

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 2021 COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr M. Cumming (Chair), Cllr P Rand, Cllr S Millar, Cllr A Fell and Cllr M Sharpe
Borough Cllr G McGrath

144/20: APOLOGIES, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr R Jopson and Cty Cllr K Hitchen

145/20 Exclusions of Press and Public
None

146/20Declarations of Interest
None

147/20Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2021 and 17th February 2021
The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2021 and 17th February 2021 were approved
Proposed by Cllr Rand, Seconded by Cllr Sharp. The Clerk stated that all approved minutes would be signed by the Chair at the first meeting held face to face.

148/20Police Liaison Report
The Clerk reported that a report had been circulated.
Cllr Rand reported that a number of visitors from afar had been visiting Silecroft beach especially at the weekends. One visitor was known to be from Manchester
Cllr Millar reported that a suspicious incident had been reported to the police.

149/20PROGRESS REPORTS
None

150/20Public Participation Session
None present

151/20County Councilor and Borough Councilor Report
B/Cllr McGrath reminded the council of the Local Government Consultation and that it was important to input into the discussion.
CALC have organized a meeting for the 18 March whereby all 4 options would be presented and discussed.
Copeland has set its budget with a 1.95% increase. An industrial estate at Cleator Moor had also been purchased.

Councillors had questioned the tender for the build of the proposed new café at Silecroft and were disappointed that the contractor was not from within Copeland.

152/20 Applications for Development

152/20.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2021/4013 Wholepippin, Whicham

Variation of condition no. 5 relating to materials for external windows, doors and shutters on planning permission ref. 7/2016/4085: Conversion of buildings to one dwelling with minor new build works

After discussion the council resolved to support this application provided that the changes were in keeping with the traditional look of the building

4/21/2045 Mill House, Kirksanton

Single Storey rear extension and erection of a porch to the front of the Property

The council resolved to support this application

7/2021/4017 2 Commerce Terrace, Silecroft,

Demolition of existing single storey rear projection and the construction of a 2 storey rear extension

The council resolved to support this application

152/20.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved

None

152/20.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

None

153/20 FINANCIAL RECORDS

153/20.1 To approve the following payments:

J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning Feb	£ 338.05
Copeland BC	Street light maintenance	£ 175.20
ICO	Data Protection fee	£ 40.00
L Cooper	Clerks salary and expenses	£ 582.52
HMRC	PAYE	£ 124.60
L Cooper	reimburse repairs to laptop	£ 100.00
Kirksanton Village H	Donation	£ 500.00

The following payment had been made under Financial Standing Orders

BHIB Insurance Insurance renewal £536.24

Proposed by Cllr Rand, Seconded by Cllr Fell

153/20.2 To note the receipt of payment

Donation boxes –	Beach	£ 34.88
	Church	£ 24.15

153/20.3 To receive and note the **bank reconciliation** statement 31 January 2021
Checked and verified by Cllr Millar

153/20.4 To consider the **Budget Comparison Report** as at 28 February 2021
The Clerk reported that there would be an overall spend on budget of approximately £5000 which would transfer into reserves. It was resolved to donate £500 to Kirksanton Village Hall towards the cost of the installation of a disabled access path
Proposed Cllr Fell, Seconded Cllr Millar

154/20 PARISH MATTERS

154/20.1 Silecroft Beach car park and toilets

A request had been received from Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club to hold their annual BBQ at Silecroft beach in June/July 2021, subject to current Covid-19 restrictions. After discussion it was resolved to give permission for a maximum of 30 persons to attend.

154/20.2 Silecroft Beach Café

Proposed New cafe

Documents had now been received. It was resolved to accept the License Agreement with the end date of the project being 31 March 2022. An extra-ordinary meeting to be called for 10 March 2021 at 7.30pm to discuss and approve all other contracts and documentation

Proposed Cllr Fell, Seconded Cllr Cumming

Cllr Cumming that a preferred contractor had been chosen awaiting appointment

154/20.3 Community Plan

Approximately 60 responses have been received so far. Cllr Cumming to speak to the people who did the analysis on the previous Community Plan to see if they would be willing to be involved in this one. Once lockdown has been lifted a public presentation of the findings will be held.

A meeting is to be held on 11 March 2021 at 2.30pm between CC Highways, HMP Haverigg and Cllrs Rand and Fell representing the Parish Council to look at the feasibility of installing a footpath from Silecroft to the beach similar to the one installed along the shore front.

154/20.4 Electric Vehicle Charge Points

Cllr Cumming to submit a tentative application for EV charge points linked to the new café with ChargemyStreet.

Cllr Millar to report back to council re carbon footprint and climate change.

154/20.5 Play areas Inspection report

Cllr Sharpe reported that the fencing at Kirksanton required replacing as a lot of the posts were rotten. He is to pursue the cost of replacement for both Kirksanton and Silecroft play area.

154/20.6 Church Car Park

This to be undertaken by the contractor in conjunction with another local job.
Date to be confirmed.

154/20.7 Tree Planting

Cllr Cumming is awaiting a response as to the most suitable trees.

154/20.8 Annual Parish Meeting

To be held remotely on 5 May 2021 at 7pm. Initial feedback on the Community Plan to be the topic for discussion.

154/20.9 Cumbria Recovery Plan

Responses to the Clerk by 11 March 2021

154/20.10 Local Government Re-organisation

CALC are planning to hold a meeting on 18 March 2021 at 7pm whereby representatives of all 4 options will speak. A decision on the response to be made at the April meeting

154/20.11 NALC consultation on Planning changes

A response to the Clerk by 10 March 2021

155/20 Reports from outside bodies

South Copeland Partnership

Cllr Cumming attended the meeting. Concerns expressed re lack of consultation with Parish Councils by the GDF group. A meeting has been arranged with the CALC representatives on the GDF working party by SCP. Cllr Cumming and Rand to represent Whicham.

Cumbria Hidden Coast – Jonathan Powell is looking for volunteers who are interested in cycle pathways and cycling routes to get in touch and help build a case for funding.

156/20 CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councilors. The following had not been circulated.

- An email had been received from Kirksanton Village Hall, seeking permission to install a disabled friendly path down to the lower hall, crossing the village green. It was agreed that the path must be of a type where grass can grow through.

157/20 Councilor Matters

- Cllr Cumming stated that she had been approached by a resident of Kirksanton who expressed an interest in being co-opted on to the council. The Clerk to follow up.

158/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The date of the next meeting will be 7 April 2021 via telephone conference call

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.28

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