

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2019 IN
SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr S Wilson, Cllr S Millar, Cllr M. Cumming, Cllr P Rand,
Cty Cllr K Hitchen
Borough Cllr G McGrath
5 members of the public

38/19: APOLOGIES: Cllr M Sharp, Cllr C Lowery, Cllr R Jopson, PCSO Booth

39/19 : Exclusions of Press and Public

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

40/19 Declarations of Interest

None

41/19 Minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

42/19 Police Liaison Report

A report had been received and circulated. Concerns were raised regarding the number of opportunist burglaries that were being undertaken within close proximity to the parish.

43/19 PROGRESS REPORTS

43/19.1 ROSPA report on play areas –update on actions required

Kirksanton – Cllr Jopson had sent a written report that the new gates would be in place by the end of July

43/19.2 Donation box – Silecroft beach front

Cllr Rand reported that the donation boxes were now in place with temporary signs on. Cllr Rand to circulate the wording for feedback from the Council before agreement is reached as to the permanent signs. Clerk to put in place a procedure for the collection and safe keeping of donations received. Cllr Rand reported that so far £29.51 had been received in donations.

The Council wished to thank Cllr Sharp for his work in constructing and installing the boxes.

44/19 Public Participation Session

Members of Silecroft Village Hall committee presented plans to the Council for modifications to the building that would ensure its future as a venue. The Council as Trustees agreed the plans which are to be submitted by the architect on behalf of the council for planning consent. It was suggested that the VH committee contact the Copeland Community Fund to discuss the plans and possibly access some funding.

A member of the CIC asked that procedures be put in place to allow the bank transfer of monies to the Parish Council. This to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

A member of the CIC stated that there had been a request received from the Economic Development Officer of Copeland Borough Council that an urgent meeting be arranged between the Parish Council (excluding the Clerk) and the CIC as there were some concerns regarding the viability of the proposed new café build. Borough Cllr McGrath agreed to contact the Economic Development Officer to ascertain the extent of their concerns and to feedback to the PC and the CIC.

Members of the public then left the meeting.

45/19 County Councilor and Borough Councilor Report

County Councilor report - Cllr Hitchen reported that the meeting had taken place regarding the proposed footpath to the beach and CCC Highways were currently investigating options and costs
Cllr Hitchen was thanked for his report and left the meeting.

Borough Councilor report – Cllr McGrath reported that there had been proposed major changes to CBC planning constitution which would have effectively prevented Councillors from fulfilling their roll on the planning panel. This was in abeyance at the moment.

46/19 Applications for Development

46/19.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

None

46/19.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved 4/19/2191 Outline application for two detached residential dwellings & the formalization of current agricultural access to facilitate the development Field at Raceside (adjacent to Elm close) Kirksanton

A sub group of the council attended an onsite meeting and agreed to support the application but asked that the development be in line with other properties within the area and met local affordable housing needs.

46/19.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:

7/2019/4048 Gutterby Farm, Whitbeck

Covered manure store

Prior Approval Not Required (NOI) Notification of Intention (Agricultural, Q6g)

47/19 FINANCIAL RECORDS

47/19.1 The following payments were approved:

Whitbeck PCC	Grass cutting May & June	£140.00
Copeland BC	Election Costs	£ 80.00
Lowther Estates	Tree Survey	£540.00
J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning – June	£204.00
Milburn & Son	Hedge cutting 2017 & 2018	£ 96.00
Calc	Good Councillor course	£170.00

47/19.2 To note the receipt of payments

CIC	Land Lease 2019/20	£540.00
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47/19.3 To receive and note the **bank reconciliation** statement

None Received

47/19.4 To consider the **Budget Comparison Report** as at 30 June 2019 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

48/19 PARISH MATTERS

48/19.1 Feedback from meeting between Parish Council, Copeland Borough Council and CIC re proposed new café.

Discussion took place re the matters raised within the Public Participation session (44/19). Due to the complexity of the decisions to be made, it was proposed by Cllr Fell and Seconded by Cllr Wilson that an extra-ordinary meeting be held on 9 July 2019 to discuss and undertake actions required.

48/19.2 Silecroft Beach Front toilets

The Clerk reported that she had not received any update on the appeal.

48/19.3 Silecroft Car park

The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the quarry and had received a quotation of £12.50 per tonne+ vat delivered. It was resolved to order one articulated lorry load (approx. 29 tonnes) to enable the car park to be maintained.

Complaints had been received about an organized kite battle which took place on Silecroft beach on 23 June 2019. Cllr Rand had approached one of the organizers and asked them to move further north up the beach away from visitors, dog walkers and horse riders. Further investigation by Cllr Rand has found that there are restrictions on the height that kites can be flown and that this type of activity has been banned from some public areas as being deemed too dangerous. There were concerns with regards to public safety. The Clerk to contact Copeland Borough Council and Lake District National Park for guidance on how to prevent this activity taking place in the future.

48/19.4 Trees on Parish Land

Deferred to next meeting.

48/19.5 Review of Community Plan

Deferred to next meeting.

48/19.6 Church car park

Deferred to next meeting.

48/19.6 Weekly Play area inspections

Deferred to next meeting.

48/19.7 Councillor Training

Cllr Wilson stated that she had attended and found it of interest and use. The Clerk asked Cllr Cumming to chase up the invoice for the hire of the hall so that costs could be ascertained and reclaimed from other Councils attending.

48/19.10 Defibs and First Responders

Deferred to next meeting

49/19 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Rand stated that he was available to attend the 3 tier meeting.

50/19 CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councilors. The following had not been circulated.

- Review of polling Districts and polling places. After discussion it was resolved that the recommendation of combining the 2 polling districts within Whicham be approved and that the polling station be located at Silecroft.

51/19 Councilor Matters

- Cllr Millar reported that the light at The Nook, Silecroft was not working. She is to report it on the HiMs system.

52/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to confirm the next meeting will be Wednesday 4th September 2019 commencing at 7.30pm in **Krksanton Village Hall.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.05

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

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