

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL
COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr M. Cumming(Chair), Cllr P Rand, Cllr S Wilson,

69/21: APOLOGIES: Cllr A Fell, Cllr S Millar, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr R Jopson, Cllr C Lowery, Cty Cllr Keith Hitchen, B. Cllr G McGrath

70/21 Exclusions of Press and Public

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

71/21 Declarations of Interest

None

72/21 Minutes of the Parish Council held on:

1. 14 July 2021

Approved. Proposed by Cllr Rand, Seconded by Cllr Wilson

2. Extra-ordinary meeting 27 July 2021

Approved. Proposed by Cllr Cumming, Seconded by Cllr Wilson

73/21 Police Report

Previously circulated. Cllr Rand expressed concerns regarding the lack of visibility of the police

74/21 Progress Reports

Land at Silecroft

The Clerk reported that a negative response had been received from the LDNP to the Parish Council's offer. The Clerk instructed to contact LDNP again as to the progress of the sale.

75/21 Public Participation

None

76/21 County Councillor and Borough Councillor reports

Cty Cllr Hitchen had sent a report that works were expected to start on 13 September 2021 on the footpath from the station to the beach. The Clerk confirmed that permission had been granted to the contractor to use part of the beach car park as a site compound for the works.

77/21 Applications for Development

77/21.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2021/4095 The Beach Hut, The Shore, Silecroft

Replacement beach hut

The plans indicated that the proposed replacement had a larger footprint than the existing beach hut and whilst the council agreed that a replacement was required that it should be of a similar size/footprint to the original

7/2021/4051 Kelbank Cottage, Silecroft

Single Storey front extension

The Council were unable to make a determination on this application and are seeking additional information from the planning authority.

77/21.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved
None Undertaken

77/21.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2021/4071 Shaw Meadows and Silecroft Golf Course

Installation of 2 x timber sleeper bridges to create/improve path

Approved with conditions

78/21 FINANCIAL RECORDS

78/21.1 The following payments were approved:

Thomas Graham	Toilet supplies	£ 25.22
Wellers Hedley	Legal advice	£354.00
ROSPA	Play ground inspection	£164.40
Whitbeck PCC	grass cutting	£ 75.00
Local Toilet Hire	disabled toilet	£456.00
KMC Grafix Lt	Disabled signs	£ 33.69
L Cooper	Clerks Salary & expenses	£582.52
HMRC	PAYE	£124.60
L Cooper	reimburse domain name pay	£ 28.79
PKF Littlejohn	external audit fee	£240.00
J Hillier	toilet cleaning August	£372.00
P Rand	repairs to notice boards	£ 97.27

The following invoices were paid under Financial Standing Orders

L Cooper	reimburse Local Toilet Hire	£456.00
J Hillier	Cleaning toilets July and replacement bin	£385.50
Thomas Graham	toilet supplies	£ 80.69

Proposed by Cllr Rand, seconded by Cllr Cumming

78/21.2 To note the receipt of payments

Beach car park	£ 541.58
Church car park	£ 486.04
Vat refund	£ 535.21

78/21.3 To receive and note the **bank reconciliation** statement dated 31 July 2021

Verified by Cllr Millar

78/21.4 To consider the **Budget Comparison Report** as at 31 August 2021 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

The Clerk reported that there was an overspend in Council expenses due to legal costs as yet there was not a final amount.

78/21.5 The Clerk reported that the 2020/21 accounts had been signed off by PKF Littlejohn, auditors and that the relevant notices had been placed on the website and notice boards.

79/21 PARISH MATTERS

79/21.1 Silecroft Beach Front car park and toilets

After discussion it was resolved to remove the portable disabled toilet at the end of the contract 27 September 2021, the clerk to notify the hirer.

Cllr Rand asked that some stone be placed at the entrance to the car park.

There had been complaints of beach buggies on Silecroft beach driving recklessly. The Clerk to ask Copeland BC what was the official policy regarding vehicles on beaches.

Cllr Cumming reported that quad bikes had been observed on Kirksanton beach which could have a negative impact on Wading birds nesting in the dunes which was part of the RAMAR site.

The electricity and water to be disconnected from the portable cabins and to be removed to Unit 3 by 10 September 2021.

It was noted that the Pizza van parks partly on CBC land and partly PC land. To clarify with owner re license

Clerk to contact ice cream vendor again re sale of ice cream on beach.

79/21.2 Proposed Silecroft Beach Cafe

Cllr Cumming reported that there was no definite start date as yet but could now be mid October. Councilors expressed dismay at this delay by Copeland BC.

79/21/3 Footpath from Silecroft to beach

The Clerk reported that work was to commence on 13 September 2021 and that permission had been granted to the contractor for a small compound at the entrance to the car park

79/21.4 Play Inspection report

Deferred to October meeting

79/21.5 Tree Preservation Order

Deferred to October meeting

79/21.6 NALC National Resilience Consultation

Deferred to October meeting

79/21.7 Tree Preservation Orders - Gateside

To monitor

79/21.7 GDF Working Group meeting 3 September 2021

It was noted that a presentation would be on 3 September at Silecroft in the morning and Kirksanton in the evening. It was agreed that a public meeting would be required to ascertain local feelings on the proposals.

80/21 Reports from outside bodies

None

81/21 CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councilors. The following had not been circulated.

None

82/21 Councilor Matters

- Cllr Wilson reported that a local resident with early on-set dementia was causing damage and being a nuisance in the local community. This individual is being monitored by the appropriate authorities.

83/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to confirm the next meeting will be Wednesday 6th October 2021 commencing at 7.30pm in Kirksanton Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130 hrs.

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

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