

WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2023 AT
KIRKSANTON VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM

PRESENT: (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

22/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr A Fell (working)

23/23 Exclusions of Press and Public

None

24/23 Declarations of Interest

None

25/23 To approve the Minutes of the meetings

25/23.1 10 May 2023 The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings

25/23.2 Extra- ordinary meeting of 22 May 2023 These minutes were not presented for signing and will be signed at the next meeting

26/23 Police Liaison Report

Previously circulated.

27/23 Progress Reports

Clerks report

1. None

28/23 Public Participation

None

29/23 Report from Unitary Authority Councillor

Cllr Pratt asked for ideas and priorities to be put forward for the new regional meetings. Transport is a common one. In September representatives from parishes will be invited to attend the meetings

30/23 Applications for Development

30/23.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

30/23.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None

30/23.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

none

31/23 Financial Records

31/23.1 Payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Black Combe PCC	Grass cutting June	£ 75.00
Thomas Graham Ltd	Cleaning supplies	£ 76.58
L Cooper	Clerks salary & expenses	£ 785.15
HMRC	PAYE	£ 163.00
CALC	Course fee	£ 30.00
KMC Grafix Ltd	Signage	£ 85.00
J Hillier	Cleaning May	£ 364.00
Good Energy	Electricity	£ 213.35

Cheques approved Proposed Cllr Lowery, Seconded by Cllr Jopson

31/23.2 Receipts

Beach car park £ 73.77

Church car park £ 100.83

The Clerk reported that income from the boxes was low especially from the beach car park which had been full over the bank holiday weekends. Car park fees to be monitored. Investigate the use of an app. Larger PAY Here sign to be erected near box at top of car park.

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

Checked and verified by Cllr Millar

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

None required

32/23 Village Matters

32/23.1 Silecroft beach car park, and toilets

Ice cream van visiting. Riva gelato unable to attend due to staff shortages

Stone to be ordered

Problems of overnight campers and motorhomes parking up overnight. Large sign to be purchased reminding no camping or overnight parking allowed and placed on grass banking in front of car park

32/23.2 Silecroft beach proposed new café

Clerk reported that having contacted 3 funding organizations that funding would not be available to fit out the kitchen to the Parish Council as it is a commercial venture. Another request had been received from Eric Barker for the council to order and pay for the installation of telephone and WIFI to the build.

After discussion and concerns raised by the council re the continuing demand for the PC to pay additional costs for the build and the potential future costs, the following resolution was put forward by Cllr Lowery

That the original document has been breached and Whicham Parish Council is not being delivered a fully functional café as the agreement. The Parish does not have the funds to carry out the additional works that have been assigned to the Parish Council by Cumberland Council.

The council do not wish to take on the asset of the building but are prepared to lease the footprint of the building to Cumberland Council

Seconded by Cllr Jopson. The resolution was passed on a unanimous vote.

The council have therefore withdrawn from the project. A letter to be drafted and circulated around councillors prior to sending to Cumberland Council

32/23.3 Play inspection report

Clerk to obtain costs of replacing broken gate to Silecroft play area.

32/23.4 GDF

Cllr Cumming gave a report. Survey results to be presented over next 12 months, after which bore holes to be undertaken to confirm survey results. Desktop exercise re transport and communities

32/23.5 Defib – Silecroft

Installed

32/23.6 Gabion baskets

A quotation of £32k had been received to install gabion baskets. To apply to Cumberland Council

32/23.7 Zero Carbon actions

Cllr Millar attended the Neighborhood Planning course. To develop an action plan

32/23.8 Phone box – Silecroft – repairs

Clerk to chase for cost of parts.

32/23.9 Council Vacancies

An advert to be placed in the Parish Magazine

33/23 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

None

34/23 CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

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

- None

35/23. 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 Millar attended a coffee morning and the following requests were made to her from attendees
 - Request for salt bins to be placed at the top and bottom of Silecroft Village
 - Camping on the beach
 - Silecroft VH – planning consent now run out for the proposed extension and require assistance from the Parish Council
 - Report of scrambler bikers going through Kirksanton Village towards the beach on a weekend. Clerk to report to police
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- Cllr Millar requested that an electric box key be purchased so that she can read the meter
- Cllr Tyson reported that gates have been placed on land owned by the Parish Council. Clerk to send a letter.

36/23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 5 July 2023 at Silecroft Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2115hrs.

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