4 The Accounting Statements were reviewed and signed.

**Proposed: G Martyn    Seconded: R Orchard    Votes: Unanimous 25/137**

6.5 The Notice of Public Rights was noted.

25/138

6.6 The Conflict of Interest with BDO was signed.

**Proposed: R Orchard    Seconded: G Martyn    Votes: Unanimous 25/139**

12. Accounts

12a. Balances June 6, 2025

Current Account	£6,665.69
Reserve Account	£7,901.75
CIL money account	£6,332.44
Community Benefit account	£79,705.57
CCLA Property Fund	£45,000.00

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

• Clerk – May wages inc HMRC	As per contract
• Clerk – mileage and printing May	£ 35.19
• Cornwall Pension Fund – May	As per contract
• Zurich insurance	£ 304.00
• Linda Coles audit	£ 125.00

**12c. To note income**

• Reserve account interest (May)	£ 20.69
• CIL money account interest (May)	£ 4.00
• Community Benefit account interest (May)	£47.88
• RSJ3 Energy Limited	£4,000.00

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

**Proposed: M Collins Seconded: R Orchard Votes: Unanimous 25/140**

**13. Items for the next agenda – July 10, 2025**

Speed signs; defibrillator; carnival.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.