

WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6th APRIL 2016 IN SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL,
COMMENCING AT 07.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr M Sharp, Cllr V Bradley, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr R Jopson,
Cllr Rand

2 members of the public
County Cllr K Hitchen

105/15 APOLOGIES , Cllr C Lowery, Cllr M. Cumming, Cllr C Wrigley

106/15 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None

107/15 MINUTES – the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 2nd March 2016 were approved and signed.

108/15 Police Liason Report
A report received from PCSO Booth was presented by the Clerk. There was nothing of note to report.

109/15 PROGRESS REPORTS

109/15.1 Play Areas

The order had been placed and the invoices received for the play areas. The Parish had been awarded £12000 in the Tesco bags for life campaign and were expected to receive confirmation of this around 15 April 2016.

109/15.2 Silecroft Beach benches

The benches have now been delivered for replacing 3 on the shore. Cllrs Fell and Sharp to check concrete bases and determine what is now required to remove the old benches and replace with the new ones.

109/15.3 Kirksanton Village Green

The Clerk reported that the Land Registry have confirmed that Kirksanton Village Green is owned by Whicham Parish Council. The Clerk to order deed documents from the Land Registry.

109/15.4 Black Combe Fell Race.

It was reported that the event went well with no complaints. The organizers were pleased with the village participation and look forward to organizing next year's event. It was noted that a number of runners and visitors either stayed in

the area prior to or planned to stay after the event. It was felt that the race was good for promoting tourism in the area.

109/15.5 Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations – Beacon

A number of pallets had been donated by Travis Perkins and had been taken up by North Lakes 4 x 4 Club. Cllrs Fell and Sharp would build the beacon and ensure the lighting of it at 830pm

110/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2 members of the public were present and expressed concerns regarding the proposed sighting of the new playground at Kirksanton. The Council took note of their concerns.

They also voiced opposition to the Kirksanton Village Hall proposed siting of car parking facilities on the edge of the green. The Chair responded that there had been no official request from Kirksanton Village Hall for permission to use the edge of the green for car parking and until plans were received, the council were unable to comment on this.

The Clerk to write to Kirksanton Village Hall committee requesting plans.

The members of the public then left the meeting.

111/15 COUNTY COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Cllr K Hitchen confirmed that he would attend the AGM in May.

He reported that a workshop at Calder Bridge is being arranged to help Parish Councils respond to the formal consultation document that will be presented by National Grid at the beginning of June.

The councillors then brought up the following areas of concerns:

1. **Litter at side of road.** Cllr Hitchen reported that this was not a county issue and there was no obligation to litter pick. National Park do occasionally have a litter pick.
2. **Local roads and repairs.** Cllr Hitchen stated that these were the responsibility of the county. He suggested that members of the public used the Highways Department "Hot Line" to report potholes etc. The more reports made the quicker the response.
3. **30mph areas.** The councillors enquired what criteria would need to be met to have a new 30mph limit may be imposed on the road down to the shore at Silecroft. The Clerk to write formally to Cllr Hitchen with a request.
4. **Flooding on road between Millom and Kirksanton.**
Cllr Hitchen reported that some remedial works had been carried out but further solutions were under consideration.
5. **Scrap dump at the old barns between Millom and Kirksanton**
Cllr Hitchen felt that this was a problem for Millom Town Council and Copeland Environmental Services to resolve.

Cllr Hitchen was thanked for attending and left the meeting

112/15APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

112/15.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None were received

112/15.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since the last meeting.

4/16/2072 Change of use from Bed and Breakfast to Private dwelling
Black Combe House, Kirksanton
No objections

112/15.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

None received

113/15FINANCIAL RECORDS

113/15.1 The following payments were approved

It was agreed to transfer £13500 from the Reserve Account into the current account.

Once this transaction had been completed it was agreed to make the first payment

To Playdale for the playgrounds	£17039.70
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AD & S Milburn – hedge cutting (2015 & 2016)	£ 96.00
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Cheque no 750 was returned by Mr Milburn uncashed

113/15.2 To note the receipt of payments

Donations from Car Parking for Fell Race	£ 664.01
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Donation from Black Combe Race	£ 650.00
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113/15.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement as at 31 March 2016. This was agreed and signed by the Chair

113/15.4 Budget Comparison Report as at 31 March 2016 was considered and it was determined that no action was required

113/15.5 To agree and amend Financial Regulations

These had been circulated. Cllr Bradley agreed to make the amendments and report back to the Council at the May meeting.

114/15VILLAGE MATTERS

114/15.1 Ownership of track by Kirksanton Village Green

The Clerk to obtain plans and deeds from Land Registry to ascertain ownership of the track.

The Clerk to write to Kirksanton Village Hall committee requesting copies of proposed changes to hall and car parking.

114/15.2 Notice Boards

Cllr Fell had done remedial works on the clasps. It was agreed that the notice boards required painting.

115/15 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

No reports

116/15 CORRESPONDENCE

- Lake District National Park requiring local input into the Local Plan.

117/15 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

Neil Fell to be asked to submit a quote for the grass cutting at Silecroft.

118/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Wednesday 4 MAY 2016 7pm SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL, followed by the normal meeting at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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