

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2022 AT SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL
COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr M Cumming(Chair), Cllr S Millar, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr R Jopson, Cllr P Rand, Cllr M Sharp and Cllr A Fell
Cty Cllr K Hitchen, B. Cllr G McGrath
P. Sgt McDonald
2 members of the public

69/22 APOLOGIES:

70/22 Exclusions of Press and Public

None

71/22 Declarations of Interest

None

72/22 To approve the Minutes of the meeting 7 September 2022

The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting
Proposed by Cllr Rand, Seconded by Cllr Jopson

73/22 Police Liaison Report

PS McDonald gave an update on the travelers and explained the processes involved in the multi-agency approach.

Stressed the importance of reporting all crimes and incidents of concern. Too few incidents are being reported which means it is difficult to justify additional resources to South Copeland.

There have been reports of groups hunting with dogs around the Millom area
4 new PCSO's starting in January.

The Chair thanked PS McDonald for attending the meeting

74/21 Progress Reports

74/21.1 Church car park

The clerk reported that the application had been successful and was awaiting the paperwork for confirmation.

Clerk to write a letter to the GDF Community Partnership regarding the grant process.

Resolved to award the contract for the works to JW Plant Solutions Ltd

Proposed Cllr Cumming, Seconded Cllr Rand

75/22 Public Participation

Members of the public questioned whether the Community Plan was still valid with respect to the council's representation on the GDF Community Partnership and raised concerns regarding the balance of information provided for the community.

76/22 Reports from County Council and Borough Councillors

Cllr Rand raised the poor state of the road from Silecroft to the beach with Cty Cllr Hitchen.

B. Councillor McGrath had nothing to report as the emphasis was now the transfer to the new authority

77/22 Applications for Development

77/22.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2022/4085 Whicham Hall Farm, Whicham

Roofing of outside feed passage and underground slurry store

Supported

77/22.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None

77/22.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2022/4075 Beckside, Silecroft

New steel framed portal building

Notification of Intention (Agricultural, Q6g) Prior Approval Not Required

(NOI)

7/2022/4064 Valley End Farm Buildings, Silecroft

Details of 4 dwellings with access from A595

Granted

78/22 Financial Records

78/22.1 Payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Thomas Graham	Toilet supplies	£ 65.44
Black Combe PCC	grass cutting September	£ 75.00
Citizens Advice	S137 donation	£ 150.00
WH Amos	Website management fee	£ 150.00
Dream Landscapes	Ground maintenance	£1440.00
J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning September	£ 360.00
Good Energy	Electric	£ 262.12
P Rand	reimburse matls – toilet repairs	£ 20.52
Proposed Cllr Rand, Seconded Cllr Jopson		

78/22.2 Receipts

Beach car park £ 232.78

Church car park £ 206.75

78/22.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 31 August

2022

Verified by Cllr Millar

78/22.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 September 2022 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

78/22.5 To discuss the draft budget

The Clerk presented a draft budget for the financial year 2023/24 to the council.

After discussion minor changes made to the draft budget. The Clerk to present the amended budget to the November meeting

79/22 Village Matters

79/22.1 Silecroft beach car park, toilets and mobile unit

Cllr Rand reported that work had commenced on painting of the inside of the toilets

The Builder had been and repaired the roof.

Request by Cumbrian Heavy Horses for a hitching rail to be placed on the car park

A site meeting to be arranged with Cllrs Fell and Rand

The Sea Sport Association have requested permission to install a second notice/advertising board. Rejected.

79/22.2 Silecroft beach proposed new café

Still awaiting progress from Copeland Borough Council. An approach has been made by a builder to undertake the project. A meeting to be arranged to discuss.

79/22.3 Play inspection report

Clerk reported that on investigation Astroturf is not an option for under the swings, Resolved to reseed, Prison is undertaking works on clearing weeds and tidying up.

79/22.4 GDF

Cllr Cumming reported that there was no new information. The preliminary results of the sea bed survey was expected early 2023.

79/22.5 30mph Speed Limit – Silecroft

Cty Cllr Hitchen was asked to take this forward including a 20mph speed limit through the village.

79/22.6 Planting for Pollinators

Deferred to March 2023 agenda

79/22.7 Defib – Silecroft

Clerk reported that a grant had been received from CGP for a defib and to be ordered.

79/22.8 Hidden Gems

Deferred

79/22.9 Reinstate lamp post Silecroft Play area

The Clerk provided costings for a solar light from one supplier. To be pursued

80/22 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

None

81/22 CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

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

- **An email from a Resident objecting to the GDF – Clerk to respond**
- **An email from a Resident re the GDF and community plan – Clerk to respond**

82/22. 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 Jopson raised the option of 3 phase electricity supply to the beach and that Trudy Harrison MP had intimated that there may be grants available. Clerk to pursue
- Cllr Rand raised concerns re the current state of the land surrounding the war memorial which was full of weeds.
- Cllr Cumming raised concerns that the hedge around the new bungalow at Kirksanton was of laurel and not the native hedging as prescribed in the planning application

83/22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 2 November 2022 at Kirksanton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2150hrs.

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