

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2019 IN  
SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllr M. Cumming (Chair), Cllr V Bradley, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr S Millar and Cllr R Jopson,  
Cty Cllr K Hitchen,  
1 member of the public

**132/18: APOLOGIES:** Cllr P Rand, Cllr A Fell, Cllr C Lowery, Cllr S Wilson, PCSO Booth

**133/18 Exclusions of Press and Public**  
None

**134/18 Declarations of Interest**  
None

**135/18 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2019**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**136/18 Black Combe Racers**  
A member of the Black Combe Race organizers gave details of the fell race that was to occur on 9 March 2019. It was expected that there would be 200 and 250 runners at this year's event. It is expected that there will be a donation of approximately £300 for the Community.  
The Parish Council thanked the Black Combe Racers. The member then left the meeting.

**137/18 Police Liaison Report**  
The Clerk had previously distributed a brief report and this was accepted.

**138/18 PROGRESS REPORTS**

**138/18.1 Update on ROSPA actions**

Cllr Jopson reported that the gate at Kirksanton will require another post before it can be hung.

Cllr Sharp stated he will try and get the climbing frame removed by the end of March. Cllr Bradley reported that she is awaiting quotation from Playdale for the fencing at Silecroft. She has received a quote of £8000 for equipment to replace the climbing frame. It was resolved to await the results of the Community Plan before committing to additional equipment,

**138/18.2 Donation Box**

The Clerk reported that Cllr Rand had not been able to obtain one from LDNP. Cllr Sharp was to investigate the cost of getting a simple one made that could be placed into the stone wall at the entrance to the car park

**139/18 Public Participation Session**

- None present

**140/18 County Councilor and Borough Councilor Report**

Cty Cllr Hitchen stated that he had nothing to report. He then left the meeting

### 141/18 Applications for Development

**141/18.1** To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2019/4020 Hartrees Cottage, Silecroft

Variation of conditions 2 (plans) & 3 (zinc external cladding) on planning application

7/2016/4093 – New pitched roof dormer window to the existing roof

The Council resolved to support the application

**141/18.2** To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None undertaken

**141/18.3** To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2018/4129 Erect cattle building & slurry store next to existing modern farm buildings

Parsonage Farm, Silecroft, Millom, LA18 5LS

**Approved with Conditions**

### 142/18 FINANCIAL RECORDS

**142/18.1** The following payments were approved:

J Fell	Underpayment on invoice no 82	£ 65.00
L Cooper	Clerk's salary & expenses	£529.50
HMRC	PAYE	£111.20
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fee	£ 40.00
J Hillier	Toilet cleaning February	£186.00
B Dunn	Notice board	£300.00
Kirksanton Village Hall	donation (see minute no 142/18.4)	£250.00
Silecroft Village Hall	Donation (see minute no 142/18.4)	£250.00

**142/18.2** To note the receipt of payments

Whicham PCC 50% of takings from church car park 2017&18 £983.61

**142/18.3** To receive and note the **bank reconciliation** statement 5 February 2019  
Checked and signed by Cllr Bradley

**142/18.4** To consider the **Budget Comparison Report** as at 28 February 2019 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

The Clerk reported that there would be a year end surplus of approximately £6000

It was Proposed by Cllr Cumming and Seconded by Cllr Jopson that donations to the Village Halls would be undertaken in March of each financial year. It was agreed to donate £250 to Kirksanton and Silecroft Village Halls towards repairs.

### 143/18 PARISH MATTERS

**143/18.1 Silecroft Beach Front Toilets - upgrading**

The Clerk reported that the additional information required by Copeland Community Fund had been sent and was now awaiting the outcome.

**143/18.2 Silecroft beach front car park**

Cllr Sharp reported that all the stone had now been used and that a further 1 -3 artic loads was required to maintain the car park. The Clerk to contact Cumbria Highways re road planings.

**143/18.3 Trees on Parish Land**

Awaiting the report

**143/18.4 Review of Community Plan**

Cllr Cumming reported that a small questionnaire had been developed and ready to distribute. It is also to be put up on the website. An informal drop-in session was planned for 14 April from 130pm to 3.30pm at Silecroft Village Hall.

**143/18.5 Church Car Park**

In the absence of Cllr Fell this was deferred to the next meeting

**143/18.6 Play area inspections**

Cllr Cumming to chase for Kirksanton

**143/18.7. Grit bins**

There is a grit bin at Kirksanton. Cty Cllr Hitchen to chase up for Silecroft

**143/18.8 Kirksanton Village Green**

The Village Hall to reseed and make good the green when works have been completed. Cllr Cumming to chase up.

The continued problem with the soakaway from the septic tank from the King Billy to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**144/18 Reports from outside bodies**

**144/18.1 Southern Boundary Partnership**

Cllr Cumming reported that the last meeting was with regards to housing policy within the LDNP and the next meeting will focus on the legalities of extending the boundary. Cllr Cumming to circulate a summary handout.

**144/18.2 CIC**

Cllr Millar reported that a sign had been added to the café pointing to the toilets. The Community was to be consulted as to what type of building would be preferred for the permanent café. This to be put up on website.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting between the Parish Council/CIC/Eric Barker to discuss the development of a permanent café.

It was Proposed by Cllr Bradley and Seconded by Cllr Millar that the minor amendments to the Land Licence Agreement be accepted. This was approved.

**144/18 CORRESPONDENCE** All correspondence had been circulated to councillors. The following had not been circulated.

- None

**145/18 Councilor Matters**

- Cllr Millar asked if the winter opening hours could be changed for the café. It was agreed to change the agreement so that that opening hours were the same all year round.

**146/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – to confirm the next meeting will be Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 commencing at 7.30pm in **Silecroft Village Hall**.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.23

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