

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2019 IN
KIRKSTANTON VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr S Wilson, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr M. Cumming, Cllr P Rand,
Cllr C Lowery, Cllr R Jopson
Cty Cllr K Hitchen
Borough Cllr G McGrath

24/19: APOLOGIES:, Cllr S Millar, PCSO Booth

25/19 : Exclusions of Press and Public

There were no items that required the exclusion of press or public

26/19 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fell declared an interest in Planning Application 4/19/2191

27/19 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

28/19 Police Liaison Report

A report had been received and circulated. No comments required.

29/19 PROGRESS REPORTS

29/19.1 ROSPA report on play areas –update on actions required

Kirksanton – it was resolved that the gate would be split into two and hung. Cllr Jopson to arrange for the work to be carried out. It was noted that the bench which is not part of the play area requires some maintenance. To be investigated whether replacement wooden slats could be installed. Cllr Jopson to contact a contractor. Silecroft – Cllr Jopson stated that she would chase Playdale regarding the cost of replacing the fencing.

29/19.2 Donation box – Silecroft beach front

Cllr Sharp reported that he had made two and they were ready to install. It was agreed to put one each end of the car park. Cllrs Rand and Sharp to arrange installation. Cllr Cumming agreed to consider the wording of the notice to be placed on the boxes.

30/19 Public Participation Session

None

31/19 County Councilor and Borough Councilor Report

County Councilor report - Cllr Hitchen stated that he cannot comment on anything relating to the Copeland Community Fund as he chairs that meeting.

Footpath to beach – Cllr Hitchen suggested a daytime meeting with representatives of the Parish Council, CCC Highways and himself to discuss the options. A meeting has been arranged for 11 June 2019 at approx. 12.30pm. Cllrs Rand, Fell, Sharp, Cumming and Lowery stated that they would be able to attend. Cllr Hitchen stressed that work would not be able to be undertaken during 2019 through lack of funding, but could be put into the schedule for the next financial year.

Cllr Sharp enquired whether funding could be obtained from other sources for the project and be undertaken by independent contractors. Cllr Hitchen responded that any works carried out must meet CCC standards if the Parish Council wished the county to take responsibility for its maintenance.

Cllr Hitchen was thanked for his report and left the meeting.

Borough Councilor report – Cllr McGrath reported that he had now attended the 3 weeks induction for new councilors. That the new ward covered approximately a third of the Copeland area.

Ravenglass at the moment did not have a Parish Council and efforts were being made to redress the situation.

There is to be a D Day service at the newly renovated war memorial in Millom on Thursday 6 June 2019.

32/19 Applications for Development

32/19.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

4/19/2191 Outline planning permission for the erection of four detached dwellings (all matters reserved)

Valley End Farm Buildings, Silecroft

The Council resolved to support the application

32/19.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved

None Undertaken

32/19.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2019/4027 Conversion of agricultural building to farm shop, cafe and camper's day room Cumbria Heavy Horse Baystone Bank Farm, Whicham,
Prior Approval Not Required (NOI) Notice of Intention (Change of Use, Q6g)

32/19 FINANCIAL RECORDS

32/19.1 The following payments were approved:

Whitbeck PCC	Grass cutting April	£ 70.00
CALC	Annual Subscription	£147.50
L Cooper	Clerks Salary and expenses	£548.15
HMRC	PAYE	£113.20
Thomas Graham	Cleaning Materials	£ 49.70
J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning – May	£240.00

32/19.2 To note the receipt of payments

None

32/19.3 To receive and note the **bank reconciliation** statement

None Received

32/19.4 To consider the **Budget Comparison Report** as at 31 May 2019 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

33/19 PARISH MATTERS

33/19.1 Silecroft Beach Front toilets

The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Copeland Community Fund and that they were awaiting a review of the application in light of the additional information supplied.

33/19.2 Silecroft Car park

The Clerk reported that she had found a supplier of road planings at £240 per wagon load. The Clerk was asked to pursue the quarry waste route first.

Discussion took place regarding camper vans parking overnight. Cllr Rand reported that he had received verbal abuse from one owner of a camper van when he was asked to leave. It was noted that camper vans had been observed filling their onboard water tanks from the toilets and depositing their toilet waste in the septic tank, thereby compromising its functionality.

Cllr Rand to enquire with the caravan site as to when they will be re-opening their overnight facilities.

33/19.3 Trees on Parish Land

The Clerk reported that a response had been received from Lowther Estates that the survey had been undertaken, that no trees required immediate attention and that a report would be submitted.

33/19.4 Review of Community Plan

Cllr Cumming reported that a questionnaire was being developed and would be ready in the next few weeks.

33/19.5 Church car park

Cllr Fell stated that he had not yet had a look at the problem.

33/19.6 Weekly Play area inspections

Cllr Cumming stated that she was still struggling to find a volunteer. Cllr Jopson to chase up fencing for Silecroft.

33/19.7 Grit Bins

The Clerk is still pursuing

33/19.8 Councilor Training

Councilor training had been arranged for 12 June 2019 at Kirksanton Village Hall commencing at 6pm Cllrs Jopson, Cumming and Wilson to attend.

33/19.9 Soakaway from septic tank – King Billy/The Croft

The Clerk reported that an email had been received stating that a contractor has been instructed to install a new septic tank and soakaway. A date to be confirmed.

33/19.10 Defibs and First Responders

The Clerk was asked to pursue this.

34/19 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Wilson reported that she had attended the Village Hall Committee meeting and there were plans being drawn up to extend the hall. The VH committee were seeking support from the Parish Council. The Clerk to check who owns the Village Hall.

35/19 CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councilors. The following had not been circulated.

- none

36/19 Councilor Matters

- Cllr Rand asked if there had been any response from the LDNP re the number of caravan for sale notices and banners along the Whicham Valley. The Clerk to contact LDNP and CCC highways
- Cllr Wilson reported that the caravan site was mowing the grass at Hartrees

37/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to confirm the next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd July 2019 commencing at 7.30pm in **Silecroft Village Hall.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20

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

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