

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 4th MAY 2016 IN
SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr S Wilson, Cllr R Jopson, Cllr A Fell, Cllr V Bradley, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr M. Cumming, Cllr C Lowery

1 member of the public

1/16: APOLOGIES; Cllr P Rand and Cllr C Wrigley

2/16: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr A Fell was nominated for Chairman by Cllr Cumming and seconded by Cllr Lowery. There being no other nominations it was unanimously agreed that Cllr A Fell be elected as Chairman.

Cllr Cumming was nominated for Deputy Chairman by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Sharp. There being no other nomination it was agreed to elect Cllr Cumming as Deputy Chairman.

3/16: ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

Cllr A Fell and Cllr Cumming signed the relevant Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4/16: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES – The following members of Council were elected to serve on the following outside bodies:

- Silecroft Education Committee - Cllrs Wilson and Bradley
- Village Hall Committee - Cllrs Wilson, Bradley and Cumming
- CGP Trust Fund - Cllrs Fell, Wilson and Bradley
- Beach Advisory Group - Cllrs Rand and Wrigley
- Beach Development Group - Cllrs Rand and Wrigley
- Community Planning Committee and Parish Action Plan Steering Committee - Cllrs Cumming and Jopson

5/16: MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the parish council Annual General Meeting held on 13th May 2015 be signed as a true and correct record.

6/16: ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no other issues the AGM was adjourned.

The normal Parish Council meeting now took place

7/16: DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

8/16: MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th April 2016

The minutes were accepted without changes and signed by the Chairman

9/16 Police Liaison Report

A report had been sent by PCSO Booth in his absence. There was nothing of note to report. The report was accepted.

10/16 PROGRESS REPORTS

10/16.1 Play areas Kirksanton and Silecroft

It was agreed that Playdale be contacted for a representative to mark out the site of the new play equipment at Kirksanton so that leveling works could be undertaken prior to commencement of the build. Cllrs Sharp and Fell to meet the representative. Cllrs Sharp and Fell to arrange removal of the old slide in preparation.

Work scheduled to commence 23 May – Kirksanton and 31st May Silecroft

The Clerk to write to Kirksanton Village Hall Committee to seek assurances that all proposed planned works for the refurbishment of the Hall are within the Hall's boundary and will not impinge onto the Village Green.

10/16.2 Benches

Cllr Fell reported that the benches were just waiting to be put in place and it was expected that they would be done by the end of May.

11/16: Applications for Development

11/16.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

7/2015/4105 Baystone Bank, Whicham

Creation of covered ménage within existing yard

There were no objections to this application

7/2015/4106 Baystone Bank Farm, Whicham

Amendments to planning permission ref 7/2010/4079 (for 30 tents and 5 touring caravans) to create 5 hard standing pitches for touring caravans and the siting of 2 yurts (part retrospective)

There were no objections in principle. Planning office to be contacted to seek assurances that access from the disabled Yurt to the riding facilities would be of a suitable surface for wheelchair users.

11/16.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since the last meeting.
None

11/16.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications
None received

12/16: FINANCIAL RECORDS

12/16.1 The following payments were approved:
CALC - Annual Subscription £157.00
V Falconer – internal audit £ 60.00
Henry Armer & Son – belt for lawn mower £ 83.99

12/16.2 To note the receipt of payments
Black Combe race donation £650.00
Precept £19500.00
CTR Parish Grant £ 28.89

12/16.3 The new revised Financial Regulations were approved by the Council

12/16.4 The Schedule of Assets were agreed.

12/16.5 Each statement on the Annual Governance Statement (1 – 8) was read out to the Council. The Council agreed that they had complied with each statement and that they had managed their duties effectively.

12/16.6 The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016 have been submitted and approved by the internal auditor and that they are a true and correct record and that they are to be submitted to BDO Hayward (Audit Commission).
The internal auditor identified 2 minor anomalies totalling £3.00 due to arithmetical errors on the Clerk's invoices. It was recommended that these adjustments will be made on the next invoice from the Clerk.

13/16 PARISH MATTERS

1. There are still concerns regarding the parking at the junction outside the King Billy pub at Kirksanton.
2. It has been noted that the Quarry wagons are coming through from Millom instead of along the Whicham Valley road. The Clerk to contact Ghyll Scaur

Quarry to establish which route it is recommended for the lorries to take when travelling north.

14/16. CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councilors and there were no items for discussion.

15/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to confirm the next meeting will be Wednesday 1st June 2015 at 7.30pm in Silecroft Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.55

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