

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

PRESENT: Cllr S Wilson, Cllr V Bradley, Cllr P Rand, Cllr M. Cumming

21/15: APOLOGIES: Cllr S Capstick, Cllr A Fell

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr M Cumming (Vice Chair) took the meeting

22/15: MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 3rd June 2015 be signed as a true and correct record.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Lake District National Park Authority regarding the Council not being informed of changes to planning applications after they have been considered by the Council.

23/15: DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

24/15: PLANNING ISSUES – the following planning applications were considered:

4/15/2247 Extension to existing leisure complex to form new Jacuzzi area,
Brockwood Hall, Wicham
No objections made

4/15/2234 Extension and change of existing maintenance building to
Reception, Shop and Games Room, Brockwood Hall, Wicham
No objections made.

4/15/2220 Erection of 3 bay, open frontage agricultural lambing shed in field
at Bank springs, Kirkstanton
No objections made

7/2015/4040 Demolition of existing garage and flat and replacement with 10
new dwellings (resubmission), Valley End Service Station, Silecroft
The Council agreed in principle to the development of this site, but had a
number of concerns which they required clarification on from Lake District
National Park Planning Authority. The Clerk to write and seek clarification on
access/egress safety, whether the development fits into the local community

plan of identified housing requirements and the number of proposed dwellings on the site.

Notification had been received that the following planning application had been approved

7/2015/4006 Siting of storage container in field adjacent to 1 Fox and Goose Cottage, Wicham. It had been noted that a storage container had been placed adjacent to the buildings. The clerk to contact Lake District National Park to ascertain if permission had been granted. The Clerk had contacted the authority and ascertained that permission had been granted to the change of location. The Clerk was instructed to remind the LDNP planning authority to inform the council of any changes to planning applications after they had been considered by the council.

It was agreed at future meetings that all planning applications would be considered by a planning group 15 minutes before the commencement of the meeting.

25/15: ACCOUNTS

Council approved the following payments of

Cancelling of previously issued cheque no 759 and re-issuing of a cheque for
Payment for maintenance of website to P Wrigley
£112.67

Payment to Copeland Borough Council – election costs	£ 80.00
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Payment to L Whittle for plants for planters at Silecroft	£ 52.82
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26/15 PARISH MATTERS

The following matters were discussed:

- To receive updates from any representatives on outside bodies committees:
Cllr Rand reported that he had attended the recent 3 tier meeting where there had been discussion and presentations on the proposed route of the new
Pylons and also the issues of Footway Lighting.
National Grid Pylons – the off shore proposed route would not be going ahead because of logistical issues. Virtual reality models of the proposed

pylons would be available from about October there will be 3 per kilometre.

2016 detailed proposals

2017 application to Government

2019 proposing to start work

2024 Moorside comes on line

- **Police Liaison Report**

A report had been received from PCSO Booth which had shown a slight increase in reported incidents, but this was because of multiple reports of same incident. He had still not heard from the Highways Authority regarding the junction at the King William Pub, Suilecroft.

Play Areas

The play areas had been inspected by the clerk and a risk assessment completed on both areas and a schedule of inspection produced. The condition of some of the equipment at Silecroft was cause for concern and it was decided to remove the equipment within the week.

Views are to be sought from local users within Silecroft as to what the play equipment should be replaced with.

Replacement netting for the climbing frame at the Kirkstanton play area is to be sourced and the welding that has been identified to be undertaken.

Weekly inspections of the play areas to be undertaken.

- **Silecroft handrail**

This was deferred to next meeting

- **Footway lighting**

Cllr Rand to meet with a representative of Copeland Borough Council on 9 July to discuss the replacement of the light at the junction of Silecroft/A5093 and replacement of lights at Kirkstanton

- **Bridge at Po House**

It was reported in October 2014 minutes that bridge repairs were scheduled between June and September 2015

- **Risk Assessment and Inspection Plans.**

It was identified that there was no reliable backup system for the Councils records. The Clerk was instructed to purchase a hard drive to back all work onto.

- Concern was expressed with the siting of the scrap metal and recycling area on the A5093. It was becoming a visual eyesore, bins were close to the road and cars had been spotted stopping and dumping. Clerk to write to Millom Town Council to clarify the status of this site.

27/15. CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councilors and there were no items for discussion.

28/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to confirm the next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd September 2015 at 7.30pm in Silecroft Village Hall

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