

WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT
KIRKSANTON VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr M Cumming (Chair), Cllr S Wilson, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr N Tyson
Lesley Cooper Clerk

52/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr C Lowery (family), Cllr A Fell (Working) Cllr S Millar (holiday), Cllr R Jopson, (family). Cty Cllr Pratt (Cumberland Council)

53/23 The meeting was delayed by 30 minutes as it was not quorate at 7.30pm and commenced at 8pm

54/23 Exclusions of Press and Public

Press and public would have been excluded from Agenda item 16 Closed Section. No member of Press and public were present

55/23 Declarations of Interest

None

56/23 To approve the Minutes of the meetings

56/23.1 5 July 2023 The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Wilson, Seconded Cllr Tyson

57/23 Police Liaison Report

Previously circulated

Clerk had contacted PS McDonald re scrambler bikes, parking at junction of King Billy, Kirksanton and speeding. Police to monitor.

58/23 Progress Reports

Clerks report

1. None to report

59/23 Public Participation

None present

60/23 Report from Unitary Authority Councillor

Cllr Pratt had sent a written report which was accepted.

61/23 Applications for Development

61/23.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

61/23.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None

61/23.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2023/4051 Ladycroft, Silecroft

Single storey side extension with internal alterations

Granted

7/2023/4055 Gate House Farm, Whitbeck

Erect roof over existing yard, and general purpose building

Granted

62/23 Financial Records

62/23.1 Payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

J Hillier	Cleaning June	£ 457.99
Black Combe PCC	Grass cutting August	£ 75.00
L Cooper	Clerks salary & expenses	£ 654.52
HMRC	PAYE	£ 137.40

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Moore	External Audit	£ 378.00
Good Energy	Electricity	£ 170.43
Thomas Graham	Toilet Supplies	£ 55.04
L Cooper	Aggregate for Silecroft	£ 356.70
The following invoices were paid under Financial Standing Orders		
J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning July	£403.00
Thomas Graham	Toilet Supplies	£ 46.76
Cumberland Council	Commercial Waste charges	£ 74.75
L Wilcox	reimburse purchase of plants for planters	£ 61.59
Blackcombe PCC	Grass Cutting July	£ 75.00
LDNP	Planning application	£462.00

Payments were approved

62/23.2 Receipts

Beach car park £ 506.35

Church car park £ 298.44

62/23.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement 31 July 2023

Noted

62/23.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 August 2023 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

62/23.5 The external Auditor's report was presented to the Council and the noted

63/23 Village Matters

63/23.1 Silecroft beach car park, and toilets

The Clerk reported that a planning application had been submitted to extend the car park, for the installation of 3 EV charge points and 5 hook up points, LDNP are requesting detailed drawings, Resolved to obtain from Fox Architects at a cost of £500

Proposed Cllr Sharp, Seconded Cllr Wilson

A revised quotation had been received from ENW for 3 phase electricity. Clerk to contact electrical contractor to proceed with works.

Proposed Cllr Tyson, Seconded Cllr Wilson

Stone for car park repairs ordered.

63/23.2 Silecroft beach proposed new café

Cllr Cummings reported that a number of meetings had been held with Cumberland Council re the café. A separate 3 phase electrical supply has to be made to the café. A number of issues require resolving and it was agreed to hold an Extra-ordinary meeting on 11 September to discuss specific Café issues.

63/23.3 Play inspection report

Gate Replaced. Awaiting Play Inspection report

63/23.4 Parish Council land

Investigating

63/23.5 GDF

Cllr Cumming gave a report. An open meeting to be held 20 September 2023 in Millom. Still awaiting marine survey,

63/23.6 Gabion baskets

Cost c.£32k

63/23.7 Zero Carbon actions

Deferred

63/23.8 Phone box – Silecroft – repairs

Parts arrived. Clerk to contact resident who has volunteered to refurbish the phone box.

63/23.9 Silecroft Village Hall improvements

Clerk has received a request for the PC to pay the planning application fees for the resubmission of plans for the improvements. Approved

Clerk had also received correspondence around ownership of the hall for insurance purposes.

63/23.10 Council Email addresses

On going

63/23.11 Civility and Respect Charter

Council resolved to accept and sign up to the charter.

Proposed Cllr Tyson, Seconded Cllr Wilson

63/23.12 D Day celebrations

Deferred

63/23.13 Financial Standing Orders

Revision approved.

64/23 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

None

65/23 CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

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

- None

66/23. 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 Sharp raised concerns that dykes are not being cut back and are encroaching on the road.
- Cllr Tyson reported that there was increased amount of dog waste on the pavement to Hartrees bin and requested if additional bins could be installed.
- Cllr Tyson reported that the Hartrees bin is being filled with domestic waste
- Cllr Tyson raised concerns re an AirBnb and nuisance. Advised this is a police matter.
- Cllr Cumming reported appointment of Berry Moyle Rosser, South Copeland Development Officer who can help community groups in apply for GDF funding and other sources of grant funding.

67/23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 4 October 2023 at Silecroft Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

68/23 Closed session

Resolved to defer this to a special meeting to be held on 11 September 2023 commencing at 8pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2135hrs.

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