

WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 MAY 2024 AT SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell(Chair), Cllr M Cumming, Cllr S Millar, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr M Sharp,
Cllr C Lowery, Cllr N Tyson
Cllr A Pratt, Cumberland Council
Lesley Cooper Clerk

1/24: Election of Chair

Cllr Fell Proposed by Cllr Millar, Seconded by Cllr Cumming
No other nominations put forward and duly elected. Cllr Fell signed the Acceptance of Office

2/24 Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Cumming Proposed by Cllr Sharp, Seconded by Cllr Wilson
No other nominations put forward and duly elected. Cllr Cumming signed the Acceptance of Office

3/24 Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Jopson (Family)

4/24 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 May 2023

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair

5/24 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES – To appoint members of the Council to serve on the following outside bodies:

- Silecroft Education Committee - Cllr Wilson
- Village Hall Committee - Cllrs Wilson and Cumming
- CGP Trust Fund - Cllrs Fell, Wilson and Sharp
- Community Planning Committee/ Parish Action Plan Steering Committee - Cllrs Cumming, Millar and Jopson
- South Copeland Partnership - Cllrs Cumming and Tyson
- South Copeland Community Partnership (GDF) -Cllr Cumming

6/24 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 Lowery that the Parish Council fulfilled all criteria and wished to invoke the General Power of Competence.

7/24 Adjournment of Meeting

There being no other business the AGM meeting was adjourned at 1950 hours and the normal meeting commenced

8/24 Exclusions of Press and Public

Press and Public were excluded from Agenda item 16 Closed Session

9/24 Declarations of Interest

None

10/24 To approve the Minutes of the meetings 3 April 2024

The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

11/24 Police Liaison Report

Circulated.

12/24 Clerks report

None

13/24 Public Participation

None

14/24 Report from Unitary Authority Councillor

Cllr Pratt reported that a meeting had been held with Highways regarding the road closures along the A595 and it was agreed that there would be a convoy system in place between 7pm and 10pm with full closure after 10pm. Works at Wabberthwaite start on 5 May and works at the John Bull in June.

Corney Fell – no tenders were received to replace the bridge and retendering has commenced it is now likely the road will remain closed until 2025.

15/24 Applications for Development

15/24.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

15/24.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None

15/24.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

16/24 Financial Records

16/24.1 Payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning April	£ 286.00
Good Energy	Electricity	£ 203.73
CALC	membership renewal	£ 200.33
Waterplus	Direct debit	£ 24.41
Thomas Graham	Cleaning supplies	£ 40.63
V Falconer	Internal Audit	£ 90.00
Cumberland Council	Waste bin – Silecroft	£ 81.25
S Millar	Wildflowers seeds	£ 111.50
S Millar	Wildflower plants	£ 42.69
S Millar	Toilet cleaning supplies	£ 11.93
C T Steele	Harris fencing	£1200.00

16/24.2 Receipts

Beach car park	£ 89.49
Church car park	£ 83.07

16/24.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement not received – not received

16/24.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 30 April 2024 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

16/24.5 To approve the Internal Auditors Report for 2023/24

Approved (Proposed Cllr Lowery, Seconded Cllr Tyson)

16/24.6 To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2023/24

Approved.(Proposed Cllr Wilson, Seconded Cllr Tyson)

16/24.7 To approve the Annual Accounting Statement for the financial year 2023/24

Approved (Proposed Cllr Lowery, Seconded Cllr Wilson)

17/23 Village Matters

17/23.1 Silecroft beach car park, and toilets

Clerk to pursue Drone photos for planning application. Cllr Millar has produced a planting plan for the area behind the car park.

Clerk to contact contractors for quotes to repair the car park. Contractors to contact Cllr Fell.

17/24.2 Toilets

Gents door still sticking. Rain water blows under ladies toilet door. Toilet in ladies needs refixing to floor. Clerk to contact builder to undertake repairs.

Outside tap requires bigger box – Cllr Fell to organise.

17/24.3 Play inspection report and proposed new equipment

Cllr Sharp has fitted the new cradle swing seats. Another one needs ordering for Silecroft.

The gate at Kirksanton needs repairing.

Meeting with Proludic 8 May for a quote.

17/24.4 Environmental issues

Cllr Millar reported that she has purchased seeds for planting at the beach car park and also a wildflower bed at the entrance to the village.

17/24.5 GDF

Cllr Cumming reported that at the last South Copeland Partnership Meeting a representative from the GDF process in Canada attended .Cllr Pratt reported that permissions to drill were being submitted – the consultation process would be 3-5 years before drilling would take place.

18/24 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

- None

19/24 CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

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

- A letter had been received from a member of the public re the GDF. Cllr Cumming to pass on to the relevant person.

20/24 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

- D Day celebrations Clerk to contact caravan park for a gas bottle
- Cllr Lowery gave her apologies for the June meeting.

25/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 5 June 2024 at Kirksanton Village Hall commencing at 7.30p

26/24 Closed Session

The council were given an update on the meeting with Cumberland Council re the terms of the café lease. Changes were required to the proposed lease. Clerk to respond to Cumberland Council re changes. A Statement of Intent still not received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2145hrs.

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