

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2015 IN
SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair) Cllr S Capstick, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr P Rand, Cllr M Sharp
Mrs C Lowery, Mrs C Wrigley

29/15: APOLOGIES: Cllr V Bradley, Cllr M. Cumming

30/15: MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 1st July 2015 be signed as a true and correct record.

32/15 Co-option of Councillors. There had been 3 applications for the current 2 vacancies. The council agreed to co-opt Mrs C Lowery and Mrs C Wrigley to fulfil these vacancies. The Clerk was asked to enquire as to the procedure for increasing the number of councilors.

33/15: DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

34/15: PLANNING ISSUES – the following planning applications were considered:

There were no planning applications submitted

35/15: ACCOUNTS

The report had been from the external auditors BDO approving the accounts of 2014/15. The Council agreed to accept the report. Notices had been placed on notice boards giving information as to how members of the public could view the approved accounts.

Council approved the following payments of

Payment to BDO LLP, external auditors	£156.00
Payment to Clerk for salary and expenses	£417.54
Payment to HMRC – tax	£ 83.20

36/15 PARISH MATTERS

The following matters were discussed:

- **Police Liaison Report**

A report had been received from PCSO Booth which had shown a slight decrease in rural crime.

Play Areas

Both play areas had been inspected by ROSPA and their report was submitted to the council. As a result the following actions were agreed upon:

Silecroft

1. Source, purchase and replace the swing seats at Silecroft
2. Cllr Rand to look at the swing seats supports and take remedial action to make them good. - Silecroft
3. Cllr Bradley to investigate the cost of a set of goalposts and netting for locating at Silecroft.

Kirkstanton

4. Cllr Fell to adjust the gate closing mechanism
5. Climbing net to be purchased
6. HMP Haverigg to be approached to see whether they would be interested in undertaking re-painting of all play equipment on the site
7. Investigate the cost of replacing the existing slide and swings with suitable new equipment.
8. Approval for purchase of replacement swing shackles
9. Investigate possibility of match funding to aid in the cost of replacing equipment.

Cllr Lowery agreed to undertake regular visual inspections of the current equipment and report back to the meetings.

- **Silecroft handrail**

Still awaiting a second quote

- **Footway lighting**

Cllr Rand met with a representative of Copeland Borough Council on 9 July and the council are awaiting costings

- **Risk Assessment and Inspection Plans.**

Cllr Rand to undertake quarterly inspections of seating within the Parish

- Concern was expressed with the siting of the scrap metal and recycling area on the A5093. Clerk had written to Millom Town Council who were raising the issue with Copeland Borough Council and Cumbria County Council. No response had been received and the Clerk was asked to chase this up.

37/15. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from a Millom resident expressing regret at the removal of some play equipment at Silecroft.

A letter had been received from L & S Pinney requesting permission to fish from the shoreline and use a quad bike on Silecroft beach. This to be referred to Copeland Council

38/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to confirm the next meeting will be Wednesday 7th October 2015 at 7.30pm in Silecroft Village Hall

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