

WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2024 AT KIRKSANTON VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell(Chair), Cllr M Cumming, Cllr S Millar, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr N Tyson, Cllr R Jopson
Lesley Cooper Clerk

27/24 Apologies for Absence

Cllr C Lowery (Family)

28/24 Exclusions of Press and Public

Press and Public were excluded from Agenda item 15 Closed Session

29/24 Declarations of Interest

None

30/24 To approve the Minutes of the meetings 1 May 2024

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

31/24 Police Liaison Report

Circulated. There have been reports of cars speeding through Silecroft village and along the A595. Details to be forwarded to PS McDonald.

Clerk to seek further update on proposed 30mph speed limit to beach.

32/24 Clerks report

The Clerk reported that the 2023/24 VAT return had been submitted.

33/24 Public Participation

None

34/24 Report from Unitary Authority Councillor

None

35/24 Applications for Development

35/24.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

35/24.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers

None

35/24.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2024/4021 Parsonage Farm, Silecroft

Erect sheep building

Granted

7/2024/4013 Land near Sea Pastures, Silecroft

Erect tractor storage building

Granted

7/2024/4007 Hickory House, Silecroft

Dwellinghouse - removal of condition 3 (local occupancy) of planning permission

7/2016/4023 - remove local occupancy restriction & replace with residential clause allowing only principal dwelling.

Refused

36/24 Financial Records

3w2 6/24.1 Payment of invoices

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Waterplus	Direct debit	£ 25.22
J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning May	£ 403.00
L Cooper	Clerks Salary & Expenses	£ 752.00

HMRC	PAYE	£ 166.80
WHamos Ltd	Arial Photos	£ 40.00
S Millar	reimburse wildflower purchase	£ 64.69
Thomas Graham	Toilet Supplies	£ 187.60
WP Foster Ltd	Road planings	£ 1920.0

36/24.2 Receipts

Beach car park	£ 250.01
Church car park	£ 158.36
Cumberland electricity	£ 203.73
Precept	£20822.00

36/24.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 30 April 2024
Checked and approved by Cllr Millar

36/24.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 May 2024 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

36/24.5 For Information only : AGAR documents submitted for financial year 2023/24

36/24.6 To consider the quotations for the construction of a fence around the septic tank Silecroft.

2 quotations were received. Resolved to accept quotation from C T Steele

37/24 Village Matters

37/24.1 Silecroft beach car park, and toilets

Clerk to pursue contractors for quotations to undertake repairs to Silecroft beach car park.

Clerk reported that a request has been made to remove the electric meter from the single phase supply. An invoice has been received from the electric supplier which is being disputed.

Clerk to contact re drawing up plans for Silecroft beach car park improvements.

37/24.2 Toilets

Quotation received to make modifications to ladies toilet door – resolved to accept it. A relief cleaner for toilets has been sourced.

37/24.3 Play inspection report and proposed new equipment

Resolved to accept quotation from Playdale for additional equipment. Clerk to apply to different funding streams.

37/24.4 Environmental issues

Cllr Millar reported that she had produced a piece for the website re heat pumps.

Beach – seeds and plant plugs have been planted. It was approved for Cllr Millar to purchase additional seeds for the filtration bed

Waiting for a contractor to remove grass sward at Silecroft road end to plant wildflowers.

37/24.5 GDF

Nothing to report

37/24.6 D Day celebrations 6 June 2024

Gas bottle to be supplied by caravan park. Lighting at 9.15pm. Cllr Fell to organize transport of equipment on to Sea Ness

38/24 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

- None

39/24 CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

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

- Letter received from a member of public re new café
- Letter received from Silecroft Village Hall requesting a lease document

40/24 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

- Cllr Tyson reported increased amount of dog muck around caravan site. Clerk to contact dog warden and caravan site owner. Cllr Millar to put a message up on Facebook reminding dog owners to pick up after their dogs.
- Road Closure – Clerk to contact Cllr Pratt for confirmation
- Cllr Wilson gave her apologies for the next meeting

41/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 3 July 2024 at Silecroft Village Hall commencing at 7.30p

42/24 Closed Session

Draft sub-lease approved in principle. Clerk to contact Cumberland Council re outside toilets and other matters.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2139hrs.

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