

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2023 AT
SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair,) Cllr M Cumming, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr N Tyson,
Cllr R Jopson,
Lesley Cooper Clerk
6 Members of the public

69/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr C Lowery (family), Cllr S Millar (holiday). Cty Cllr Pratt (Cumberland Council)

70/23 Councilor email addresses

The contractor gave an overview of how the email addresses would be set up.
Agreed that councillors could bring their own devices to the November meeting to allow the contractor to set them up if required. All councillors to contact contractor with personal passwords for system to be set up.

71/23 Exclusions of Press and Public

None

72/23 Declarations of Interest

None

73/23 To approve the Minutes of the meetings 6 September 2023 and 11 September

73/23.1 6 September 2023 The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

73/23.2 Extra-ordinary meeting 11 September 2023. The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting

74/23 Police Liaison Report

Previously circulated

Clerk concerned at attempts on donation box by toilets and increased vandalism in toilets. Police to be informed.

75/23 Progress Reports

Clerks report

1. None to report

76/23 Public Participation

A representative of the boat club sought permission to extend the existing notice by 12 inches to enable to add on additional sponsors.

Members of the public raised concerns re the planning application to extend the car park and make provision for motorhomes. The consensus of opinion was that the location for the proposed new motorhome site needed to be reconsidered and placed further down the car park.

77/23 Report from Unitary Authority Councillor

Cllr Pratt had sent a written report which was accepted.

31 October 2023 South Cumberland Community Panel, Kirksanton Village Hall

Single use plastics banned from 1 October 2023

78/23 Applications for Development

78/23.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2023/4069 Silecroft Beach Car Park, Silecroft

Extension of existing car park to provide additional 4 parking spaces, 3 of which would provide EV charging. Install 3 EV charge points for use by visitors to the beach. To provide maximum of 5 overnight parking spaces for motorhome/campervans including electric hook-up points, short stay only

No comment

7/2023/4084 Village Hall, Silecroft

Form toilet extension and make internal alterations

Supported

78/23.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None

78/23.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2022/4105 Woodhouse, Silecroft,

Proposal: Change of use and conversion of an existing agricultural barn to form a single holiday let

Granted

79/23 Financial Records

79/23.1 Payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

J Hillier	Cleaning September & repairs	£ 417.91
Dream landscapes	Grass cutting Silecroft & Kirksanton	£1440.00
Thomas Graham Ltd	Toilet supplies	£ 37.58
Whamos Ltd	Web site annual fee	£ 180.00
Paul Wilson Ltd	replace park gate Silecroft	£ 260.00
Cumberland Council	Waste collection charges - Silecroft	£ 74.75
WHamos Ltd	Domain transfer fee	£ 12 .00

The following invoices were paid under Financial Standing Orders

Fox Architects	Plans for Silecroft development	£ 532.00
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Payments were approved

79/23.2 Receipts

Beach car park £ 334.76

Church car park £ 195.96

79/23.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement 31 August 2023

Noted

79/23.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 September 2023 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

79/23.5 Draft Budget for financial year 2024/25. Discussion took place, a final budget and recommendation for precept to be presented at the November meeting once a definitive answer has been received from Cumberland Council re land license agreement.

80/23 Village Matters

80/23.1 Silecroft beach car park, and toilets

Car park – potholes need filling. Clerk to contact the prison

Contractor to be contacted to replace gent's toilet door.

80/23.2 Silecroft beach proposed new café

Councillors raised concerns re lack of progress in ensuring that the exterior is watertight. A request has been made by Cumberland to extend the current license until 31 March 2024.

Resolved The current license will be extended to 29 February 2024 only. No further extensions will be granted after that date.

80/23.3 Play inspection report

Awaiting Play Inspection report

80/23.4 Parish Council land

Investigating

80/23.5 Noticeboards

Resolved to accept the quotation to repair the noticeboard at Silecroft Village Hall.

Resolved to accept the proposed extension of 12 inches to the noticeboard at Silecroft beach by the Fishermen.

Cllr Wilson left the meeting

80/23.6 Grass Cutting Silecroft

Resolved to plant the banking with wildflowers ie yellow rattle, poppies and native daffodils. A budget of £600 was approved.

80/23.7 GDF

Cllr Cumming gave a report. An open meeting was held 20 September 2023 in Millom. Independent impact assessment to be commissioned to focus on the negative impact of the project.

80/23.8 Zero Carbon actions

Deferred

80/23.9 Phone box – Silecroft – repairs

Repairs being undertaken.

Cllr Jopson left the meeting

80/23.10 Council Email addresses

See 70/23 above

80/23.11 D Day celebrations

Agreed to have a beacon

81/23.12 Clerks appraisal

Date to be fixed

82/23 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

None

83/23 CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

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

- A request had been received from Silecroft Village Hall for permission to install audio/visual equipment. Also, a request for a lease agreement between the Trustees and the Parish Council. Clerk to investigate whether the Parish Council is a Custodian Trustee. Clerk to request a copy of the articles from Charity Commission.

84/23. 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 has received complaints re the parking of cars at the junction outside the King Billy. Clerk to raise with police

85/23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 1 November 2023 at Kirksanton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2140hrs.

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