

WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
**DRAFT MINUTES OF
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2023 AT SILECROFT VILLAGE
HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell(Chair), Cllr M Cumming, Cllr S Millar, Cllr R Jopson , Cllr S Wilson,
Cllr M Sharp, Cllr C Lowery
Cllr A Pratt, Cumberland Unitary Authority
Lesley Cooper Clerk
3 members of the public

All councillors had signed their acceptance of office in the presence of the Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1/23: Election of Chair

Cllr Fell Proposed by Cllr Millar, Seconded by Cllr Sharp
No other nominations put forward and duly elected. Cllr Fell signed the Acceptance of Office

2/23 Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Cumming Proposed by Cllr Lowery, Seconded by Cllr Jopson
No other nominations put forward and duly elected. Cllr Cumming signed the Acceptance of Office

3/23 Apologies for Absence

None

4/23 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4 May 2022

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair

5/23 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES – To appoint members of the Council to serve on the following outside bodies:

- Silecroft Education Committee - Cllr Wilson
- Village Hall Committee - Cllrs Wilson and Cumming
- CGP Trust Fund - Cllrs Fell, Wilson and Sharp
- Community Planning Committee/ Parish Action Plan Steering Committee - Cllrs Cumming, Millar and Jopson
- South Copeland Partnership - Cllrs Cumming and Fell
- South Copeland Community Partnership (GDF) -Cllr Cumming

6/23 To resolve that the Parish Council meets the conditions under section 8(2) of the Localism Act 2011 and The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 and therefore may act under the General Power of Competence

Proposed by Cllr Cumming and seconded by Cllr Lowery that the Parish Council fulfilled all criteria and wished to invoke the General Power of Competence.

7/23 Adjournment of Meeting

There being no other business the AGM meeting was adjourned at 1958 hours and the normal meeting commenced

8/23 Exclusions of Press and Public

None

9/23 Declarations of Interest

None

10/23 To approve the Minutes of the meetings

10/23.1 5 April 2023 The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings

10/23.2 Extra- ordinary meeting of 20 April 2023 The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings

11/23 Police Liaison Report

Previously circulated.

12/23 Progress Reports

Clerks report

1. The Clerk had spoken to the fishermen and horse riders re parking on Silecroft beach
2. Not received any response from prison re proposed works – to chase
3. Confirmation that the solar light panel had been relocated
4. Flower tubs – a volunteer had agreed to undertake them. A letter of thanks to go to Mr Mrs Rand for their hard work
5. Fallen sign on Silecroft beach had been reported.
6. Gate to play area at Silecroft was broken

13/23 Public Participation

A member of the public raised the issue of questions not being answered by the GDF and requested them to have a frequently asked questions item on their website, The MOP stated that a FOI request had been submitted to the developers.

The MOP requested that the Council considered withdrawing from the South Copeland Community Partnership (GDF) and encouraged the new Unitary Authority to withdraw.

14/23 Report from Unitary Authority Councillor

Cllr Pratt introduced himself to the meeting. In July 8 Community Panels were to be set up meeting 4 times a year with representatives from the PCs. Some funding for Community projects/groups. 3-4 priority projects to be put forward common to all parishes. Suggestions environment and transport. Input from rural parishes required. 20mph/30mph Silecroft – are now on the Highways workplan to be investigated.

15/23 Applications for Development

15/23.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

15/23.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None

15/23.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2023/4015 Baystone Bank Riding School, Whicham

Erection of Lodges, part retrospective on consented existing campsite

Approved

16/23 Financial Records

16/23.1 Payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning April	£ 390.00
Blackcombe PCC	Grass cutting April/May	£ 150.00
V Falconer	Internal Audit Fee	£ 90.00
Thomas Graham Ltd	Cleaning supplies	£ 46.76
A Fell reimburse grass	see for play area	£ 25.00

16/23.2 Receipts

Beach car park	£ 112.37
Church car park	£ 266.81
Precept	£20616.00

The Clerk reported that the payment of the Precept was late and had to chase the new Authority for payment

16/23.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement

None received

16/23.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 April 2023 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

16/23.5 To note and approve the Internal Auditor's Report and note any actions required

It was noted that an electricity bill had been paid twice and this had now been credited. No invoices received from Waterplus for February and March. Account in credit, Clerk to request them. Proposed Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Jopson to accept the report

16/23.6 To approve the Annual Accounting Statement for the financial year 2022/23 Resolved to approve Proposed by Cllr Jopson, Seconded by Cllr Sharp to submit the accounting statement.

17/23 Village Matters

17/23.1 Silecroft beach car park, and toilets

Toilets – resolved to leave open on a trial basis.

Car Park – letter to contractors requesting replacement of stone used to put in temporary roadway

Clerk to seek price of a wagon load of stone.

17/23.2 Silecroft beach proposed new café

Resolved to request to be directly involved in site meetings during the build

Resolved to hold a meeting with Eric Barker on 23 May 2023 to discuss café operator

Clerk to investigate costs of a basic kitchen fit out for cafe.

17/23.3 Play inspection report

Grass re-seeding completed. Clerk to obtain costs of replacing broken gate to Silecroft play area. Reported that large gate at Kirksanton not closing properly.

Sign required "No Dogs Allowed" to be fixed on bottom gate,

17/23.4 GDF

Cllr Cumming gave a report. Property compensation scheme to be put in place at the end of summer – detailed summary to be produced after talking with local estate agents and searches.

Compulsory purchase may be required if the site was designated for the project/

17/23.5 30mph Speed Limit – Silecroft

See 14/23 above

17/23.6 Defib – Silecroft

Defib to be fitted 20 May. Training to be arranged for members of the public

17/23.7 Gabion baskets

Clerk had received an estimate. To request a detailed plan and enquire if it included reinforcing the ramp

17/23.8 Zero Carbon actions

Cllr Millar to produce a summary of the Rural Grant Scheme

Cllr Millar to attend the Neighborhood Plan course on 22 May

17/23.9 Phone box – Silecroft – repairs

Clerk to chase for cost of parts.

17/23.10 Council Vacancies

There are 2 vacancies for councillors.

Proposed by Cllr Wilson and Seconded by Cllr Millar that N Tyson be co-opted onto the council. Carried nom con. Cllr Tyson completed the acceptance of office and was duly elected.

18/23 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

None

19/23 CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

All other correspondence to be circulated in the normal manner for Council's perusal

- Notice of pubic meetings re the erection of art works, one on Corney Fell. Cllr Millar to advertise on Facebook

20/23. Councillor Matters

An opportunity for Councillors to raise minor matters, not on this agenda, on behalf of residents

(Note. No discussion or decisions can be made on these matters but the Clerk may make investigations and/or they may be placed on a future agenda of the Council

- Cllr Cumming reported that potholes required filling on the village green roadway.
Cllr Sharp to undertake the filling in

21/23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 7 June 2023 at Kirksanton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2146hrs.

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