

WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH 2016 IN SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL,
COMMENCING AT 07.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr M Sharp, Cllr C Lowery, Cllr V Bradley, Cllr M. Cumming, Cllr C Wrigley

2 members of Black Combe Runners

89/15 APOLOGIES , Cllr S Wilson, Cllr R Jopson, Cllr Rand

90/15 "2 Members of the Black Combe runners were then invited to address the meeting to finalise the details regarding the Fell Race which is to take place on 12 March 2016.

- 500 runners had registered for the race although not all will turn up.
- It is expected that there would also be a large influx of visitors and press to the event.
- Registration from 930am in Silecroft Village Hall
- Race commences 12 noon
- 2/3 volunteers from the village plus race stewards will be monitoring and directing car parking. Car parking to be along the beach road and on the beach car park. Charge to be made of £3 for parking. All monies from car parking to be donated to Playground Fund. Hi-viz jackets and buckets will be provided by the race organisers
- Portable loos and marquee to be put up on Friday.
- Organisers to borrow the tea urns from Silecroft and Kirksanton Village Halls to provide tea to runners.
- A burger van will be located on the layby.

The two representatives then left the meeting.

91/15 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

92/15 MINUTES – the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 3rd February 2016 were approved and signed.

93/15 Police Liason Report

A report was presented by the Clerk. There had been a big drop in rural calls. The police were seeking help in identifying 2 "off road" motor bikes riding on the road, bridle ways and footpaths around the Silecroft/Black Combe/Whitbeck area. One is black the other predominantly white. Any sightings to be reported to the police

94/15 PROGRESS REPORTS

94/15.1 Play Areas

- (a) Cllr Bradley reported that quotes had now been received for both play areas.

Kirksanton £26765.68 + vat

Silecroft £16217 + vat

There was a 6 week lead time for the project and it was hoped that both playgrounds would be up and running by May Half Term Holiday. 50% of the money is required on order with balance on completion. It was suggested that Cllr Bradley negotiated this to try and get it 25% on order, 25% on commencing works and balance on completion.

To save some of the costs it was agreed that the leveling works, replacement of topsoil and reseeding would be undertaken by Cllrs Sharp and Fell to specification from Playdale saving approx £3300.

The Tesco bid is being judged locally this week and the results should be known by beginning of April guaranteeing the fund a min of £8k

To be funded by £13700 (reserve fund)

£13500 (additional precept request for 16/17)

£ 1100 (CGP donation)

£ 8000 (Min donation from Tesco)

It was agreed to order the equipment. VAT to be claimed back immediately

- (b) Roy Waddington has agreed to undertake the work on the climbing frame.

It is to be painted same colour scheme as the new equipment.

- (c) Cllrs Fell and Sharp to take down existing play equipment at Easter in preparation.

94/15.2 Silecroft Beach benches

The benches had been ordered. The clerk to chase up

95/15.3 Kirksanton Village Green

The Clerk reported that it was uncertain if the ownership of the Village Green had been transferred from Millom without Parish Council. The Clerk has written to the Land Registry requesting confirmation.

95/15.4 Black Combe Fell Race

See 90/15 above

95/15.5 Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations – Beacon

The Clerk had written to the Black & White Combe Graziers to seek permission. Local landowners to be asked to take materials up for the beacon.

96/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

97/15 COUNTY COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

No reports had been received

98/15 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

98/15.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

4/16/2030 Variation of Condition 9 of Planning Approval 4/13/2089 (Erection of 8 Sheltered Housing Units
Kirksanton Care Centre, Kirksanton
In the interests of road safety the Council felt that the original condition 9 should still stand.

98/15.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since the last meeting.

None undertaken

98/15.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None received

99/15 FINANCIAL RECORDS

99/15.1 The following payments were approved

• Clerk's salary and expenses	£418.98
• HMRC	£ 83.60
• Zurich Insurance	£899.42
• Wrigley – Web site costs	£ 59.88

99/15.2 To note the receipt of payments

None received

99/15.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement as at 5 February 2016. This was agreed and signed by the Chair

99/15.4 Budget Comparison Report as at 29 February 2016 was considered and it was determined that no action was required

99/15.5 External Audit Provision 2017 onwards

It was agreed to be included in the new external audit provision.

100/15 VILLAGE MATTERS

100/15.1 Morecambe Bay and Duddon estuary SPA Consultation

After discussion the Council were in agreement with the proposals in principle. However, concerns were expressed as to whether this would impact or restrict existing agricultural practices on the shoreline.

100/15.2 Ownership of the track bordering Kirksanton Village Green.

The Clerk has written to the Land Registry requesting clarification on ownership

100/15.3 Annual Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting will be held on 4 May 2016 at Silecroft Village Hall, commencing at 7pm. Cllr Keith Hitchin to be invited to attend and

give an update. Cllr Bradley will give a short presentation of the plans for the re-furbishment of the play areas at Kirksanton and Silecroft.

101/15 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

Walney Extension

Cllr Bradley had attended the open meeting. Monies may be available for the Playground projects.

102/15 CORRESPONDENCE

- An email had been received requiring feedback on the proposed new footpath from Silecroft to Cleveleys. Councillors felt that the map given was too vague and did not give enough information as to the route etc.
- A sample Commemorative Medal for the Queens 90th Birthday had been received. It was decided not to purchase one for children of the villages as all funds were being spent on replacing playground equipment.

103/15 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

The Clerk reported that the Notice Boards were in need of some remedial works. Cllr Fell to investigate and undertake necessary repairs.

104/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting was confirmed as 6 April 2016, Silecroft Village Hall 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

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