

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2019 IN
SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr M. Cumming, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr S Millar, Cllr S Wilson,

147/18: APOLOGIES: Cllr P Rand, Cllr C Lowery, Cllr V Bradley, Cllr R Jopson and,
Cty Cllr K Hitchen,

148/18 Exclusions of Press and Public

None

149/18 Declarations of Interest

None

150/18 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

151/18 Police Liaison Report

None had been received.

152/18 PROGRESS REPORTS

152/18.1 Update on ROSPA actions

Cllr Jopson had sent a report in her absence that a new gate was being constructed for the play area at Kirksanton

Cllr Sharp reported that the climbing frame had been demolished but still required removing from the site. It was agreed to try and salvage the new net that was on the frame. A letter of thanks to be sent to Jason Weaver for undertaking the demolition. No further information had been received re replacing the fencing at Silecroft pay area.

152/18.2 Donation Box

Cllr Sharp offered to make a simple metal box as a temporary measure, this was agreed. It was suggested that a permanent one be built into the outside of the permanent café.

153/18 Public Participation Session

- None present

154/18 County Councilor and Borough Councilor Report

None

155/18 Applications for Development

155/18.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

155/18.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None undertaken

155/18.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2018/4112 Monk Foss Farm, Whitbeck
Store building for equipment and straw

Prior Approval not required. Approved with Conditions

7/2018/4134 Parsonage Farm, Silecroft
An agricultural workers dwelling located on the current holding (Outline Planning)

Approved with conditions

7/2018/4127 Beckside, Silecroft
Erect two new agricultural buildings to accommodate a new milking parlour and provide cow cubicles to house the milking herd plus a slurry lagoon

Approved with conditions

156/18 FINANCIAL RECORDS

156/18.1 The following payments were approved:

J Hillier	Toilet cleaning March	£216.00
J Hillier	Purchase of battery for power washer	£ 32.00

156/18.2 To note the receipt of payments

Black Combe CIC Land Lease 2018/19 & o/s water bill	£170.77
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156/18.3 To receive and note the **bank reconciliation** statement

None received

156/18.4 To consider the **Budget Comparison Report** as at 31 March 2019 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

The Clerk reported that there was a year end underspend on expenditure of £2583.

156/18.5 To Approve the Risk Assessment

The revised risk assessment had previously been circulated by the Clerk. It was proposed by Cllr Fell and Seconded by Cllr Millar that it be approved.

156/18.6 To Approve the Annual Governance Statement

The Annual Governance Statement had been previously circulated to all councilors for consideration. It was proposed by A Fell and seconded by Cllr Millar that it be signed as a correct statement.

The Chair signed the statement.

157/18 PARISH MATTERS

157/18.1 Silecroft Beach Front Toilets - upgrading

The Clerk reported that the application to the Copeland Community Fund had been refused as the toilets did not include a Changing Places facility. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Community Fund expressing the disappointment of the Council and to seek further clarification.

157/18.2 Silecroft beach front car park

Clerk reported that a request had been made to Cumbria Highways for road planings – still awaiting a response.

The Clerk to contact the Quarry for stone.

157/18.3 Trees on Parish Land

A quotation of £450 +vat had been received and it was agreed to go ahead with the survey.

157/18.4 Review of Community Plan

Cllr Cumming reported that the small questionnaire had been distributed door to door and in common meeting places. An informal drop-in session was planned for 14 April from 130pm to 3.30pm at Silecroft Village Hall. The results of this survey would then form the detailed questionnaire.

157/18.5 Church Car Park

Cllr Fell stated that he had still to locate the drain. The Clerk reported that the request for a traffic mirror had been refused by CC Highways.

157/18.6 Play area inspections

Cllr Cumming still looking for a volunteer for Kirksanton

157/18.7. Grit bins

Awaiting a response

157/18.8 Kirksanton Village Green

Cllr Cumming stated that the Village Hall was to purchase some amenity grass seed. Cllr Sharp stated that he would be happy to chain harrow the ground prior to re-seeding.

157/18.9 Soakaway from septic tank servicing King Billy

Kirksanton Village Hall now has a new septic tank and soakaway. The owners of the King Billy are Kirksanton Care Company. A letter to be sent re the ongoing problems with the septic tank servicing the King Billy.

157/18.10 First Responders

Cllr Cumming was concerned that there was no knowledge of who the First Responders were and where the defibs were located. She had been led to believe that First Responders had to pay an annual fee to undertake the role. Clerk to contact North West Ambulance Service for clarification.

158/18 Reports from outside bodies

158/18.1 Update/feedback from CIC meeting

The minutes from the meeting with the CIC were discussed and changes made "7.5 – with responsibility for repairs and rates" to be removed

158/18.2 Local events to allow feedback on LDNP proposed boundary changes

Cllr Cumming reported that a local drop-in event to allow residents to view proposals has been arranged with Millom without Parish Council. This to be held in June at The Green and will be advertised.

159/18 CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councillors. The following had not been circulated.

- The Clerk reported that the Land Registry documents had been received for the Silecroft toilet block.
- A letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Bradley

160/18 Councilor Matters

- Cllr Fell asked that a Thank you letter be sent to Cllr Bradley for all her hard work whilst on the council
- Cllr Fell suggested the following dates for the Annual Parish Meeting 18 April, 23 or 25 April at Silecroft Village Hall. Clerk to arrange.
- Cllr Millar volunteered to paint the outside of the toilets.

161/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to confirm the Annual General Meeting followed by the ordinary meeting will be Wednesday 15th May 2019 commencing at 7.30pm in **Silecroft Village Hall.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.30

Signed..... Dated.....