

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2020 COMMENCING AT
07.30PM**

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

77/20: APOLOGIES, Cllr C Lowery

78/20 Exclusions of Press and Public
None

79/20 Declarations of Interest
None

80/20 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2020
The minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2020 were approved
Proposed by Cllr Rand, Seconded by Cllr Cumming. The Clerk stated that all
approved minutes would be signed by the Chair at the first meeting held face to
face.

81/20 Police Liaison Report
A Covid-19 report had been previously circulated. Concerns were expressed
that no information is being received re local issues. Clerk to contact the police.

82/20 PROGRESS REPORTS
None

83/20 Public Participation Session
None present

84/20 County Councilor and Borough Councilor Report
Borough Cllr McGrath gave an update on the proposed local government
reform and sought comments on how the county could be split ie north/south
or east/west. The preferred option from the Parish Council was an East/west
split.
Cllr Rand stated that litter collection at the beach had improved. Cllr McGrath
stated that he had spoken to the manager re collections at weekends and bank
holidays.

85/20 Applications for Development

85/20.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None received

85/20.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved
None

85/20.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:
None

86/20 FINANCIAL RECORDS

86/20.1 To approve the following payments:

J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning Oct	£ 376.20
Thomas Graham Ltd	Toilet supplies	£ 28.80
Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator for Kirksanton	£1940.00
L Cooper	Purchase of stone	£ 785.09
J Fell	Grass cutting Silecroft	£ 421.20
Great North Air Ambulance	donation S137	£ 50.00
Royal British Legion	Wreath	£ 54.00
Proposed by Cllr Rand, Seconded by Cllr Jopson		

86/20.2 To note the receipt of payment

Donation boxes –	Beach	£ 191.90
	Church	£ 146.19

Cllr Rand reported that some visitors had requested details where a lump sum could be donated rather than putting cash into the donation boxes. The Clerk to investigate the setting up of a Paypal account for donations.

86/20.3 To receive and note the **bank reconciliation** statement

The bank reconciliation has been checked and verified by Cllr Millar

86/20.4 To consider the **Budget Comparison Report** as at 31 October 2020

None required

86/20.5 Proposed budget for 2021/22

The Clerk had previously distributed the proposed budget for the financial year 2021/22. After discussion that project funds should be considered to be used for the construction of a temporary path between Silecroft village and the beach, it was resolved to accept the budget.

Proposed by Cllr Cumming, Seconded by Cllr Sharpe

87/20 PARISH MATTERS

87/20.1 Silecroft Beach car park and toilets

Cllr Rand reported that the cleaning and management of the toilets was progressing normally. The work team from Haverigg Prison were doing a good job of widening the path on the shore front and making it ready for the stone to be laid which has been delivered. There has been a lot of positive feedback re

the work being undertaken. It was agreed that the toilets and car park would remain open during the current lockdown but would be kept under review.

87/20.2 Silecroft Beach Café

Proposed New cafe

The council are trying to obtain the services of a solicitor to act on their behalf so that the contract agreement can be signed.

Pop-up Café

The Clerk reported that no payments had been received for the land lease and water. It was resolved that the café be asked to pay the standing charge for the quarter to July 2 2020 when the toilets were closed plus a contribution towards the disputed water charges. Cllrs Cumming and Millar to bring this issue of non-payment up with the CIC at their next meeting.

87/20.3 Community Plan

Cllr Millar had produced a draft questionnaire and it was agreed to make some slight amendments. Cllr Cumming to check with ACT as to whether there should be one questionnaire per household or per number of adults in a household.

87/20.4 Play areas Inspection report

Cllr Jopson to seal off the broken seat at Kirksanton and remove the broken wood. The Clerk to order a new seat for the Silecroft play area.

87/20.5 Church Car Park

Cllr Fell is awaiting a quote for the works.

87/20.6 Website

The draft website had been distributed and changes discussed to be made. Cllrs Fell and Millar to send details through for their profiles.

87/20.7 Clerks Annual Appraisal

Cllr Fell to arrange a date

87/20.8 Layriggs Lane, Kirksanton

The Clerk reported that a request had been sent to Cumbria Highways re signage and was awaiting a response.

88/20 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Cumming to formulate a response to the Copeland Local Plan and circulate for discussion prior to submission.

89/20 CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councilors. The following had not been circulated.

- Great North Air Ambulance – request for donation. Proposed by Cllr Cumming and Seconded by Cllr Rand and resolved that a donation of £50 be sent.

90/20 Councilor Matters

- None

91/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The date of the next meeting will be 2nd December 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.30

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

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