

WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2024 AT SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM

PRESENT Cllr A Fell(Chair), Cllr M Cumming, Cllr C Lowery, Cllr N Tyson, Cllr S Millar, Cllr S Wilson
Lesley Cooper, Clerk
1 member of the public

155/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Jopson, (family), Cllr M Sharp (holiday) approved

156/23 Exclusions of Press and Public

None

157/23 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wilson Planning Application

158/23 To approve the Minutes of the meetings 7 February 2024 and 29 February 2024

The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings.

159/23 Police Liaison Report

Previously circulated.

160/23 Clerks report

Clerk reported that she had received notification that companies were interested in supplying EV charge points. Awaiting proposals.

Received quotation from Proelectric re solar lights of c£77k. Clerk to contact for a revised quotation.

Councillors query re Village Hall donations answered

161/23 Public Participation

A Member of the public showed a map of proposed development within his property

162/23 Report from Unitary Authority Councillor

None

163/23 Applications for Development

163/23.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2024/4013 Land near Sea Pastures, Silecroft

Erect Tractor storage shed

Supported

7/2024/4021 Parsonage Farm, Silecroft

Erect sheep building

Supported

163/23.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None

163/23.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2023/4107 Baystone Bank Farm, Whicham

Erection of lambing shed within farmyard

Approved with Conditions

7/2024/4003 Kellbank Cottage, Silecroft

Removal of defective and obsolete chimney

Approved with Conditions

164/23 Financial Records

164/23.1 Payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning/repairs February	£ 396.27
Good Energy	Electricity	£ 122.98
Information Commissioner	data protection fee	£ 40.00
Paul Wilson Joiner	Toilet door and noticeboard	£ 880.00
L Cooper	Clerks salary and expenses	£ 826.28
HMRC	PAYE	£ 185.40
L Cooper	Overtime payment to 31/1/24	£ 386.82
HMRC	PAYE	£ 96.60
Community Heartbeat Defib	for new café	£2275.00
Community Heartbeat Annual support	Silecroft defib	£ 162.00

164/23.2 Receipts

Beach car park	£ 59.04
Church car park	£100.52
Cumberland Council	£352.20

164/23.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement February 2024
Checked and signed by Cllr Millar

164/23.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 29 February 2024 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

The Clerk reported that there would be an underspend on expenditure of approx. £2k at end of year.

164/23.5 To approve the grass cutting contract for 2024

Proposed by Cllr Millar, Seconded by Cllr Cumming and resolved that Dream Landscapes quotation be accepted.

165/23 Village Matters

165/23.1 Silecroft beach car park, and toilets

New toilet door reported sticking, Clerk to contact joiner. Clerk to chase prison re beach car park potholes.

Waste contract for 2024 approved

Proposed Cllr Tyson, Seconded Cllr Cumming

165/23.2 Silecroft beach café

Visit arranged for 15 March 2024 – Cllrs Millar, Fell and Cumming to attend

165/23.3 Annual Parish Meeting 21 March 2024

Topic Silecroft beach development including café. Cllr Millar to do display re environment. Cllr Wilson to arrange refreshments.

165/23.4 Play inspection report

Chain fencing around tennis court needs re-fastening, Cllr Fell to investigate.

165/23.5 Environmental issues

Cllr Millar reported that she plans to plant a small area of the banking at Silecroft with pollinators but needs to get rid of grass, Cllr Fell to scrape with a digger. Cllr Millar to order flower seeds Still looking for ideas for tree planting.

165/23.6 GDF

Cllr Cumming reported that the website is to be updated from survey statistics, Meetings now bi-monthly. Clerk to respond to email from member of the public.

165/23.7 Emergency Plan

Clerk to complete

166/23 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

- None

167/23 CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

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

- None

168/23 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 increased problem of dog fouling at Kirksanton and Silecroft towards beach. Clerk to contact dog warden for notices/signs and write to Caravan Park
- Cllr Lowery reported that the bus shelter at Whitbeck requires repair. Cllr Lowery to report

169/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 3 April 2024 at Kirksanton Village Hall commencing at 7.30p

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2137hrs.

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