

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2022 AT SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL
COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr M Cumming, Cllr S Millar, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr P Rand, and Cllr M Sharp
B.Cllr G McGrath

1/22: Election of Chair

Cllr Fell

Proposed by Cllr Cumming, Seconded by Cllr Sharp

No other nominations put forward and duly elected. Cllr Fell signed the Acceptance of Office

2/22 Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Cumming

Proposed by Cllr Rand, Seconded by Cllr Millar

No other nominations put forward and duly elected. Cllr Cumming signed the Acceptance of Office

3/22 Apologies for Absence

None received

4/22 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 May 2021

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair

Proposed Cllr Rand, Seconded Cllr Jopson

5/22 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES – To appoint members of the Council to serve on the following outside bodies:

- Silecroft Education Committee - Cllr Wilson
- Village Hall Committee - Cllrs Wilson and Cumming
- CGP Trust Fund - Cllrs Fell, Wilson and Sharp
- Beach Advisory Group - Cllr Rand
- Community Planning Committee/ Parish Action Plan Steering Committee - Cllrs Cumming, Millar and Jopson
- Community Interest Company - Cllrs Cumming and Millar
- South Copeland Partnership - Cllrs Cumming and Rand
- Southern Boundary Partnership - Cllrs Cumming and Rand
- 3 tier meetings - rotational
- South Copeland Community Partnership (GDF) -Cllr Cumming

6/22 To resolve that the Parish Council meets the conditions under section 8(2) of the Localism Act 2011 and The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 and therefore may act under the General Power of Competence

Proposed by Cllr Cumming and seconded by Cllr Wilson that the Parish Council fulfilled all criteria and wished to invoke the General Power of Competence.

7/22 Adjournment of Meeting

There being no other business the AGM meeting was adjourned at 1955 hours

The normal Parish Council meeting now took place

8/22 APOLOGIES: None

9/22 Exclusions of Press and Public

None

10/22 Declarations of Interest

None

11/22 To approve the Minutes of the meeting 6 April 2022

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

Proposed by Cllr Millar, Seconded by Cllr Rand

12/21 Police Liaison Report

Previously circulated

13/21 Progress Reports

13/21.1 Church car park

A quotation had been received from the contractor, it was resolved to obtain 2 more quotes and then submit an application for funding

14/21 Public Participation

None

15/21 Reports from County Council and Borough Councillors

None

It was reported that Cty Cllr Hitchen's wife had recently died. A letter of condolence to be sent on behalf of the Parish Council

16/21 Applications for Development

16/21.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2022/4035 1 Court End, Silecroft

Provision of two temporary, timber-built cabins sleeping 2-4 people, with associated access, parking and landscaping

The Council resolved not to support this application

16/21.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None

16/21.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2022/4003 Cross House, Main Street.Silecroft

Change of Use to residential

Granted

17/21 Financial Records

17/21.1 Payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

CALC	Membership renewal	£170.16
S Jopson	Kirksanton play area fencing	£516.00
Blackcombe PCC	Grass cutting	£ 75.00
S&F Electrical	Installation of socket for mobile unit	£508.80
VE Falconer	Internal Audit fee	£ 75.00
L Cooper	reimburse purch of paint etc toilets	£187.91
JD Hillier	Toilet cleaning April	£384.00

Proposed Cllr Rand Seconded Cllr Wilson

The following payments were made under Financial Standing orders

21cc Group Ltd	Jubilee Gas beacon	£588.00
Waterplus	Water bill	£ 99.08

It was resolved that a water meter be attached to the new water pipe to service the mobile unit for future billing.

17/21.2 Receipts

Beach Car park	£121.96
Church Car Park	£196.29
Precept	£20616

17/21.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 31 March 2022

This had been approved by the Internal Auditor

17/21.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 April 2022 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

17/21.5 To note and approve the Internal Auditor's Report and note any actions required

Recommendation that £20k be moved from the Current Account to the Reserve Account. This money is ring fenced for the repairs to Whicham School car park

It was resolved to accept the recommendation of the Internal Auditor

Approved Proposed Cllr Wilson, Seconded Cllr Jopson

17/21.6 To approve the Annual Accounting Statement for the financial year 2021/22

Signed by the Chair

18/21 Village Matters

18/21.1 Silecroft beach car park, toilets and mobile unit

Cllr Rand reported that the mobile ice cream parlor was attending weekends.

Exterior of toilets being painted by community crew Haverigg Prison. They had also cleared the weeds and brambles from around the tennis courts and filled in some of the potholes on the car park. A letter of thanks to be sent to the Community team at Haverigg Prison. It has been indicated that the team are willing to refresh the paint on the inside of the toilets at a future date.

Septic tank requires emptying

Cllr Fell had received a complaint from the neighboring farmer of the poor state of the fencing bordering the car park. A quotation had been received from a contractor to replace the fencing at a cost of £3240 including vat. Resolved to accept the quote and get the works completed.

18/21.2 Silecroft beach proposed new café

Still awaiting progress from Copeland Borough Council

To contact Trudy Harrison MP re lack of 3 phase electricity supply for Electric vehicle charge points.

18/21.3 Play inspection report

Tennis Court – brambles and weeds removed. Wall does not need painting.

Surface in reasonable condition. Seek Quotations for new surface and apply for grant funding

18/21.4 GDF

Cllr Cumming gave feedback from the April meeting. The focus was on Communications and a campaign to raise awareness.

18/21.5 Jubilee

Beacon ordered to be lit on south summit. Cllr Fell to speak to a local landowner to gain access. Cllr Rand to speak to caravan site re use of gas bottles.

Cllr Jopson collated a list of all children under 16 years of age for the mugs.

Kirksanton and Silecroft village halls have arranged events on the Friday and Saturday.

18/21.6 30mph Speed Limit – Silecroft

Response from CCC Highways that there is no benefit to a 30mph speed limit.

Resolved to request a 20mph speed limit within the village and a 30mph to the beach – increased pedestrian traffic, horses being ridden to the beach 3 times a day, caravan park expanded and increased traffic flow. Plus, potential increased traffic flow to new café when built.

18/21.7 Annual Parish Meeting 11 May 2022

To be advertised on Facebook along with notices

18/21.8 Boat Club

A meeting had been undertaken by Cllr Cumming with representatives of the Boat Club. They have requested that the outside tap be reinstated so that they can wash down the tractor after launching. Agreed to install a meter so that they can be billed for usage.

18/22 Request for a memorial plaque

It was resolved that this was acceptable with a donation towards the upkeep of the benches.

19/22 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

None

20/22 CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

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

- none

21/22. 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 Cumming reported that she had received complaints from a number of residents of a huge bonfire by the Motocross group. Clerk to write to Millom Town Council
- Cllr Jopson reported that poor signage on the new coastal footpath meant that people were leaving it at Southfield and walking through private land. To contact Natural England
- Cllr Jopson reported that large stones and sikes have been planted in the verges towards Southfield by an individual.
- Cllr Millar queried the installation of a defib at Silecroft Village Hall

22/22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 1 June 2022 at Kirksanton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2135hrs.

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