

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2021 AT KIRKSANTON  
VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr S Millar, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr R Jopson, Cllr M. Cumming, Cllr P Rand,

**84/21: APOLOGIES:** Cllr S Wilson, Cllr C Lowery, Cllr Keith Hitchen, B. Cllr G McGrath

**85/21 Exclusions of Press and Public**

There were no items on the agenda requiring the exclusion of press and public

**86/21 Declarations of Interest**

None

**87/21 Minutes of the Parish Council held on 1 September 2021**

Approved. Proposed by Cllr Cumming, Seconded by Cllr Rand

**88/21 Police Report**

Previously circulated. The Clerk reported that dune buggies on the beach had been reported to the police

**89/21 Progress Reports**

Land at Silecroft

The Clerk reported that LDNP were still considering the sale of the land and whether it would be sold in lots.

**90/21 Public Participation**

None

**91/21 County Councillor and Borough Councillor reports**

None

**92/21 Applications for Development**

**92/21.1** To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2021/4117 Silecroft Beach Car Park

Approval of details reserved by condition on planning permission 7/2020/4031 (Construction of a new café including public toilets and changing places facility): conditions 3 (package treatment plant), 4 (slate specifications) and 6(external lighting)

The notification was for information purposes only

**92/21.2** To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved

None Undertaken

**92/21.3** To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2021/4051 Kellbank Cottage, Silecroft

Proposed single storey front extension, installation of Photovoltaics panels and the reinstatement of timber entrance porch

Refused

**93/21 FINANCIAL RECORDS**

**93/21.1** The following payments were approved:

J Hillier	Toilet cleaning September	£ 372.00
Thomas Graham	Toilet supplies	£ 107.73
Whitbeck PCC	grass cutting	£ 75.00
S & F Electrical Ltd	Disconnect elec supply to café	£ 136.00
Fox Fencing	Posts/rails for Silecroft play area	£ 221.40
Dream Landscapes	Grass cutting Silecroft & Kirksanton	£1320.00
M Cumming reimburse	Duddon Hire removal of cabins	£ 468.00

Copeland BC	Trade waste – toilets	£ 52.00
Local Toilet Hire	disabled toilet	£ 144.00
Bill Amos	Web site management costs	£ 150.00
Gough & Co	CIC solicitor costs	£1200.00

Theirs last invoice was paid on behalf of the remaining CIC members who are currently unable to access their bank account. The CIC to reimburse the Parish Council once the bank account is accessed.

Proposed by Cllr Rand, seconded by Cllr Jopson

**93/21.2** To note the receipt of payments

Beach car park £ 262.68

Church car park £ 284.16

**93/21.3** To receive and note the **bank reconciliation** statement dated 31 August 2021

Verified by the Internal Auditor

**93/21.4** To consider the **Budget Comparison Report** as at 30 September 2021 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

The Clerk confirmed that the **overspend total of £3397** on Council expenses was solely due to costs incurred by the failure of the temporary café operator to vacate the premises as per Licence Agreement and the Parish Council having to seek legal redress. This overspend to come from reserves.

Projects still to be completed entrance to Church car park and re fencing of Silecroft car park

**93/21.5 Draft Budget 2022/23**

The Clerk had previously circulated a draft budget for the financial year 2022/23. It was agreed that projects for 2022/23 – 25/26 would be improving beach car park, Purchase of 2 defibrillators, one for the beach café and one to be located in Silecroft Village, installation of additional play equipment at Silecroft and Kirksanton for younger children, Heritage trails around the Parish. Councillors to come to next meeting with estimates and timescales.

## **94/21 PARISH MATTERS**

**94/21.1 Silecroft Beach Front car park and toilets**

An ice cream vendor had been visiting the beach on a weekend.

The car park had received some remedial attention with pot holes being filled.

Cllr Rand reported that the problem with the toilets was found to be a thick layer of grease fat in the septic tank, suspected originating from the temporary café, thereby preventing toilets to empty correctly. Cllr Fell to arrange for the septic tank to be emptied.

It was noted that the temporary compound by the road contractors was taking up far more space than expected.

It was noted since the removal of the temporary café that the litter problem had improved considerably.

**94/21.2 Proposed Silecroft Beach Cafe**

Cllr Cumming reported that there was still no definite start date.

The Clerk reported that 3 invoices/final reminders had been received from the Dept of Environment demanding payment for the new sewage system which had yet not been installed/built. The Clerk has informed the Dept on each occasion and also Eric Barker

**94/21/3 Footpath from Silecroft to beach**

Councillors reported that there had been positive feedback from residents regarding the installation of the new footpath.

**94/21.4 Play Inspection report**

Clerk to arrange for a notice for Silecroft play area.

Cllr Sharpe to investigate repairs required to tennis court fencing.

Cllr Sharpe to chase contractor to finish the fencing at Kirksanton

**94/21.5 Tree Preservation Order**

LDNP monitoring at Silecroft. Parish Council to monitor at Kirksanton

**94/21.6 NALC National Resilience Consultation**

No comment

**94/21.7 GDF Working Group meeting 3 September 2021 and 29 September 2021**

Cllr Millar reported that she had attended the announcement on 29 September where it was determined that an area of interest for the location of the GDF site could be Kirksanton/Haverigg. After discussion Councillors resolved to consult with the community and seek advice from other agencies to prevent this decision.

**94/21.8 NALC Consultation on Nature Recovery**

No response required

**94/21.9 Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan**

The Council resolved that 3 phase electricity supply to enable EV charge points in tourist areas was necessary

**94/21.10 Electricity Supply**

The Council resolved to take over the responsibility of the Electricity Supply from the CIC

Proposed by Cllr Jopson, Seconded Cllr Sharpe

**94/21/10 Copeland Local Plan**

Changes noted

**95/21 Reports from outside bodies**

None

**96/21 CORRESPONDENCE** All correspondence had been circulated to councilors. The following had not been circulated.

**None**

**97/21 Councilor Matters**

- Cllr Rand offered to purchase the council mower. It had been valued by Adam Jackson Suppliers at £400. Clerk to raise an invoice. Proposed by Cllr Cumming Seconded by Cllr Sharpe to sell the mower
- The Clerk stated that the notice boards at Kirksanton and Silecroft required remedial attention. Cllr Sharpe to investigate

**98/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – to confirm the next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd November 2021 commencing at 7.30pm in **Silecroft Village Hall.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2155 hrs.

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