

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2024 AT SILECROFT
VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell(Chair), Cllr M Cumming, , Cllr M Sharp, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr C Lowery,
Cllr R Jopson
Lesley Cooper Clerk

75/24 Apologies for Absence

Cllr S Millar (Ill), Cllr N Tyson(III) accepted

76/24 Exclusions of Press and Public

Press and Public were excluded from Agenda item 16 Closed Session

77/24 Declarations of Interest

None

78/24 To approve the Minutes of the meetings 4 September 2024

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

79/24 Police Liaison Report

Circulated. Reported that 2 males on scrambler bikes seen on Silecroft beach coming and going towards Haverigg, creating a nuisance in the early evenings.

80/24 Clerks report

The Clerk reported that the Paediatric pads had been received and were now in all three defibs. Contacted the donor of the Silecroft defib and accepted their offer. The Signed agreement re the EV charge points had been returned now awaiting a proposal.

Dog fouling notices ordered and will be put up in October.

A response had been received from the Village Hall re the complaint.

81/24 Public Participation

None

82/24 Report from Unitary Authority Councillor

None

83/24 Applications for Development

83/24.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2024/4070 Monk Foss Farm, Whitbeck

General purpose agricultural building

For information only

83/24.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None

83/24.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

None

84/24 Financial Records

84/24.1 Payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Waterplus	Direct Debit	£ 31.66
Ray Garnett	make donation box	£ 311.02
Thomas Graham	Toilet supplies	£ 32.62
Dream landscapes	Grass cutting	£1560.00
ROSPA	Play area inspection	£ 187.20
Community Heartbeat	Paediatric pads	£ 357.00
J Hillier	Toilet cleaning September	£ 425.00
A Bowden	Toilet cleaning Changing Pla	£ 312.00

Whamos Ltd Website Support £ 200.00
Payments approved Proposed by Cllr Cumming, Seconded Cllr Jopson

84/24.2 Receipts

Beach car park £ 214.25
Church car park £ 135.69
Cumberland Council donation £10000.00

84/24.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 31 August 2024
Checked and approved by Cllr Jopson

84/24.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 September 2024 and
determine action need to address deviations from the budget.
None required

84/24.5 To discuss the draft budget for 2025/26

The Clerk presented the draft budget for consideration. Some costings cannot be
confirmed until after the meeting with Cumberland Council re the café. Clerk to
present final budget to November meeting.

85/24 Village Matters

85/24.1 Silecroft beach car park

The Clerk reported that work had commenced on the car park. Plans had been
submitted re changes to car park.

85/24.2 Café

A meeting had been arranged with representatives of Cumberland Council on 9
October re proposed closing. Other matters to be discussed, long term tenancy of
café, fitting out kitchen, cleaning of changing places facility, responsibility for sewage
plant.

85/24.3 Toilets

A basic cleaning kit purchased for emergency use. Spare key required for toilet roll
holders. New toilet roll holders fitted. Repairs required to o/s tap box and stop taps to
be added, Cllr Fell to investigate.

85/24.4 Play Inspection Report

All springers to be removed. Play inspection report accepted, plan of action to be
presented at November meeting. Clerk has applied to GDF fund for funding for new
play equipment to await that decision before ordering new equipment.

85/24.5 Environmental issues

Cllr Millar had contacted Cumberland Council re location of proposed new Natterjack
toad ponds.

85/24.6 GDF

A letter had been received from the Chair of the Partnership asking for support for a
proposed Honorarium for the Chair. After discussion the Council voted not to support
the proposal. Cllr Cumming to take the result of the vote back to the next Partnership
meeting.

85/24.7 To approve the Financial Regulations

Approved Proposed Cllr Cumming, Seconded Cllr Jopson

85/24.8 Polling Stations

Agreed to remain with Silecroft Village Hall

85/24.9 Cumberland Planning Consultation

No comments

85/24.10 To fix a date for the Clerk's Appraisal

Cllr Fell and Cllr Lowery to arrange a date with the Clerk

86/24 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

- None

87/24 CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

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

- Email from Proludic re the solar light column replacement, Option 1 agreed

AFell 6/11/24

- Email from a member of public re speeding and lack of road markings at Kirksanton. Passed onto the police and Cllr Pratt for action
- Request to place a plaque on a bench on Silecroft beach. Agreed for the sum of £250

88/24 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 Wilson reported that she had received complaints that the road sweeper had not been down Silecroft

89/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

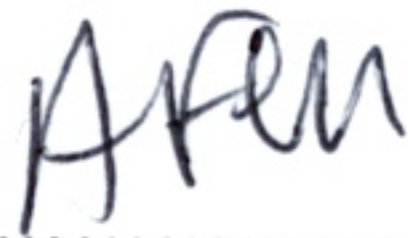
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 4 November 2024 at Kirksanton Village Hall commencing at 7.30p

90/24 Closed Session

Agreed to pay overtime claimed by the Clerk. Clerk's hours to be reviewed at appraisal.
Proposed Cllr Wilson Seconded Cllr Jopson

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

Signed.....



Dated.....

