

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 5 MAY 2021 VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr S Wilson, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr M. Cumming, Cllr R Jopson, Cllr S Millar and Cllr P Rand

1/21: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr A Fell was nominated for Chairman by Cllr Sharp and seconded by Cllr Rand. There being no other nominations it was unanimously agreed that Cllr A Fell be elected as Chairman.

Cllr M Cumming was nominated for Vice Chairman by Cllr Fell and seconded by Cllr Sharp. There being no other nomination it was agreed to elect Cllr Cumming as Vice Chairman.

2/21: ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

The Declaration of Acceptance to be signed by the Chair and Vice Chair at the next face to face meeting

3/21 : APOLOGIES: Cllr C Lowery,

4/21: MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the parish council Annual General Meeting held on 15th May 2019 be signed as a true and correct record.

5/21: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES – The following members of Council were elected to serve on the following outside bodies:

- Silecroft Education Committee - Cllr Wilson
- At the request of the council Cllr Wilson agreed to forward copies of meeting minutes.
- Village Hall Committee - Cllrs Wilson, and Cumming
 - CGP Trust Fund - Cllrs Fell, Wilson and Sharp
 - Beach Advisory Group - Cllr Rand
 - Community Planning Committee and Parish Action Plan Steering Committee - Cllrs Cumming, Millar and Jopson
 - Community Interest Company - Cllr Cumming and Millar
 - South Copeland Partnership - Cllrs Cumming and Rand
 - Southern Boundary Partnership - Cllrs Cumming and Rand
 - 3 tier Meeting - On a rotational basis

6/21 To resolve that the Parish Council meets the conditions under section 8(2) of the Localism Act 2011 and The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 and therefore may act under the General Power of Competence

Proposed by Cllr Cumming and seconded by Cllr Jopson that the Parish Council fulfilled all criteria and wished to invoke the General Power of Competence.

7/21 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no other issues the AGM was adjourned at 20.06hrs

The normal Parish Council meeting now took place

8/21 Present: Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr S Wilson, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr S Millar, Cllr M. Cumming, Cllr R Jopson and Cllr P Rand

9/21: APOLOGIES: Cllr C Lowery, Cty Cllr K Hitchen

10/21 : Exclusions of Press and Public

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

11/21 Declarations of Interest

None

12/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2021 were approved and will be signed by the Chair at the next face to face meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Rand, Seconded by Cllr Millar

13/21 Police Liaison Report

A report had been previously circulated

14/21 PROGRESS REPORTS

None

15/21 Public Participation Session

None

16/21 County Councilor and Borough Councilor Report

Cty Cllr Hitchen had left a verbal report with the Clerk, that the proposed plans for the footpath had been put before the Local Committee and it was considered that it was a project that may fit the criteria for the tourism section of the Government Kick Start fund for communities. Further details to be forwarded once known.

17/21 Applications for Development

17/21.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

4/21/2175 Field adjoining to Raceside, Kirksanton

Reserved Matters Application for Detached Dwelling & Garage (Following Grant of Outline Approval 4/19/2314/001)

The council resolved to support the application with the following amendment that the proposed timber effect cladding be replaced by exterior random stone

17/21.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved
None Undertaken

17/21.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2021/4031 New Dairy, Beckside, Whicham

Steel frame agricultural building

Prior Approval Not required

18/21 FINANCIAL RECORDS

18/21.1 The following payments were approved:

J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning April	£379.44
Blackcombe PCC	grass cutting April	£ 75.00
Thomas Graham	toilet supplies	£ 9.54
CALC	Annual Subscription	£160.90
P Rand	Reimburse repairs to bench	£ 42.20
Copeland BC	Rates Toilet	£ 0.00
Waterplus	Water Bill toilets	£211.21

Proposed by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Rand

18/21.2 To note the receipt of payments

Beach car park	£ 150.31
Church car park	£ 198.58
Precept	£20212.00

18/21.3 To receive and note the **bank reconciliation** statement dated 3 April 2021

This will be checked and verified by the auditor

18/21.4 To consider the **Budget Comparison Report** as at 30 April 2021 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

19/21 PARISH MATTERS

19/21.1 Silecroft Beach Front car park and toilets

A complaint had been received about the cleanliness of the toilets. The Cleaner had been spoken to and Councillors are to monitor. The Clerk to contact CBC for a lockable bin for toilet waste. It was noted that a mobile pizza van has been turning up at the weekend on an evening and selling from the road. Pizza boxes are part of the rubbish problem.

19/21.2 Silecroft Beach Cafe

It was noted that the pop-up café was advertising late night opening which was a breach of the license agreement. Bins for the collection of waste had not appeared as promised. A meeting to be held on 19 May 2021 to discuss license renewal which expires on 21 June 2021

19/21.3 Community Plan

This had been discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting prior to this meeting. The re-tendering for the build of the new café was now on the chest.

19/21.4 EV Charge Points

Cllr Cumming meeting with Trudy Harrison MP re Building Back Better. One of points to be raised was an improved electricity supply for new café which would enable EV points.

19/21.5 Play Inspection report

Work had started on replacing the posts at Kirksanton

19/21.6 Church car park

Still awaiting the contractor

19/21.7 Tree Planting

No update

19/21.8 Consultation on Broadband speeds

Problems for the beach properties

20/21 Reports from outside bodies

Nothing to report

21/21 CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councilors. The following had not been circulated.

None

22/21 Councilor Matters

- Cllr Cumming stated that Kirksanton Village Hall is re-opening and the Parish Council could use the upstairs hall. It was agreed that the meetings would be held on alternative months in each hall.

23/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to confirm the next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd June 2021 commencing at 7.30pm in **Silecroft Village Hall**.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.27

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