

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 2018 IN
SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr M. Cumming, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr R Jopson, Cllr C Lowery, Cllr M Sharp,
Cty Cllr K Hitchen, PCSO Booth
2 representatives of Black Combe (Whicham) CIC

132/17: APOLOGIES: Cllr V Bradley, Cllr P Rand,

133/17: Exclusions of Press and Public

There were no items that required the exclusion of press or public

134/17: Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

135/17: Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2018 were approved and signed by the Chair.

136/17: Police Liaison Report

A report had been received and had been previously circulated. PCSO Booth stated that there had been an increase in road related incidents due to the poor weather. 3 RTC's had occurred over Corney Fell when the road was closed. There is an expectation of a rise of concerns regarding dogs walking through lambs and it is intended to undertake a media campaign to remind dog walkers.

A Sergeant and an Inspector had had a meeting with Millom town Council regarding the Post Office robbery and a man has been arrested and charged with the offence.

The wildlife reported incident was someone lamping and a sheep on the road. The road from Buckman Brow to Duddon Bridge will be closed over night for repairs commencing 19 March for 5 nights.

PCSO Booth reported that there was some intelligence that gypsies travelling back from Ireland may possibly settle in the Millom area and to be vigilant.

Councilors reminded PCSO Booth that the annual fell race was on Saturday 10 March commencing at 11am.

PCSO Booth was thanked for his report.

137/17: PROGRESS REPORTS

137/17.1 Silecroft Tennis Courts

The Clerk reported that the lining had been delayed until the end of April. Cllr Sharp to monitor to ensure that the moss had been killed.

138/17 Public Participation Session

2 representatives of the CIC gave an update on the pop-up café. A survey had been undertaken both on-line and as a paper and over 200 responses had been received, out of which only 2 people were against the café. The Trustees were applying to the Copeland Community Fund for a grant towards the installation of a permanent electrical supply to the café and required a letter of support from the Parish Council.

The representatives requested if they could attend the next Parish Council meeting as an Agenda item.

The Representatives were thanked for their report.

139/17 County Councilor and Borough Councilor Report

Cty Cllr Hitchen reported that repairs to the A595 from Buckman Brow to Duddon Bridge was to commence on 19 March from 2200 – 0500 for 5 nights, weather permitting. Any queries or concerns the contact number was 03003032992.

The new recycling boxes for Copeland were being rolled out.

There were no other issues.

140/17 Applications for Development

140/17.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority
None received

140/17.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved
None Undertaken

140/17.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:
None received

141/17 FINANCIAL RECORDS

141/17.1 The following payments were approved:

L Cooper	Clerks salary & expenses	£ 468.50
HMRC	PAYE	£ 96.00
Thomas Graham	Toilet Supplies	£ 14.33
CALC	CiLCA course	£ 45.00
J Hillier	Toilet cleaning February	£ 72.00

141/17.2 To note the receipt of payments

Groundwork UK	Tesco Bags for Life final payment	£1250.00
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141/17.3 To receive and note the **bank reconciliation** statement dated 5 February 2018

This had been balanced to the accounts and had been ratified by Cllr Bradley prior to the meeting.

142/17.4 To consider the **Budget Comparison Report** as at 28 February 2018 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

143/17 PARISH MATTERS

143/17.1 Silecroft Beach Front and Toilets

The Clerk reported that she had made enquiries re possible funding source with the Copeland Community Fund and that the projects were eligible for funding. Three quotations were required and the Parish Council was required to register. The Clerk was instructed to register and to chase the architect re the plans for the disabled toilet.

143/17.2 Toilet Cleaning Contract

A revised draft cleaning schedule was presented to the Council for approval. It was agreed that during the summer months the toilets would be left open 24 hours and this would be re-evaluated during that period. The schedule to be forwarded to the cleaner with a review in 3 months.

143/17.3 Car park issues

Cllr Fell reported that he had been in contact with David Milburn re the regrading of the car park. Cllr Fell to get a quotation.

The Clerk to contact the Quarry regarding acquiring more stone.

143/17.4 Pop-up Cafe

As requested in the public participation, the Councilors were in agreement that a letter of support for the electrical supply be sent by the Clerk to The Copeland Community Fund.

143/17.5 Donation Box – Silecroft car park

Cllr Sharp reported that he had spoken to James Luke who was prepared to undertake the works and make it a feature, but required guidance on what the Parish Council would like. After discussion it was agreed that a silhouette of Black Combe was appropriate along with information.

Cllr Sharpe to bring photos and more information to the next meeting.

143/17.6 Wi-fi in village Halls

The Clerk that she had investigated the costs of installing wi-fi into the village halls. After discussion it was agreed that wi-fi would be of benefit to both communities and the information to be sent to the Village Hall Committees for their decision. Funding for the installation could be obtained from CGP Trust Fund. It was suggested that a questionnaire be undertaken to ascertain who would use the wi-fi and if there was sufficient community support, then this could be added to the precept in 2019/2020.

143/17.7 Code of Conduct Policy

The Clerk presented a proposed Code of Conduct policy to the Council. It was resolved to accept the document as it stood, proposed by Cllr Fell, seconded by Cllr Cumming

143/17.8 Complaints Procedure

The Clerk presented a Complaints Procedure to the Council. It was resolved to accept the document as it stood, proposed by Cllr Fell, seconded by Cllr Cumming.

144/17 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Sharpe reported on the meeting he had attended at Millom Town Council on road traffic issues. In a summary there were more potholes and less money. He did raise the issue of the amount of time wasted by staff travelling from Workington to undertake works in the south of the county. He estimated that 4 hours per day was lost in travelling. It was suggested that a local depot at Bootle would be more cost effective.

145/17 CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councilors. The following had not been circulated.

- An email had been received from Kirksanton Village Hall committee inviting the Parish Council to hold alternative meetings there. The Council agreed that they should be supporting both village halls and it as agreed to hold the April meeting at Kirksanton subject to availability.

146/17 Councilor Matters

- None

147/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to confirm the next meeting will be Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 7.30pm in **Kirksanton Village Hall**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25

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