

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2022 AT SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL
COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

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

38/22 APOLOGIES: Cllr Sharp (covid)

39/22 Exclusions of Press and Public

None

40/22 Declarations of Interest

None

41/22 To approve the Minutes of the meeting 1 June 2022

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

Proposed by Cllr Cumming , Seconded by Cllr Wilson

42/22 Police Liaison Report

Previously circulated. Cllr Rand reported that he had spoken to the drivers of 4 vehicles undertaking handbrake turns on the car park – reported to the police

43/21 Progress Reports

43/21.1 Church car park

Resolved to submit application to GDF fund for funding the project

44/22 Public Participation

A member of the public read a statement requesting that Whicham Parish Council withdraw from the Community Partnership and make representations to Copeland BC to withdraw. The member of public also requested the Parish Council to seek parishioners' views. Cllr Cumming responded there was currently no new information available to enable parishioners to take an informed view of the proposal.

The Council repeated their statement that the Parish Council hold a neutral view on the GDF project and are a member of the Community Partnership to enable them better to represent the views of the Parish

45/22 Reports from County Council and Borough Councillors

Cty Cllr Hitchen was welcomed to the meeting. He had nothing to report.

B.Cllr McGrath reported that a new recycling service would be introduced from October onwards using 2 additional wheelie bins. Householders could opt to keep the small boxes instead of the new bins if they wished.

No date has been approved for the re-opening of the Millom CBC office.

Cllr Rand enquired when the new bird proof bins for Silecroft beach would be provided.

46/22 Applications for Development

46/22.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

4/22/2235 Nursery Garden attached to Croft Paddock, Kirksanton

Relocation of existing vehicular access

Concerns were raised on the inaccuracies on the supporting documents of the application

46/22.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None

46/22.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2022/4030 Gateside Farm, Bowness Road, Millom,
Alter the roof covering from slate to box profile sheet
Refused

7/2022/4026 Kellbank Cottage, Silecroft
Replacement of slate roof, reinstatement of historical porch and new PV panels
Granted

7/2022/4041 Silecroft Golf Club, Silecroft
Erect tractor garage and greenkeepers store extension
Granted

47/22 Financial Records

47/22.1 Payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Good Energy	Electricity	£ 56.88
Thomas Graham	Toilet supplies	£ 45.22
P Rand	reimburse for materials to repair notice boards	£102.10
Black Combe PCC	grass cutting July	£ 75.00
J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning July	£360.00
P Rand	reimburse beacon lighting event supplies etc	£ 89.37
A Fell	fitting of water meter etc for boat washing and emptying of septic tank	£378.00

Proposed Cllr Jopson Seconded Cllr Cumming

47/22.2 Receipts

Beach car park	£133.00
Church car park	£148.04

The Clerk reported that income was approximately 50% of the 2021/22 financial

year

47/22.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 31 May

2022

Verified by Cllr Millar

47/22.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 June 2022 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

47/22.5 For information only – to confirm that all necessary documentation has been submitted to the external auditor for the financial year 2021/22

47/22.6 For information only – To confirm that a VAT claim has been submitted for the financial year 2021/22 submitted for £1269.35

48/22 Village Matters

48/22.1 Silecroft beach car park, toilets and mobile unit

Cllr Rand reported that weed killer had been applied to the edges of the path along the shore front

Resolved to paint the inside of the toilets in the winter.

Noted that the ice cream vendor is leaving their unit overnight on the car park

A request had been received from a running club for permission to leave a maximum of 10 vehicles on the car park overnight of the weekend 15/17 July 2022 for an event – granted.

48/22.2 Silecroft beach proposed new café

Still awaiting progress from Copeland Borough Council. Clerk to investigate cost of 3 phase electricity supply for EV points at new cafe

48/22.3 Play inspection report

Notification received that the annual inspection will take place in August

48/22.4 GDF

The Clerk gave feedback from the last meeting attended in the absence of Cllr Cumming.

Cllr Millar reported that a group had been formed by local people who were opposed to the proposal

48/22.5 Jubilee

Positive feedback from residents, 8 attended the lighting on Black Combe

A letter of thanks had been sent by the clerk to the Caravan Park for the loan of the gas bottle.

The surplus mugs to be placed in the two village halls for communal use.

Mugs being distributed around children.

48/22.6 30mph Speed Limit – Silecroft

Request for a new survey on route. Cty Cllr Hitchen to review data from last survey. PC to pursue a 20mph through village and 30mph from village to beach

48/22.7 Planting for Pollinators

Whicham School field identified as a possible area

48/22.8 Defib – Silecroft

Quotation to be obtained for installation of a defib outside Silecroft Village Hall

Cllr Cumming requested that a sign be placed on the Roadside at Kirksanton pointing to the defib on the village hall

49/22 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

None

50/22 CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

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

- **FOLD – Protecting Common Land email 12/6**
Letter of support to FOLD request to planning authorities
- **LDNP – hidden gems email 12/6**
Cllr Millar to compile a list for consideration
- **Citizens Advice request for donation- letter**
To be placed on the September agenda

51/22. 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

- None

52/22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 7 September 2022 at Kirksanton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2148hrs.

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