

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 2nd May 2018
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

Chair Cllr Brian Goulding

Councillors Cllr Craig Ashton
 Eileen Eastwood
 Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick
 Cllr David Halliday
 Cllr David Moore
 Cllr Ken Mawson
 Cllr Liz Mawson

Clark/ RFO Ms Jill Bush

Public Ms Parson
 Mr Pratt

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes

ITEM

1. Apologies
Cllr Fiona Robinson
2. **Announcements from the Chair**
None
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda items**
Cllr K Mawson and Cllr L Mawson
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting of 4th April 2018**
Proposed Cllr Moore and seconded Cllr Halliday
5. **Matters Arising** (previous meeting)
 - 5.1 No further information from British Rail station car park following an earlier communication to conduct a survey (see 5.2)
 - 5.2 Graham Worsnop has replied to the letter of appreciation and thanked the PC for their kind words (see 8.1)
 - 5.3 Pavilion Garage Door (steel frame and door – not up and over) replaced – cost £500.00 (see 8.3)
 - 5.4 Bowling Pavilion – letter has been sent advising a contractor will be contacted to conduct a survey on the internal emergency light and an offer to purchase a replacement fire extinguisher, however as the Sports Hall manages its own fire extinguisher maintenance, it is reasonable for the Bowling Pavilion to also manage any maintenance contract. (see 11.6)
 - 5.5 The police have been monitoring the speeding and a few people have been reported for speeding, however, this is when entering the village not actually in the village (see 12.1)
 - 5.6 British Heart Foundation have responded to the letter sent explaining the village already had 4 clothing banks, they were also surprised by this but thanked the PC for responding to their enquiry.
 - 5.7 No further information from Environmental Health following an earlier communication confirming the address (see 13.3)

- 5.8 A response has been received from the school regarding concerns raised by large pieces of debris breaking of the wind turbine and landing in the property of residents living up to 100 yards from the school. No response from Mr Durham from Cumbria County Council regarding (see 14.3 and 13.1 below)
- 5.9 Cllr Goulding is still researching the lamp post matter and has contacted the person concerned (see 14.4)

6. Report from County Councillor Paul Turner

Was hoping to attend but has been unable to do so.

7. Public Participation

- 7.1 Ms Parsons asked if the meeting dates were going to change from to month? The PC reiterated the reason for the change of day for the February meeting and as far as the PC was aware this was the only occasion the day was changed. (from the minutes of the February meetings - Announcement from the Chair - "Apologises for change of day and time of the meeting, this was due to a Copeland BC budget meeting the Deputy Chair is required to attend the following evening and a requirement to have the precept agreed and submitted prior to this.")
- 7.2 Ms Parsons noted there was a minute reference to the PC receiving £15,000 and asked how long the Sellafield contract to use the car park would continue and believed it would be for 5 years? How many spaces expressing concern the car park would be full of Sellafield cars? The PC advised it was not a contract but licence to use the 45 blue bays and is renewal on a 12-monthly basis. The PC reiterated the blue bays will continue to be available to the public on Bank Holidays, week-ends and after 9.00am on weekdays. The buses will not be running after 9.00am, so any spaces free will be available to all. The PC noted the car park was rarely full now. Ms Parsons acknowledged this was the case.
- 7.3 Would the Sellafield document be put on the website? The PC advised it will not. Ms Parsons asked why not and was it for transparency reasons? The PC advised Sellafield has insisted it does not go on the PC website because of its commercially sensitive information.
- 7.4 Asked where the funds received from the quad bike have gone and that she believed it is in a section of the same bank account. The PC assured her it was in a separate cost centre. Cllr Halliday wanted it on record that the PC is again answering the same questions she has previously asked. It would only be spent on capital projects and refurbishments. Precept monies are for running costs.
- 7.5 Repeated the complaint the Beach front community area. Expressed opposition that it was being advertised to encourage people outside the parish. "What financial arrangements are in place to run this fairyland and will prove too expensive to keep". Expressed concerns H&S requirements would not be met and how is it going to operate? The grass will be cut once a month. The reason for replacing the equipment was because it was old and kept breaking. Ms Parsons was adamant there was nothing wrong with the swing. The PC advised a RoSPA inspection showed at least 2 of the shackles were cracked and dangerous.

8. Reports from the Councillors & Working Groups

- 8.1 No separate F&GB working group meetings. Meetings will occur as and when required. It has been agreed these would take place ½ hour before the full Council meeting.
- 8.2 Local contractor Brian Singleton will assess and provide an estimate on the work required in the toilet block. The disabled toilet will also provide a baby changing area.

9 To Consider any Planning Issues

- CCC 4/18/9004 - Storage of additional nuclear material in self shielded box store for a period of up to 100 years. Provision of two additional plant rooms, increase in height of fence to 4m and welfare facilities Submit concerns on shelf life - GDF accumulative risk - should be 40 years maximum not 100 years. Submit objection. Actioned
- CCC 4/17/9011 - Temporary Access Road & siting of temporary building for contractors Submit concerns regarding traffic implications – increase of traffic and noise, Coffin Corner risk, which was promised at the time of the new boiler park, but this did not take place. Need to consider increased traffic and to consider road improvements at the Caldergate turning

and Gosforth crossroads on the A595. There is also the new risk to Viking Way users. Submit objection. Actioned

- CH/4/18/2149/0F1 – Sellafield: Removal of Condition 2 of Planning Approval 4/08/2524/0 Single Storey Access Control Cabin No Objection
- CH/4/18/2169/0F1 - Residential Dwelling to Guest House & Additional Parking No Objection

