

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2015 IN
SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr S Wilson, Cllr P Rand, Cllr M Sharp
Cllr C Lowery, Cllr C Wrigley, Cllr V Bradley, Cllr M. Cumming
Mrs R Jopson

39/15: APOLOGIES: There were no apologies for absence

Prior to the commencement of the meeting there was a short presentation from a team from the National Grid on the proposed route corridor of the pylons. Questions were asked by Councillors on a number of topics.

40/15: MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 2nd September 2015 be signed as a true and correct record.

Cllr Wilson had to leave the meeting for personal reasons.

41/15 Co-option of Councillors.

Cllr S Capstick had resigned from her post. A letter of thanks to be sent. It was resolved to co-opt Mrs R Jopson onto the Council.

42/15: DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

43/15: PLANNING ISSUES – the following planning applications were considered:

A letter of objection to be sent with regard to this planning application:

7/2015/4079 Land adjacent to Silecroft Country Park, Silecroft
Change of use of land for the secure storage of boats including the erection of a storage building and siting of 2no. Associated caravans.

It was also agreed that a letter of concern would be sent to the Lake District National Park regarding the breaches of planning that are taking place on the site.

There were no objections to the below planning applications:

7/2015/4088 Whicham Old Rectory, Silecroft
Garage extension

7/2015/4095 Rallis Cottage, Wicham
Certificate of Lawful Use as a dwelling house

44/15: ACCOUNTS

Council approved the following payments of

CALC – Local Council Review subscription	£ 17.00
Playsafe Limited (Statutory play area inspection)	£156.00
Purchase of external hard drive	£ 47.00

A 6 monthly review of the accounts was undertaken and it was resolved to place £13,500 money allocated for replacement of playground equipment into the reserve account.

45/15 PARISH MATTERS

The following matters were discussed:

- **Police Liaison Report**

A report had been received from PCSO Booth which had shown a slight increase in welfare concerns.

Play Areas

An inspection of the Silecroft site had shown that the remaining swing structure was in a poor state and may need to be removed.

A new gate spring had been ordered for Kirkstanton.

The wooden bench on the green at Kirkstanton was rotten and required repair.

The paddock fencing to the main road at Kirkstant required some repair in places and Cllr Fell to look into cost of extending the fencing.

HMP Haverigg were unable to assist in the re-painting of equipment at Kirkstanton.

Cllr Bradley had received information re fund matching for replacement of equipment.

It was noted that the proposed Village Hall extension may increase parking issues around the playground and this to be monitored.

- **Silecroft handrail**

It was agreed to contact TOSH to undertake the work.

- **.National Grid Powerlines**

An Environmental Impact Assessment had been distributed by National Grid to the Parish Council. The council had a requirement to respond to a request from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the scoping opinion. The Councils submission to be made by 19 October 2015.

- **Clerk's Courses**

The Clerk was granted permission to attend a Clerk Induction Course at Cockermouth on 3 November 2015

- **Telephone box - Silecroft**

A request has been made to change the Phone Box located at the entrance to the Caravan Park Silecroft into a Defib Station. Clarification required regarding costs etc.

- **Footway lighting**

Notification had been received from Copeland Borough Council regarding that funding was available to replace the light no.101001at Manor House, Kirkstanton. The Parish Council would be responsible for the maintenance costs of £120 per annum. The Council will proceed with this offer.

46/15. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

47/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to confirm the next meeting will be Wednesday 4th November 2015 at 7.30pm in Silecroft Village Hall

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