

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2025 AT
KIRKSANTON VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr S Millar, Cllr N Tyson, Cllr M Cumming (Chair), Cllr L Thomson, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr R Jopson
Lesley Cooper Clerk

52/25 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Fell (working)

53/25 Exclusions of Press and Public

Agenda item 7 – Closed Session to discuss proposed lease terms for café.

54/25 Declarations of Interest

None

55/25 Applications for Development

55/25.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2025/4039 1 & 2 Shore Meadow, Whicham, Silecroft, Millom, LA18 4NY

Demolition of 2 semi-detached cottages and garage annex and re construction of 2 proposed detached cottages and 1 granny flat and replacement septic tank.

The council resolved not to support this application

56/25 To discuss the joint response from the South Copeland Community Partnership (GDF) to the external report from NWS

Resolved that the following joint statement by Whicham Parish Council, Millom without Parish Council, Friends of the Lake District and Sustainable Duddon be sent to NWS.

“ Whilst Community Partnership members were not consulted on the terms of the review or the pausing of partnership meetings, members were interviewed at length as part of the review process. Community Partnership members have now been able to meet and discuss the report produced and a clear consensus has emerged that the review does not reflect the input of the majority of those interviewed. In addition, it was felt that the review did not accurately reflect the views or behaviors’ of Partnership members. However, there was recognition amongst members that there are useful suggested actions in the NWS proposals that will help the partnership work more effectively with the developer moving forwards”.

57/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 3 September 2025 at Kirksanton Village Hall commencing at 7.30p

58/25 Closed Session

The council considered the draft Heads of Terms agreement presented by Cumberland Council and resolved that the terms around rental were not acceptable. Clerk to respond.

There be no further business the meeting closed at 2046 hours

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