

WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 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 R Jopson, Cllr Rand

PCSO Booth

2 members of Black Combe Runners

71/15 APOLOGIES , Cllr S Wilson,

72/15 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

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

- This is the 1st race in the National Fell Championships
- It is expected that there will be between 150 – 200 runners
- 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
- Help is required with car parking duties. 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
- The Black Combe Runners are hoping for involvement from the local community in putting on this event as it could possibly be an annual event.
- Portable loos, marquee and camping to be located in local field
- PCSO Booth stated that he would obtain no parking cones for main road

The representatives were invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting to finalise plans.

The two representatives then left the meeting.

73/15 MINUTES – the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 2nd December 2015 were approved and signed.

74/15 Police Liason Report

PCSO Booth reported that calls were down on the same period last year, but there had been an increase in the number of calls re concern for welfare which was encouraging.

Liaising with the prison had seen an increase in arrests.

Police will target areas where crime/anti-social behavior is a problem

Police wish to encourage reporting of incidents, especially minor damage etc.

75/15 PROGRESS REPORTS

75/15.1 Play Areas

(a) Cllr Bradley reported that there had been a site meeting with Playdale and a quote had been received.

Kirksanton – 1 twin tower system and 1 set of swings

Silecroft – 1 tower system and a set of swings

The equipment is guaranteed for 20 years

There is a 6 week lead in time. Leveling work will be required for twin tower system. Cllr Sharp to liaise and undertake works

Cost of project approx £25k for Kirksanton and £10k for Silecroft. 50% to be paid on order, balance on completion of works

It was reported that the bid to Tesco had been successful and the Playground was in the three to be voted on by the local communities. It is guaranteed that there will be at least £8k donated by Tesco to the Playground fund..

(b) The net for the climbing frame at Kirksanton had arrived. The frame required rubbing down and re-painting before it was installed. Roy Waddington to be approached to see if he could undertake this work.

(c) It was reported that the hard play area at Silecroft would be requiring some remedial works carried out on it. It was agreed that this would be Phase 2 of the Playgrounds project.

(d) It was reported that the bench on the Kirksanton play area had been inspected and some wood required replacing. Martin Jopson to be contacted to obtain a quote for the replacement with hard wood.

75/15.2 Silecroft Beach benches

Cllr Lowery reported that she had obtained 2 quotations for the replacement of 3 benches. It was agreed to obtain them from Garden Furniture Centre at a cost of £689.

A bench that had been damaged by a van on 26 December 2015, crime no WC150 3522. A replacement bench had already been ordered.

Cllr Sharp expressed an interest in donating monies for one of the benches in honour of his parents and this was agreed.

Cllr Rand informed the meeting that Copeland BC had a beach bench plan and recommendations for which type to be installed. It was agreed that the proposed benches were in keeping with the environment.

75/15.3 Kirksanton Village Hall

Cllr M Cumming reported that the Village Hall were hoping to arrange an open coffee morning for the community view the plans for the improvement of the hall. It was hoped that some of the Councilors would attend.

There were still issues to be resolved around parking and the Village Hall was looking at installing echo blocks on the grass to provide parking areas.

76/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

77/15 COUNTY COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Hitchin, County Councilor and Copeland Borough Councilor had been invited to attend, but was unable because of a previous commitment.

The Clerk reported on his behalf that District and County budgets were being finalized. It was expected that there would be a 1.95% inc for both Copeland and County. The County was also allowed to levy an additional 2% increase which had to be ring fenced and spent on Health and Social Care.

It was reported that the County was not going to get all the money required from central government to repair flood damage and this was being challenged. There was to be no cut to the police budget.

It was stated that Jamie Reed MP had visited Ravenglass, but it was community driven groups that were driving the opposition to the pylons.

78/15 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

78/15.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None received

78/15.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since the last meeting.

None undertaken

78/15.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

7/2015/4128 Stella Maris, Silecroft

Erect wheelchair friendly bedroom extension on ground floor

Approved

79/15 FINANCIAL RECORDS

79/15.1 The following payments were approved

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| • Copeland BC – daffodil bulbs | £ 24.00 |
| • Renco Nets – net for climbing frame Kirksanton | £342.24 |
| • CALC – clerk's Induction course | £ 29.50 |
| • Neil Ivison – grass cutting 2015 | £470.00 |

79/15.2 To note the receipt of payments

Electricity Northwest – wayleave Whicham and Kirsanton	£ 23.98
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79/15.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement as at 6 January 2016. This was signed by the Chair

79/15.4 Budget Comparison Report as at 31 December 2015 was considered and it was determined that no action was required

79/15.5 Insurance Cover 2016

A quotation had been received from Zurich Insurance for 1, 3 and 5 years. The Clerk to seek clarification around the changes once the new play areas had been installed.

79/15.6 Clerk's Contract of Employment

The Contract of Employment was agreed and signed

80/15 VILLAGE MATTERS

80/15.1 The Clerk reported that from documentation received that the Village Green at Kirksanton was still in the ownership of Millom Without Parish Council. The Clerk to investigate further.

80/15.2 Cllr Bradley reported that damaged wall outside Silecroft village Hall was to be repaired by Adam Jackson

80/15.3 Cllr Rand reported that the sea was beginning to wash away the ground on the Silecroft beach front. After discussion, Cllr Rand to approach Eric Barker, Regeneration Officer to see what monies would be available to repair damage.

80/15.4 Scrap yards. Concern was expressed regarding the state of these. Clerk to again contact Millom Town Council and also County Council and suggest alternative sites.

80/15.5 Damaged bench – this was covered in item 75/15.2

81/15 Walney Extension

An open meeting is to be held on Tuesday 9th February 2016 430-730pm at Network Centre for ideas on what projects the money could be used for.

It was suggested that some of the money could be used to repair local sea defences

82/15 Duddon/Morecambe Bay SPS area – response to consultation

This was deferred to the next meeting.

83/15 Power without Pylons

Copies of letters had been received from Muncaster Parish Council and Ravenglass Village Forum outlining their objections to the overland route.

The Clerk reported that National Grid were looking at the possibility of placing the cables under the Duddon.

It was suggested that as part of the informal consultation process that a letter be sent to Mr Powell, National Grid setting the Council's objections to the overhead power lines. The Clerk to draft a letter and send to councillors prior to publishing.

84/15 QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY

Clerk to write to Chairman of Black & White Combe Graziers informing them of plans for the beacon and seeking permission and assistance.

85/15 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

South Copeland Partnership Trust – It was reported that the role of Regeneration Officer was at risk and that it may be left to local Parish Councils to complete projects.

The library in Millom to remain open with reduced hours. Community Services officers to do activities away from the library and outreach work.

86/15 CORRESPONDENCE

- An email had been received re Community Waste Prevention Fund. Grants were available for schemes. Application closing date 19th February

87/15 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

- Cllr Cummings reported that the track running alongside Kirsanton Village Green was pot holed and rutted. There was some discussion as to the ownership of this roadway. Clerk to investigate and report back

88/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting was confirmed as 2 March 2016, Silecroft Village Hall

Meeting closed at 10.20pm

Signed

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