

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2015 IN
SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (in the chair) Cllr V Bradley, Cllr L Gilligan, Cllr D Griffiths, Cllr M Cumming, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr P Rand and, Cllr S Wilson

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting Ann and Arthur Peter gave an update on the planning application for the re-powering and replacement of the wind turbines on Kirkby Moor.

It was agreed within the meeting that a letter of objection to the size of the turbines be sent to South Lakeland District Council and their visual impact.

Lady Mary Jardine spoke about the feasibility study into the proposed Duddon Crossing and answered questions on the matter.

7614: APOLOGIES: Cllr S Capstick

77/14 MINUTES the minutes of the parish council meetings held on the 4th March 2015 (Previously Circulated) were approved.

78/14 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest

79/14 PLANNING ISSUES – the following planning applications had been received and were considered. No objections were raised.

7/2015/4027 New porch to front of Rallis House, Wicham

It was noted that planning consent had been given to the following

7/2015/4003 Change of use of agricultural buildings to commercial equine at Baystone Bank, Wicham

7/2011/4111 Notification had been received that this planning application had been withdrawn

80/14 ACCOUNTS – There were no accounts requiring payment

81/14 PARISH MATTERS - Council discussed the following parish matters.

Police Liaison Report – PCSO Booth had submitted a report

The Clerk to request an update re the parking issues around the King William Public House and was to report back to the next meeting.
Cumbria CC Highways Dept have agreed to look at the poor signage at the Silecroft junction. The lighting at the junction is the responsibility of Copeland Borough Council.

Play Areas at Silecroft and Kirksanton.

Discussion took place and it was agreed that there should be a sub committee including local people to agree on what the play areas should look like and what equipment was required. Cllr Rand and Cllr Fell to arrange a site meeting to agree what equipment requires removing and what can be repaired to make safe.

Silecroft Beach Car Park Disabled markings and Handrail;

1 estimate had been received for £632. Other estimates were being sought.

Disabled labels will be in place within the week.

The gents toilets have been broken into twice and damaged. The National Park Authority have taken responsibility for the upkeep of the toilets and a request is to be made to them to undertake repairs as soon as possible.

Tom Fletcher Mayson VC Commemorative Paving Stone

We are awaiting delivery of the stone.

VE Day celebrations

It was agreed to ask Jim Capstick if he would organize a beacon and the event.

Footway lighting

Notification had been made that the footway lighting nr Manor Farm, Kirkstanton was to be removed. The Clerk to contact Copeland Borough Council to request a quote for the replacement of this light.

A consultation paper had been received regarding Mineral Rights within the County. There was no impact within the Parish.

Black Combe Racers

There was concern expressed re the state of the hall after the event. It is also understood that 2016's event is going to be on a larger scale. The Clerk to write to the organizers to ask what plans have been put in place for the management of this event ie additional parking, toilets etc.

It was agreed that North West Ambulance be asked to give a talk at the AGM on the service within the County.

Nomination papers were handed out to Councilors for the upcoming elections.,

To receive updates from any representatives on outside bodies committees:

None received

74/14 CORRESPONDENCE

Notification had been received that the Silecroft level Crossing would be closed from 18 April 2015 for approximately 9 nights from 2200 – 0600 to enable works to be undertaken.

75/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The date of the **AGM** will be the 6th May 2015 at Silecroft commencing at 7pm.

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