

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr M. Cumming, Cllr P Rand, Cllr S Millar, Cllr C Lowery
and Cllr M Sharpe
Cty Cllr K Hitchen

108/20: APOLOGIES, Cllr S Wilson

109/20 Exclusions of Press and Public
None

110/20Declarations of Interest
None

111/20Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2020
The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2020 were approved
Proposed by Cllr Rand, Seconded by Cllr Cumming. The Clerk stated that all
approved minutes would be signed by the Chair at the first meeting held face to
face.

112/20Police Liaison Report
The Clerk reported that a report had been circulated.

113/20PROGRESS REPORTS
None

114/20Public Participation Session
None present

115/20County Councilor and Borough Councilor Report
Cllr Hitchen reported that Kevin Cosgrove was leaving Cumbria Highways and it
was unknown as yet who his replacement would be. Once this had been agreed
a meeting would be set up with the new Highways lead and the parish to
consult on how a footpath from Silecroft to the beach could be achieved.
Cllr Sharpe requested that a letter of condolences to be sent to the family of ex
Borough Cllr Gilbert Scurrah who had been supportive of the parish over the
years.

116/20Applications for Development
116/20.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to
the Planning Authority

4/20/2503 Standing Stones Cottage, Kirksanton
Extension to side to form open plan Kitchen/diner
The Council resolved to support the application but requested a local occupancy clause be placed on the building because of its change of use from a holiday home to a permanent residence.

116/20.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved
None

116/20.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2020/4088 Woodhouse, Silecroft, Millom, LA18 5LR

A poly tunnel for lambing sheep

Prior Approval Not Required

7/2020/4089 The Beach Hut, Silecroft

Replacement Beach Hut with associated decking, ambulant beach access

Withdrawn

117/20 FINANCIAL RECORDS

117/20.1 To approve the following payments:

Marmax	2 x replacement benches	£ 885.60
Blackcombe PCC	grass cutting October 2020	£ 75.00
BM Tech Services	laptop maintenance	£ 85.00
J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning Dec	£ 364.29
Proposed by Cllr Rand, Seconded by Cllr Millar		

117/20.2 To note the receipt of payment

Donation boxes –	Beach	£ 102.57
	Church	£ 72.07
Black Combe CIC –	water	£ 21.64
Black Combe CIC –	land lease	£ 433.34
Electricity NW –	wayleave	£ 23.98

117/20.3 To receive and note the **bank reconciliation** statement

None undertaken

117/20.4 To consider the **Budget Comparison Report** as at December 2020

None required

117/20.5 For Information only – to confirm that the precept request for 2021/22 has been submitted.

118/20 PARISH MATTERS

118/20.1 Silecroft Beach car park and toilets

Cllr Rand reported that the cafe is functioning as a takeaway and it is mainly locals who are using the car park to undertake exercise. The prison had filled in some of the potholes but it had not been very successful.

118/20.2 Silecroft Beach Café

Proposed New cafe

The Clerk reported that the solicitor had received some contract documents and would send a report to the council the following week.

Cllr Cumming reported that there had been notification as to the builder.

118/20.3 Community Plan

The Clerk reported that 9 responses had been received via the website. It was agreed that it would be put up on Around the Combe and hard copies sent to all households.

118/20.4 Haverigg Prison

The Clerk reported that the lay byes had been cleared at Whitbeck. A meeting is to be arranged to discuss the footpath to the beach

118/20.5 Electric Vehicle Charge Points

Discussion took place as to possible locations but it would be dependent on the electricity supply eg beach car park, Kirksanton VH

Chargemystreet for more information

118/20.6 Play areas Inspection report

The fencing at Kirksanton still required repairing. The Clerk to obtain quotes for plastic fencing at Silecroft.

Cllrs Rand and Sharpe to install the newly purchased seats at Kirksanton and Silecroft

118/20.5 Church Car Park

Cllr Fell is still awaiting a quote for the works. It was agreed that the drain required attention prior to tarmacking

118/20.6 Tree Planting

Discussion took place as to possible sites to plant trees . It was agreed that some small native trees could be planted on the green space at the Church car park. Cllr Cumming to investigate.

118/20,7 Clerks Annual Appraisal

To be undertaken by Cllrs Fell and Lowery on 13 January 2021 at 8pm

118/20.8 2021 Meeting Dates

It was agreed that all meetings until May to be conducted remotely. If face to face meetings were allowed after this date, then they would be held at Silecroft initially until disabled access was installed at Kirksanton

119/20 Reports from outside bodies

South Copeland Partnership

Cllr Cumming attended that meeting which was held with RWM. Concern was expressed by an individual's conflict of interest in proposing the Kirksanton area as a possible site for the GDF project. Concerns were expressed regarding transport links and accessibility.

120/20CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councilors. The following had not been circulated.

- None

121/20Councilor Matters

- Cllr Millar requested to attend a /carbon Footprint course, this was agreed
- Cllr Cumming asked that the website photo be changed to Silecroft beach

107/20DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The date of the next meeting will be 3 February 2021 via telephone conference call

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05

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