

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 27th JULY 2016 IN
KIRKSANTON VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell, Cllr V Bradley, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr M. Cumming, Cllr C Lowery, Cllr P Rand, Cllr R Jopson

County Cllr K Hitchen

Borough Cll G Scurrah

43/16: APOLOGIES: None

44/16: DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

45/16: MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th July 2016

The minutes were accepted and signed by the Chair:

46/16 Police Liaison Report

No report had been received

47/16 PROGRESS REPORTS

4716.1 Beach Benches

The installation of these had been delayed due to the work required to finish off the playgrounds. It was expected that they would be installed in the next few weeks.

48/16 Public Participation Session

No other members of the public was present.

49/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Silecroft speed limit

County Cllr Hitchen reported that he had visited with a representative from Highways Department the Silecroft road down to the beach. It was noted that traffic speed increased when leaving the village towards the beach. It was being proposed to extend the 30mph speed limit from the village towards the beach. A report with recommendations will be sent to the Parish Council.

Sub station

Cllr Hitchen reported that there had been no communication from NWCC to either Copeland BC or County Council with how National Grid proposed to connect to the windfarm at Haverigg. There is potential for a tunnel under the Duddon to take the cables and a sub station would be required. The original plans for the windfarm at Haverigg have a sub-station included in them.

Heather Morrison, Chief Planning Officer has received a pre-application from Electricity Northwest to discuss the windfarm, which is planned in the next 2 weeks. ENW have applied in the original planning application for a sub-station at Haverigg but there is no detail.

CBC have recognized that they have not been pro-active in informing Parish Councils of developments and Steve Smith has agreed a timeline to ensure that consultations take place.

Cllr Rand stated that Silecroft was in a vulnerable position with all the projects going on and could find itself surrounded by cables.

Cllr Hitchen stated that the original planning application the sub station was shown to be south of Haverigg with cables from it going underground to the windfarm what was not clear was how it was to connect to the existing ENW grid connection. CBC are pushing for the cables to go under the Duddon, that there is a common view on no pylons.

Cllr Sharp reported that he had spoken to a representative of Fisher German, who are doing doorstep questionnaires on behalf of ENW that the cables would be going from the windfarm across to The Green and to Silecroft.

Cllr Cumming stated that the wording of the questionnaires was heavy handed. There was worry amongst residents and it was confusing that there were 2 different planning applications and appeared to be no interrelationship between them.

Cllr Hitchen stated that the windfarm application had to go through Copeland Planning, so the Borough had some control over what happened. The NG scheme was a national scheme so they had no control over that, and were only consultees. Views could be put forward.

NG had to consider every option and show mitigation. In the early days the Duddon tunnel had not been considered but it was estimated that undergrounding would be the cost of a Mars bar for every person in the country.

It was important that when the consultation document comes out that everyone responds to it and a public meeting is arranged to inform residents and encourage feedback.

Cllr Hitchen was thanked for his report

Borough Councillor Scurrah stated that he had been trying to get information from them but found them evasive. It was important that individuals protested separately. Copeland and Cumbria Councils had responded to the NUGEN consultation and found that there were a number of areas that required clarification.

50/16: Applications for Development

50/16.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

There were no applications for development

50/16.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since the last meeting.
None undertaken

50/16.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2016/4023 Erect Dormer bungalow on existing cartilage including air source pump

Hickory House, Silecroft

Approved with conditions

7/2016/4024 Conversion of redundant slaughterhouse into dwelling with two two storey extensions

Existing redundant building rear of 9 and 11 Main Street, Silecroft

Withdrawn

51/16: FINANCIAL RECORDS

51/16.1 The following payments were approved:
None were received

51/16.2 To note the receipt of payments:
None were received

51/16.3 Bank reconciliation – none received

51/16.4 Budget Comparison report – no amendments were required

52/16 PARISH MATTERS

1. Discuss the NWCC route plan for pylons

This discussion took place with the Cty Councillor see 49/16. It was agreed to support the County Council and Copeland Borough Council's response to the NUGEN consultation document.

The Parish Council also wished to stress the following in their response to the NUGEN consultation:

- a) They acknowledged the need for power
- b) The problems identified by CCC and CBC required resolving
- c) It was important to stress the importance that the benefits must be throughout the West Coast and not just focused around Whitehaven/Workington
- d) The road infrastructure required re-evaluating especially the southern route which may have to be undertaken during an emergency evacuation.

It was noted that both the County and Borough Councils supported an underground route and a tunnel under the Duddon.

Millom without Parish Council are calling a meeting of all affected Parish Councils to discuss a united response to the pylon route. Cllr Rand stated that he would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

2. Discuss the proposed new wind farm at Haverigg and the proposed new sub-station

This discussion took place in the County Councillors report see 49/16

53/16 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

Cllr Lowery reported that she had attended the 3 tier meeting and the emphasis was on the concerns identified by CCC and CBC to the NUGEN document

54/16. CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councilors. The following had been received:

No other correspondence had been received

55/16 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

Cllr Rand reported that there were rumours that LDNP would not be renewing their contract for Silecroft car park and toilets. This to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting for discussion and determination as to what steps the Parish Council would be required to take.

Cllr Cumming reported that there were still some holes on the Kirksanton play area where the old slide had been located that required filling in. Cllr Sharp said he would investigate this.

Cllr Bradley asked that CBC be contacted to request that they cut the grass around the new play area as per the contract. Clerk to undertake this.

56/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to confirm the next meeting will be Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 7.30pm in Silecroft Village Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm

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