10 Finance

- 10.1** RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balances is £46,460.56 for April and year end with an ending balance £1,785.44 less that at start of the year. There was a slight concern about overspend however, it was agreed a number of substantial improvements to parish assets have been made based on funding received from Morgan Sindall – Sports Hall electrical installation, cricket field fence and replacements Christmas lights etc. Agreed by Council. Only 1 outstanding payment £6360.00 will be cleared in May.
- 10.2** Annual Governance statement Part 1. Proposed by Cllr D Moore and seconded by Cllr D Halliday, agreed by Council and signed by Chair.
- 10.3** Insurance Renewal has risen from £2593.57 to £2,897.33 and the beach front community area improvements need to be added. Agreed. Clerk to liaise with Insurer regarding Foreshore addition and the updated of the schedule. Clerk to action. Actioned
- 10.4** Internal accounts signed off by Honorarium, who is a qualified accountant and completely independent, agreed by Council.
- 10.5** Payment requests approved. - Agreed by Council

11 To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

- 11.1** Cllr L Mawson provided a monthly progress report on the Beach front community area refurbishment. The charity has been notified that a complaint has been submitted to the planning authorities that the construction is different to the plan. Should a further cost be incurred because of this, it is unlikely the additional bin at the top will be installed. Cllr Mawson noted the number of volunteers who helped with tidying the area surrounding the community park. A RoSPA inspection is booked for 21 May. The Chair requested to be present when this takes place. Assorted designs of seating will be installed to accommodate young, old and all abilities. The fences around the construction site will remain up until 28th May. Formal handover to the PC will follow thereafter. Signage will be put up.
- 11.2** The Chair asked if the flagpole was located within the construction site and Cllr Mawson confirmed it was. It was also confirmed no-one except the designated construction workers are allowed on the site. Young children are expected to be supervised when using the play equipment. The Chair will circulate the types of CCTV which can be installed. There are several reasons for CCTV installation. The safety of the children, the safety of the equipment, the safety of the area. Should dog owners allow their dogs to soil the area, the Chair advised the authorities are prepared to prosecute. Further, if a child falls and a claim is made the CCTV will provide the necessary evidence. It is for these reasons the CCTV is essential.
- 11.3** On behalf of the Chair thanked Cllr L Mawson for all the tremendous work she has put into this project.
- 11.4** Library Service Level Agreement – it has been acknowledged this need not be complex, but an agreement which demonstrates the service can be delivered. Clerk to arrange a meeting with CCC in June. Actioned

12 To consider matters relating to the Highway and Transport

- 12.1** Traffic lights were erected, the traffic stopped for a while and a yellow line has been put in the middle of the road under the arch and no-one appears to know what it is for. Clerk to action. Actioned
- 12.2** The drain under the bridge is blocked, possibly with sand. Highways to be contacted. Clerk to action. Actioned
- 12.3** Cllr K Mawson noted the difference to the rail embankment which has been cleared of the rubbish that has been accumulating there. This has removed an eyesore and the effect of this work is pleasing. British Rail are to be commended for this action.

13 Correspondence

- 13.1** The School has kindly provided the PC with their wind turbine risk assessment. The PC note the risk assessment only applies to the school grounds and possibly at the time of writing there were only fields by the school. However, there are now residential estates, this is not taken into account and the two occasions debris has broken off the turbine, it has landed well outside the school perimeter on the property of the residents. Whilst the school switches off the turbine when the pupils are outside the building, who is responsible for switching off the turbine when it is windy after school has finished for the day? On this last occasion it was around 11.00pm when the cowling was blown off the turbine into a resident's garden some 100 yards away. The PC believe someone must take responsibility for the safety of the residents and that perhaps the school should consider updating the risk assessment to encompass the wider risk and danger to the public and their property and also incorporate a risk programme for high wind outside school hours. A letter with these considerations to be sent. Clerk to action. Actioned
- 13.2** Community Led Housing Fund – Interest for the land, which the PC proposed for elderly housing, has already been forward for a potential housing development however, there are constraints to road access and flood mitigation. Cllr Moore raised two issues, it is not clear where the land owner now lives and if they are traceable and the flood attenuation scheme has still not been actioned. There are occasions when this causes flooding on the road and this is CCC's responsibility. Email to County Councillor Paul Turner to make enquiries about this. Clerk to action. Actioned

14 Urgent items raised by Councillors

- 14.1** The Boundary Commission has released the initial boundary changes for opinion. In Copeland the proposal effectively split most of the local parishes in two. The PC believe with a slight alignment this can be avoided and this amendment be put to the Commission. Seascale and Gosforth to be one ward with two Councillor and then other parishes do not need to be split either. The Boundary Commission appear to think Seascale and Gosforth are linked, however there is a historical link culminating in the Viking Way. Proposed Cllr D Halliday and seconded Cllr Eastwood. Cllr Moore will collate the data for the proposed amendment, clerk to submit statement. Actioned
- 14.2** Why is the grass not cut on The Dell banking? It is understood the reason why it is not cut is because of H&S reasons and also because of the varied flora which grows there. The PC have an open spaces contract with Copeland BC and The Dell is not part of the contract, possibly for the reason above.
- 14.3** Shackles Off have asked for rubbish collecting bags. Cllr Harvey-Chadwick confirmed these can be provided.
- 14.3** Cllr L Mawson took this opportunity thank all the residents and in particular 'heroes of the month' Ms Dennett, Ms Jackson and Cllr K Mawson who all took part in the tidying up the foreshore, around the toilet and carpark. It was heartening to see so many people keen to take a positive interest and offer their time in a productive way.
- 14.4** Transparency Policy is on the website. The PC acknowledge this is the standard it works to. Evidence of this is demonstrated by the transparency report which has been placed on the website since 2016.

15 Dates of forthcoming Meeting

Full Meeting Wednesday 6th June