

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT KIRKSANTON
VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell(Chair), Cllr M Cumming, Cllr S Millar, Cllr N Tyson, Cllr M Sharp,
Lesley Cooper Clerk
2 members of the public

59/24 Apologies for Absence

Cllr S Wilson, (Personal)

60/24 Exclusions of Press and Public

Press and Public were excluded from Agenda item 16 Closed Session

61/24 Declarations of Interest

None

62/24 To approve the Minutes of the meetings 3 July 2024

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

Proposed Cllr Cumming, Seconded Cllr Millar

63/24 Police Liaison Report

None received

64/24 Clerks report

The Clerk reported that notification had been received that the Kirksanton defib had been used and was now back in action.

A telephone call had been received from an Ulverston Accountants offering a free defibrillator for the telephone box at Silecroft which would include a set of children pads. The council resolved to accept the offer and also to purchase child pads for the other 3 defibs. Proposed Cllr Cumming, Seconded Cllr Tyson

The grass contractor is unable to undertake the grass cutting at Whitbeck Church

65/24 Public Participation

A member of the public raised concerns on how the community was to be informed re the negative impact of the GDF, the proposed compensation scheme and the duty on home owners to notify potential buyers of the GDF proposal. Cllr Cumming to feed back the concerns to the GDF Communications Group.

66/24 Report from Unitary Authority Councillor

None

67/24 Applications for Development

67/24.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

67/24.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None

67/24.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2024/4049 Land near Sea Pastures, Silecroft

Approval of details reserved by condition 3 (Construction Environmental Management

Complies with Condition Confirmation of compliance with condition attached to planning permission

68/24 Financial Records

68/24.1 Payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Waterplus

Direct Debit

£110.18

Joe Nuttall

toilet repairs

£288.00

A Fell 21/10/24

Waterplus	Direct Debit	£ 31.66
L Cooper	Clerks salary & expenses	£752.00
HMRC	PAYE	£166.80
Thomas Graham	Toilet supplies (café)	£170.51
Thomas Graham	Toilet supplies	£ 30.10
Thomas Graham	Toilet supplies	£ 56.58
J Hillier	Toilet cleaning -August	£338.00
LDNP	Planning Fee	£231.00
A Bowden	Toilet cleaning (café)	£377.00

Payments approved Proposed by Cllr Cumming, Seconded Cllr Sharp

The following invoices were paid under Financial Regulations

Marmax	2 x benches	£1711.20
J Hillier	Toilet cleaning July	£ 403.00
Andrew Bowden	toilet cleaning changing places	£ 208.00
Thomas Graham	toilet supplies	£ 333.58
Thomson Solicitors	Professional fees	£ 240.00
KMC Grafix	Signs	£ 30.00
Moore	External Audit fee	£ 252.00

68/24.2 Receipts

Beach car park	£ 920.78
Church car park	£ 352.34
VAT REFUND	£ 2310.44

68/24.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 31 July 2024
Checked and approved by Cllr Millar

68/24.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 August 2024 and
determine action need to address deviations from the budget.
None required

**68/24.5 To receive the External Auditors report and undertake any actions
required**

The Clerk presented the external auditors report to the council and their comments
were noted.

69/24 Village Matters

69/24.1 Silecroft beach car park

The Clerk reported that Cllr Millar had drawn up a planting plan for the land and this
would be submitted with the planning application. A new donation box had been
made and was to be located near to the out sales door of the café. Another box to
be purchased and located near at the changing places entrance to the cafe

69/24.2 Café

The Clerk reported that information had been received that the café would be closing
11 November and would not be re-opening until Easter 2025. The council resolved
to strongly object to this closure. The Clerk was instructed to request a meeting with
representatives of Cumberland Council as soon as possible.

69/24.3 Toilets

Toilets to be locked at night after October half term. Soap dispenser in gents has
been ripped off. A basic cleaning kit to be purchased for emergency use. Spare key
required for toilet roll holders.

69/24.4 Silecroft Village Hall and CCTV

A letter of complaint had been received from a resident re the management of the
Village Hall and the garden. CCTV for outside, but rumored to be also inside. Clerk
to get clarification. Clerk to write to Village Hall Committee re concerns.

69/24.5 Footpath weeds

It was noted that Cumberland Council employees/contractors had been spraying
weeds.

69/24.6 Dog Fouling

A FM 2/10/24

It was noted that this is particularly bad on the footpath from the Old School car park up to the fell. 3 Notices reminding dog walkers to pick up after their dogs and dispose of responsibly to be placed on route. Clerk to order.

69/24.7 Play Inspection Report

The broken springer has been removed. Awaiting response re funding application expected around 19 September. Notification has been received that an inspection by ROSPA would be undertaken – awaiting report.

69/24.8 Environmental issues

None

69/24.9 GDF

Cllr Cumming discussed recent concerns regarding CALC representation on SCCP and the perceived role by NWS. A joint letter from Millom Without and Whicham PC GDF representatives has been drafted to be sent to NWS and CALC. Councillors were in agreement and approved this.

69/24.10 To approve the Financial Regulations

Deferred to October meeting

70/24 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

- None

71/24 CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

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

- Email from member of public requesting the Parish Council rethink its membership of the GDF. Clerk to respond.
- Email from RVU re pop-up café- Clerk had provided information requested.
- Email from a member of SSCA offering to distribute information amongst the fishing community, when required.

72/24 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 Millar has received complaints of metal spikes on the beach
- Cllr Millar has received complaints that recent hedge cutting trimmings have been left on pavements.

73/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 2 October 2024 at Silecroft Village Hall commencing at 7.30p

74/24 Closed Session

Agreed for the Clerk to sign the Non-Disclosure form

Proposed Cllr Tyson, Seconded Cllr Millar

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2210hrs.

Signed..... *A. Farr* Dated..... *2/10/24*