

WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 JULY 2023 AT
SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr M Cumming, Cllr S Millar, Cllr R Jopson, Cllr S Wilson,
Cllr C Lowery, Cllr N Tyson
Cllr A Pratt, Cumberland Unitary Authority
Lesley Cooper Clerk
3 members of the public

37/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Sharp (working)

38/23 Exclusions of Press and Public

None

39/23 Declarations of Interest

None

40/23 To approve the Minutes of the meetings

40/23.1 7 June 2023 The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings

40/23.2 Extra- ordinary meeting of 23 May 2023 Signed by the Chair

41/23 Police Liaison Report

Cllr Cumming reported that she had had problems reporting an incident involving scrambler bikes at Kirksanton.

Cllr Fell reported that a vehicle had been involved in an incident which he reported but no police presence.

Cllr Tyson reported increase in speeding traffic in early hours.

Clerk to report to PS McDonald

42 /23 Progress Reports

Clerks report

1. Electric box key purchased
2. The Pensions Regulator - Re-declaration of compliance completed

43/23 Public Participation

Member of the public requested that the beach café be alcohol free, not open on an evening and be monitored re takeaway foods and food packaging.

Coastal art installation was poorly advertised and therefore restricted those who might have gone.

Coastal path – overgrown and impassable from golf course towards Millom

Concerns expressed about the speed of vehicles when grass cutting.

44/23 Report from Unitary Authority Councillor

Cllr Pratt reported that the first South Cumberland Partnership meeting is to be held w/c 10 July 2023 at Cleator Moor to discuss priority funding

Community Network Panel to meet in October with Parish Councils invited, venue to be arranged.

Abbeyfield at Bootle not closing. Looking at options of selling to a larger chain and expand current services.

Police inactivity – meeting with Police Commissioner w/c 10 July 2023 to discuss rural policing

45/23 Applications for Development

45/23.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2023/4051 Ladycroft, Silecroft

Single storey side extension with internal alterations

Supported

Correspondence had been received from the owners re the location of the new gates. Clerk to obtain original documents for Silecroft play area to confirm where the boundary is between the properties.

45/23.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None

45/23.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

none

46/23 Financial Records

46/23.1 Payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

J Hillier	Cleaning June	£ 399.97
CALC	Training course	£ 30.00
KMC Graffix Ltd	Signage – Silecroft beach	£ 150.00
S&F Electrical Ltd	Installation of defib – Silecroft	£ 432.00
HMRC	PAYE	£ 25.80
L Cooper	Locum clerking & expenses	£ 133.23
X2 Connect Ltd	Parts for phone box	£1096.62
Good Energy	Electricity	£ 104.19
Water plus	Direct Debit	£ 59.59

Cheques approved

46/23.2 Receipts

Beach car park £ 174.81

Church car park £ 122.77

46/23.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement 31 May 2023

Checked and verified by Cllr Millar

46/23.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 June 2023 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

46/23.5 For information only AGAR documentation submitted

46/23.6 For information only VAT claim submitted for £6534.70

47/23 Village Matters

47/23.1 Silecroft beach car park, and toilets

Chair reported back on the meeting with the planning officer re the car park.

Planning application to be submitted to extend the car park, install 3 Electric Vehicle charge points and 5 electric hook-up points.

Resolved to apply for 3 phase electrical supply

Proposed Cllr Cumming, Seconded Cllr Tyson

Clerk reported change of contact for stone – still pursuing

New signage now in place

Clerk reported to Cumberland re contractors' vehicles parking on car park and obscuring disabled parking bays.

47/23.2 Silecroft beach proposed new café

Clerk reported that letter of withdrawal has been acknowledged and awaiting a response from Cumberland

Cllr Pratt reported that Cumberland are still committed to delivering the café but looking at internal costings, deadlines and outcomes.

Clerk to arrange a meeting with new Cumberland contact to discuss.

Clerk reported that the contractors had not paid the electricity or water bills to date and was awaiting new meter readings

47/23.3 Play inspection report

Play inspection notified for August. Clerk contacted a local joiner for a replacement gate

47/23.4 Parish Council land

See 45/23.1 above

47/23.4 GDF

Cllr Cumming gave a report. A road map with various assessments to be produced and placed on GDF website. Report on Community Investment funding. Engaging with young people. Queries – local contact Centre nor centrally based

47/23.5 Gabion baskets

Clerk produced a map of where the gabion baskets would be located.

47/23.6 Zero Carbon actions and Champion

Cllr Millar reported that she was investigating grants for solar/boilers etc.

Community Energy grants relevant to Village Halls.

Cllr Cumming reported that Kirksanton Village Hall has had solar panels fitted and storage batteries.

Neighbourhood plan – LDNP no evidence re energy efficient homes

47/23.7 Biodiversity duties

Clerk gave information on PC's biodiversity duties to monitor

47/23.8 Phone box – Silecroft – repairs

Parts ordered to be delivered locally

47/23.9 Silecroft Village Hall improvements

No contact received. Cllr Wilson to pursue

47/23.9 Council Email addresses

Clerk explained options, resolved to link email addresses to website. Clerk to take forward.

48/23 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

None

49/23 CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

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

- Dealt with under 45/23.1

50/23. 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 raised issue of parking at junction with King Bill pub. Clerk to raise with police
- Cllr Wilson reported that all coronation mugs had now been distributed by herself and Cllr Jopson
- Cllr Cumming reported that a South Copeland Partnership meeting (not GDF) was planned for Friday 14 July 2023
- Cllr Millar gave her apologies for the September meeting

51/23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 6 September 2023 at Kirksanton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2126hrs.

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