

**WHICHAM PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2020 IN
SILECROFT VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 07.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A Fell (Chair), Cllr M. Cumming, Cllr M Sharp,
Borough Cllr G McGrath

112/19: APOLOGIES: Cllr P Rand, Cllr R Jopson Cllr S Wilson, Cllr S Millar, Cty Cllr K Hitchen

113/19 Exclusions of Press and Public
None

114/19 Declarations of Interest
None

115/19 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2020
The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2020 were approved and signed by the Chair.

116/19 Police Liaison Report
None received

117/19 PROGRESS REPORTS
117/19.1 Defibrillator
The Clerk has requested the electrical data for the electrician.

118/19 Public Participation Session
None present

119/19 County Councilor and Borough Councilor Report
Borough Cllr McGrath reported that there had been some resistance amongst councilors re the CBC plan to pass on the cost of footway lights to Parish and Town Councils as it impacted most on rural communities. This was to be brought up on the agenda at the next CBC council meeting.

120/19 Applications for Development
120/19.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority
7/2020/4006 Lacra Silecroft
Affix photo voltaic panels to the west facing roof of the cabin. To one side only.
The council resolved to support this application
120/19.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved
None
120/19.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications:
None

121/19 FINANCIAL RECORDS
121/19.1 The following payments were approved:
L Cooper reimburse hire of portable toilets £ 300.00

J Hillier	Toilet Cleaning	£ 186.00
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121/19.2 To note the receipt of payment

Silecroft beach donation boxes (January)	£ 9.36
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School car park donation boxes (January)	£ 20.41
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121/19.3 To receive and note the **bank reconciliation** statement

None received.

The Clerk reported that she had visited the bank and requested monthly statements

121/19.4 To consider the **Budget Comparison Report** as at 31 January 2020 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget.

None required

122/19 PARISH MATTERS

122/19.1 Architects Shortlist for new Cafe

Cllrs Cumming and Sharpe reported that interviews had taken place and the final architect had been selected. A meeting has been arranged for mid February 2020 to discuss any modifications to the original specification, undertake surveys etc.

The Clerk reported that she was still waiting for the agreement between CBC and the Parish Council.

122/19.2 Silecroft Beach Front toilets

The Contractor had sent an update on the progress of the refurbishment, but the poor weather conditions were causing some problems. It was agreed that the original cast iron signs indicating "Ladies and Gentlemen" would be refurbished and repainted.

2 portable chemical toilets had been placed on site for use by the public whilst the works continued.

122/19.3 Trees on Parish Land

A start date had been provided but has been put back due to the poor weather conditions

122/19.4 Review of Community Plan

Cllr Cumming reported that the questionnaire had been revamped and was ready to distribute in March. An open meeting was being planned which would possibly link in with the beach café project.

122/19.5 Church car park

Cllr Fell is still investigating. The Clerk has now received the keys to the collection box.

122/19.6 Play areas Inspection report

Cllr Sharpe to measure up Silecroft play area so that a quotation can be obtained to replace the fencing. Another contractor to be contacted re replacing the fencing posts at Kirksanton.

122/19.7 HMP Haverigg

Cllr Cumming attended a meeting with the Prison Governor and reported back to the council. The prison will be downgraded to a category D prison. Some prisoners will be allowed out to be involved in community projects. It was agreed that a representative of the prison be invited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

122/19.8 VE Day

Cllr Cumming to bring up at the WI meeting. The Council resolved to make a financial contribution towards a party.

122/19.9 Kirksanton Village Hall

The village hall committee are awaiting quotes to install a disabled footpath.

122/19.10 Footway Lighting

The Clerk to forward the list of lights to Cllrs Cumming and Fell. B.Cllr Mcgrath requested that the documents be also sent to him.

123/19 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Cumming reported that she had attended the South Copeland Partnership meeting. Whicham have still to formally adopt the SCP constitution
Cumbria Hidden Coast have organised a 10k and marathon run in October 2020 on the coastal path running to Silecroft beach. An art trail to be developed.
English Coastal path to reinstate land agreements.
ENW is proposing to install solar panels on Devonshire Road.
Coastal path consultation – concerns re Duddon Bridge any objections to be received by 4 March 2020.
A proposed swimming pool combined leisure centre to be built on field next to Millom School. CCC to gift the land.

124/19 CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence had been circulated to councilors. The following had not been circulated.

- An email had been received from a relative who wished to either put a bench on the shore front or a plaque on an existing bench. It was agreed that the person could adopt a bench for a donation and fix a simple plaque to the bench.

125/19 Councilor Matters

- None

126/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The date of the next meeting will be 11th March 2020 at Silecroft Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05

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