

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023 AT KIRKSANTON VILLAGE
HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell(Chair), Cllr M Cumming, Cllr S Millar, Cllr P Rand, Cllr S Wilson,
Lesley Cooper Clerk
3 members of the public

150/22 APOLOGIES: Cllr R Jopson (family) Cllr M Sharp (work) were accepted

151/22 Exclusions of Press and Public

None

152/22 Declarations of Interest

None

153/22 To approve the Minutes of the meeting 1 March 2023

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

Proposed by Cllr Rand, Seconded by Cllr Millar

154/22 Police Liaison Report

Previously circulated. It was noted that patrols are still occurring on Silecroft beach

155/21 Progress Reports

None

156/22 Public Participation

A representative from the fishing club requested permission to place an advertising board Next to the toilets. Clerk advised that planning consent may be required.

A member of the public raised an issue of conflict of interest by Cllr A Pratt
(Cumberland re the GDF.

Cllr Cumming joins meeting 2010

Cllr Wilson joins meeting 2015

157/22 Reports from County Council and Borough Councillors

None received. Cllr Pratt to be invited to the next meeting

158/22 Applications for Development

158/22.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

158/22.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

7/2023/4015 Baystone Bank Riding School, Whicham

Erection of Lodges, part retrospective on consented existing campsite

Supported

158/22.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

None

158/22 Financial Records

158/22.1 Payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Community Heartbeat Annual Support	£ 162.00
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Community Heartbeat Purchase defib Silecroft	£2230.00
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CALC	vat course	£ 30.00
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CALC	Subscription	£ 183.74
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J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning March	£ 372.00
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S Wilson	reimburse refreshments	£ 30.00
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The following were paid under Financial Standing Orders

Good Energy	Electricity	£ 67.12
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Dash UK	Coronation mugs	£636.00
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Good Energy	Electricity	£ 67.12
Kirksanton VH	Donation for Coronation event	£300.00
Silecroft VH	Donation for Coronation event	£300.00

158/22.2 Receipts

Beach car park £ 58.95 Total for year £1323.04

Church car park £136.69 Total for year £1396.67

The Clerk reported that donations were down £1157.85 on the previous year.

Still awaiting confirmation of the balance of the grant money having been received.

158/22.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement 5 March 2023

Checked and approved by Cllr Millar

158/22.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 March 2023 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

The Clerk gave a final report on the budget, excluding the cost of the resurfacing of Whicham School Car park (£27084) some grant funding received and replacing the fencing at Silecroft Beach car park (£5220) the balances of which would be taken from reserves, there was an underspend on budget of £3075.14

158/22.5 To approve the Annual Risk Register/Risk Assessment

Resolved to approve Proposed Cllr Cumming, Seconded Cllr Wilson

158/22.6 To approve the Asset Register for 2023

Resolved to approve Proposed by Cllr Cumming, Seconded by Cllr Wilson

158.22.7 To approve the Annual Governance Statement for the year 2022/23

Resolved that all statements were met

Proposed Cllr Millar, Seconded by Cllr Cumming

159/22 Village Matters

159/22.1 Silecroft beach car park, and toilets

Car park – bottom part priority parking for disabled, fishing boats and horses, signage to be purchased. Do not block access signage to be purchased

Clerk to write to Heavy Horses and Fishing group re parking

It was noted that the security fencing had again blown over.

Request for an advertisement board – planning permission may be required.

Report of a dangerous object on the beach being investigated

Clerk requested that the donation boxes be refurbished.

Seagull proof bins awaiting the purchase of a suitable lorry by Cumberland Authority

159/22.2 Silecroft beach proposed new café

Confirmation required of water meter to contractors

159/22.3 Play inspection report

Grass seeds to be planted.

159/22.4 GDF

Cllr Cumming gave a report. 12 month plan in place to improve communication and the sharing of information.

159/22.5 30mph Speed Limit – Silecroft

Clerk to contact Cllr Pratt for an update

159/22.6 Defib – Silecroft

Defib to be delivered 13 April 2023 – still to source an electrician

159/22.7 Gabion baskets

Awaiting costings – Clerk to chase

159/22.8 Annual Parish Meeting - Feedback

New café – overall values/vision questionnaire

Dog waste bins – Write to Cumberland for additional bins

Brown sign for café

Wildflower bulbs for planting in Autumn.

159/22.10 Zero Carbon actions

Resolved to declare a climate emergency for Whicham Parish

Proposed Cllr Millar, Seconded Cllr Cummings

Cllr Millar to investigate undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan

159/22.11 Phone box – Silecroft – repairs

A report has been received – Clerk to obtain an estimate for parts.

159/22.12 Standing Orders

Resolved to accept the amended Standing Orders

Proposed Cllr Cummings, Seconded Cllr Wilson

160/22 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

None

161/22 CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

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

- ElanCity

162/22. 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 portholes required filling on the village green roadway
Clerk to obtain price for 2 dumpy bags of stone to infill
- Cllr Fell reported litter was building up in the 2 lay byes on the A595 near Whitbeck.
Clerk to contact prison re a litter pick
- Cllr Rand reported that the solar light was still pointing in wrong direction

163/22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 10 May 2023 at Silecroft Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2215hrs.

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