

LOCAL COUNCIL OF WHICHAM PARISH

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Low Marshside. Underhill

Millom, Cumbria, LA18 5HA

Dear Councillor

You are summonsed to attend the **ORDINARY MEETING** of Whicham Parish Council on **WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2026** commencing **7.30pm** at **SILECROFT Village Hall.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Cooper

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES for absence

2. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

To consider whether there are any agenda items during consideration of which the press and public should be excluded." Press and Public will be excluded from Agenda Item 16 Closed session

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

To receive declarations, by elected and co-opted members, of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

4. MINUTES of the Parish Council Meetings held on

4.1 1 July 2026

4.1 23 July 2026

The Chair to be authorised to sign the minutes of the meetings as a true record.

5. POLICE LIAISON REPORT (previously circulated)

6. PROGRESS REPORTS

To Receive for information and/or determine action, as appropriate, on the items in the following reports:

6.1 Clerks report

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/OPEN SESSION (15 minutes allowed)

The chairman will invite residents to make representations on any item on this agenda or to bring matters to the attention of the Council for consideration for inclusion in a future agenda.

8. UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORT

To receive for information items relevant to the Parish. (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting.

9. Applications for Development

9.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority 7/2026/4048 The Shaw Meadow & Sea Pastures SSSI, West, Seldom Seen Lane, Silecroft
Proposed installation of broadband infrastructure, comprising narrow trench, the installation of underground tobies and a chamber – 10.19m of 50mm of narrow trench in the carriageway. 112.93m of 50mm of narrow trench in the grass verge. 4 x tobies in the grass verge. 1 x FW2 chamber in the grass verge

9.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since the last meeting.

None

9.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications 7/2026/4009 Becksides, Silecroft, Millom, LA18 5LU

Three stand-alone Anaerobic Digester plants comprising three above ground tanks located within three shipping containers. Separator to be housed in new portal frame building

Granted.

10. FINANCIAL RECORDS

10.1 a) The following payments were made in August under Financial Standing Orders

Waterplus	Direct Debit	£ 253.21
J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning (July)	£ 403.00
L Cooper	Clerks salary & expenses	£ 313.00
HMRC	PAYE	£ 66.40
Thomas Graham Ltd	Cleaning supplies	£ 108.14
Moore	External Audit fee	£ 409.50
Cumberland Council	Waste removal	£ 81.00
Scribe	Direct Debit	£ 39.60
S& B Electrical Ltd	Installation of electricity to toilets etc	£17072.91
S Palmer	Relief Cleaner	£ 90.75
J Ruddy	Relief Cleaner	£ 74.25

To approve the following payments

Waterplus	direct Debit	£ 60.94
L Cooper	Clerks salary & expenses	£
HMRC	PAYE	£
J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning August	£
Scribe monthly fee	Direct debit	£ 39.60
Furness Supply	Gate and hangers	£340.02
D Horrocks	repairs to toilets	£150.05
Thomas Graham Ltd	Toilet supplies	£ 39.88

10.2 To note the receipt of payments

Beach car park	£2274.88
Church car park	£ 452.40
Stripe – Motorhome overnight fees/online car park fees	£3515.49
NWS Grant for installation of electricity to toilets (1 st payment)	£4500.00

10.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statement dated 31 July 2026

10.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 August 2026 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

10.5 To receive the external Auditors Report and approve any actions required.

10.6 To approve the National Pay award of 3.3% for Clerks.

11. Village Matters

1. Silecroft car park –
 - a) Works to be completed
 - b) Motorhome bookings
 - c) To consider request received for a memorial plaque to be placed on a seat.
2. Toilets – review of cleaning standards
3. Café-
4. Play areas – inspection reports – to receive and note actions required.
5. Defib – Silecroft telephone box
6. Environmental issues
7. Kirksanton

12. To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion:

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

14. 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

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 2 September 2026 at **SILECROFT Village Hall** commencing at 7.30p

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CLOSED SESSION

To approve the changes to the Cleaning Contract

To authorise Clerks o/time payment and approve additional hours

To discuss the proposed new Café Lease