

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2021 AT SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL
COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr S Millar, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr R Jopson, Cllr M. Cumming,
Cllr P Rand,

99/21: APOLOGIES: Cllr M Sharp (ill) apologies accepted

100/21 Exclusions of Press and Public

There were no items on the agenda requiring the exclusion of press and public

101/21 Declarations of Interest

None

102/21 Minutes of the Parish Council held on 6 October 2021

Approved. Proposed by Cllr Rand, Seconded by Cllr Jopson

103/21 Police Report

Previously circulated and noted

104/21 Progress Reports

Church Car park

Cllr Fell had spoken to the contractors who required permission from Cumbria CC Highways as it was the entrance to the car park. Awaiting a quotation from the contractor

105/21 Public Participation

None

106/21 County Councillor and Borough Councillor reports

None received. Clerk to contact B. Cllr McGrath for progress reports and request more regular visits

107/21 Applications for Development

107/21.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

107/21.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved

None Undertaken

107/21.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2021/4095 The Beach Hut, The Shore, Silecroft

Replacement beach hut

Granted with conditions

108/21 FINANCIAL RECORDS

108/21.1 The following payments were approved:

KMC Graffix	Signage for tennis court	£ 15.00
Waterplus	Water bill – toilets	£ 125.10
J Hillier	Toilet cleaning September	£ 379.89

J Fell Grass cutting Silecroft play area £ 537.60

Proposed by Cllr Jopson, seconded by Cllr Millar

108/21.2 To note the receipt of payments

Beach car park £ 50.69

Church car park £ 59.53

109/21.3 To receive and note the **bank reconciliation** statement dated 30 September 2021

Verified by the Cllr Millar

109/21.4 To consider the **Budget Comparison Report** as at 31 October 2021 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

The Clerk confirmed that the **overspend total of £3397** on Council expenses was solely due to costs incurred by the failure of the temporary café operator to vacate the premises as per Licence Agreement and the Parish Council having to seek legal redress. This overspend to come from reserves.

Projects still to be completed entrance to Church car park and re fencing of Silecroft car park

109/21.5 Budget 2022/23

The Clerk had previously circulated the revised budget. The agreed spend would be £22967.39. The council resolved to pass this budget

Proposed by Cllr Cumming Seconded Cllr Rand

109/21.6 Precept 2022/23

It was proposed that the precept be increased by 2% to 20616 for the financial year 2022/23. The shortfall between proposed income and agreed expenditure to be met by reserves

110/21 PARISH MATTERS

110/21.1 Silecroft Beach Front car park and toilets

It was noted that the car park was in a poor state due to the footpath contractors. They to be approached to make good.

It was resolved that the mobile ice cream vendor be approached to provide a regular service from Easter until the permanent café is opened.

110/21.2 Proposed Silecroft Beach Cafe

Cllr Cumming reported that there was still no definite start date.

Councillors expressed concerns as to the lack of information and continual delays in the commencement of this contract. The Clerk to invite Eric Barker to the next meeting and to write to Pat Graham, Copeland Chief Executive raising the concerns of the council.

111/21.3 Footpath from Silecroft to beach

Councillors reported that there had been positive feedback from residents regarding the installation of the new footpath. Concerns had been raised regarding the lamppost that was now in the middle of the new footpath and as to when this would be removed.

111/21.4 Play Inspection report

The Clerk reported that the signage for the tennis court was now in situ

111/21.5 GDF Working Group meeting 1 November 2021

Cllrs Cumming and Rand gave feedback from the meeting they attending on 1 November re the setting up of a Community Partnership, membership of and potential start dates. Concerns were raised about the lack of terms of reference for the partnership and also sight of other documentation. A number of questions had been given to members of RWM at the meeting for a written response.

It was resolved that until the documentation and the responses to the written questions had been received that the Parish Council unable to proceed. The Clerk to write to RWM requesting all documentation and explaining the legalities of how Parish Councils can act.

111/21.6 Local Government Re-organisation

The Clerk to respond to the email

111/21.7 2022 Meeting Dates

These had been previously circulated and approved

112/21 Reports from outside bodies

South Copeland Partnership

An overview of GDF project

113/21 CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councilors. The following had not been circulated.

None

114/21 Councilor Matters

- Cllr Rand asked if a December meeting would be held to discuss the GDF once documentation had been received. It was agreed that an extra-ordinary meeting would be called as required.

115/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to confirm the next meeting will be Wednesday 5th January 2022 commencing at 7.30pm in **Silecroft Village Hall**.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2119 hrs.

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