

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 5th APRIL 2017 IN
SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell, Cllr V Bradley, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr R Jopson, Cllr S Wilson,
Cty Councillor K Hitchen
Borough Councillor G Surrah
Eric Barker, Community Regeneration Officer, Copeland Borough Council

163/16: APOLOGIES:, Cllr M. Cumming, Cllr C Lowery, Cllr P Rand
PCSO Booth

164/16: No Exclusions were required

16516: DECLARATION OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest.

166/16: MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st March 2017
The minutes of the meeting on 1 March 2017 were accepted and signed by the
Chair as a true record.

167/16 Eric Barker, Community Regeneration Officer, Copeland Borough Council

167/16.1 Silecroft Beach Project – Pop-up Cafe

Mr Barker gave an update on the Silecroft Beach project. 2015 planning permission was granted to landscape the car park and erect a building. Funding has been sought for the project without success as it falls between business and a community project.

To prove the business case it was planned to install a pop-up café near to toilets. Funding has been provided by Copeland BC to rent a container, however because of lack of an electricity supply it was determined to be too costly to hire and run a generator for the duress of the project.

It was suggested that a mobile unit be invited to work the site, with assistance from the project fund and for them to provide information as to footfall, spend etc.

It was agreed that this was a better option and a mobile vendor to be approached.

167/16.2 Silecroft Beach Project – Toilets

Mr Barker stated that he was also seconded to LDNP

LDNP are not to release the lease on the toilets in June.

LDNP have not put any money in the budget to fund the toilets until June and were requesting that Whicham Parish Council undertook to fund the toilets pending the formal handover back to Copeland Borough Council.

It was pointed out to Mr Barker that WPC have been trying since November 2016 to obtain access to the toilets to assess their current state. The Clerk has been in contact with LDNP to ascertain costs relating to the running of the toilets.

Mr Barker agreed to take this back to LDNP and seek answers.

County Cllr Hitchen stated that the current policy was that the owner brought property up to present day standards before undertaking an asset transfer. WPC have already expressed an interest in taking over the toilets provided it was as an asset transfer.

168/16 Police Liaison Report

PCSO Booth had sent a report in his absence. There had been no significant incidents. A new Sergeant was to take over the post in May.

169/16 PROGRESS REPORTS

169/16.1 War Memorial

Cllr Fell reported that 2 railings had been removed and it was expected that the other 2 would be removed in readiness for them to be sandblasted w/c 17 April 2017 and then to be hot-dipped galvanised.

170/16 Public Participation Session

No members of the public was present.

171/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cty Cllr Hitchen reported that the speed limit recommendations had gone through but the amendments requested by the Parish Council had not been accepted. However, once in place monitoring would take place and changes could be made at a later date. He reported that a new on-line reporting system had been implemented for the reporting of faults etc to Highways

Cllr Sharp asked if it could be fed back to Highways the positivity on the recent road works in the area.

Cty Cllr Hitchen was asked if there were any further developments with the NUGEN project, he stated that there was no further information available.

Borough Councilor Scurrah stated that he had nothing to report. He offered to supply the paint for the cold painting of the supports around the war memorial.

172/16: Applications for Development

172/16.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2017/4022 Silecroft Golf Club

Replace sub standard changing rooms with new facility, including disabled access and WC. Extend Greenkeepers store building. Relocate flag pole

THE COUNCIL AGREED TO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION. The improvements to the facilities would have a positive impact on tourism to the area.

172/16.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since the last meeting.
None undertaken

172/16.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:
7/2016/4093 Hartrees Cottage, Silecroft
New pitched roof dormer window to the existing roof – resubmission of 7/2016/4055
GRANTED

173/16: FINANCIAL RECORDS

173/16.1 The following payments were approved:

Saunders & Sons	Delivery of stone for car park	£ 208.80
Copeland B C	Runnung/maint of light	£ 60.00
S A Jopson	Fencing to play area Kirksanton	£1680.00

173/16.2 To note the receipt of payments:

Whicham PCC	Donation from car park at St Mary's	£ 491.50
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173/16.3 Bank reconciliation
None received

173/16.4 Budget Comparison report – To consider the budget comparison report to 31 March 2017 and determine any actions required.
No actions required.

174/16.5 Grass cutting contract

To approve the contract for grass cutting of verges at Silecorft Main Street junction with A5093

One tender had been received from Dream Landscapes, Millom for £420,
It was RESOLVED to award the contract to Dream Landscapes

174/16.6 Annual Governance Statement

A copy of the Annual Governance Statement had been previously distributed to all Councillors for their information.

Each item on the Annual Governance Statement was read and agreed. The Statement was signed by the Chair as a true statement of compliance.

175/16 PARISH MATTERS

1. Victoria Cross Memorial

Cllr Bradley has still to contact the vicar.

The Clerk to contact Tesco to see if they would contribute towards the refreshments which will be in the Village Hall.

The Clerk to contact The Evening Mail to see if they will cover the event and do a pre-event article.

2. Emergency Planning

Cllr Bradley had completed the form in draft form. It was agreed to accept the plan. A copy to be displayed on the notice boards at Silecroft and Kirksanton Village Halls and on the Parish Council website.

3. Beach Front and Toilets

See item 167/16 above

4. To determine the date of the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 3 May 2017 at 7pm. The Clerk to contact Morris-Eyton

176/16 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

There were no reports

177/16 CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councilors. The following had been received:

- a) The Clerk reported that a letter had been received promoting the use of the new superfast broadband services

178/16 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- None.

179/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

T46 to confirm the next meeting will be the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** 3rd May 2017 commencing at 7.00pm in Silecroft Village Hall, **followed by** the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Parish Council** at 7.30pm. The normal meeting will take place following the Annual General Meeting

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

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