

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 3rd January 2018
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

Deputy Chair	Cllr David Moore
Councillors	Cllr Eileen Eastwood Cllr David Halliday Cllr Ken Mawson Cllr Liz Mawson Cllr Fiona Robinson
Clark/ RFO	Ms Jill Bush
Public	Mr L Fleet Ms B Parsons Mr M Powell

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes

ITEM

1. Apologies
Cllr Craig Ashton
Cllr Brian Goulding
Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick
2. **Announcements from the Chair**
The formal switching on of the Christmas lights took place and numerous parishioners expressed their pleasure at the display.
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda items**
None
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting of 6th December 2017**
Minutes Proposed Cllr Halliday and seconded by Cllr Eastwood. Ratified and signed off
5. **Matters Arising**
None
6. **Public Participation**
 - 6.1 Mr Mike Powell expressed his concern about the rubbish on the foreshore and around the recycling area. It was disappointing to see the village was no longer as clean as it used to be and its general unkempt look.
 - The recycling containers were invariably full resulting in people leaving their recycling by the container and it subsequently being blown around.
 - The litter bins did not accommodate the amount of rubbish, adding to the overflowing recycling rubbish and was it possible to have some bins which would be fit for purpose.
 - Sand build-up and asked what could be done about it.

- Mr Powell referred to the Localism Act and local communities being able to take back control of their areas.

Listed below is the PC response to the bullet point concerns in the order they are raised:

Cllr Moore advised this was the responsibility of Copeland BC to clean up the excess recycling on the ground and he would speak with the relevant department. Cllr Moore to action.

Cllr Moore also advised Copeland BC intended to implement a door-step recycling programme. This should help alleviate the current problem.

The Community Beach Park Project intend to have some very large litter bins installed. This will add to the existing bins along the foreshore area.

The Community Beach Park Project planning application included fencing to the recycling area, this will help contain the rubbish and stop it being blown about, whilst screening an unsightly, though necessary facility.

It is unfortunate there have been so many cutbacks on public services and this is another. Sadly, the cost of paying a village handyman is prohibitive – there is not enough work to employ someone full-time. However, up to three parishes could possibly club together and be able to employ someone to litter pick and generally keep the area clean and tidy in their respective villages. The Parish Council has a contact with CBC to maintain the grassed areas it is responsible for. The foreshore grass cutting is carried out 10 times a year. CBC will be contacted to request the last cut of the year to occur in October, thereby reducing the period of grass growth until its next cut in the spring of the following year. Clerk to action. Actioned

6.2 Ms Parsons reiterated the previous parishioners concerns about rubbish.

- Would the PC or the Community Beach Park Group would be moving/putting one of the bins by the slide.
- What was being done about keeping the beach clean and free from rubbish?
- Where has the PC put the funding for the beach park refurbishment and why is it not reporting this?
- Why is the PC giving funding to the play area?

The bin moving was deemed possible; however, the Community Beach Park project includes the installation of larger bins.

This is the responsibility of Copeland BC, but it only does this during the bathing period, which is for a very limited time.

The clerk explained the funding for the refurbishment of the beach park area was raised by a charity, not the PC. Therefore, the funding would be held by the charity. Ms Parsons believed this was wrong as the land belonged to the Parish.

The PC has written a Letter Of Comfort regarding the landscaping of the area. Ms Parsons expressed her dissatisfaction with this.

7. Reports from the Councillors & Working Groups

7.1 Community Plan – Cllr Ashton is organising this. However, the Company he works for, has temporarily seconded him to another and subsequently is unable to attend many of the meetings. See item 13.1

7.2 Library Business Case – has been revised. Proposed by Cllr Halliday, seconded by Cllr Eastwood

7.3 The Library Schedule Plan has been updated. Proposed by Cllr Halliday, seconded by Cllr Eastwood

8 To Consider any Planning Issues

- 8.1** CH/4/17/2433/OF1 - Change of ground floor to self-contained flat, South Parade, Seascale
No Objection

The minute of this item record Ms Parsons became verbally aggressive toward another member of public and the PC at the meeting. As the Councillors were deliberating this application, Ms Parsons commenced reading out a lengthy statement. When asked to stop, as the content of the statement was not about the planning application before Council, she ignored protocol and continued more loudly.

- 8.2** CH/4/17/2436/TPO – Felling of trees Lingmell Wood, Seascale
No Objection

9 Finance

- 9.1** RFO balance read out the reconciled Cash Book Balances of £38,954.60 for December.
9.2 Payment requests approved.
9.3 CBC Open Space Contract Renewal. There is a 3% rise except for clearing the Dell Beck Grille, which remains unchanged. This was agreed by Council.

10 To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

- 10.1** the Toilet block – Cllr L Mawson reported the work is to commence in March in readiness for the summer season and completion of the refurbished community beach area.

11 To consider matters relating to the Highway and Transport

- 11.1** At Blea Wath, just outside the Parish, there is a large pothole resulting punctured tyres. It is believed to be the result of a drainage problem.
11.2 Cllr K Mawson would like to see a similar type of speeding sign as that in Ennerdale Bridge.
11.3 Council debated the white line at the bridge and considered whether this had exacerbated traffic issues.

12 Correspondence

- 12.1** CRUG letter regarding the installation of ticket vending machines at Seascale Railway Station. Seascale Parish Council have, in principle, no objection to the installation of ticket vending machines at Seascale Station. Provided one is installed on each platform, preferably next to the information posts. This was unanimously agreed. The installation of one vending machine, effectively on one platform, was unanimously rejected on the grounds of safety. Clerk to contact CRUG with PC formal response. Actioned
12.2 Following a further request for additional funding from Gosforth Church, the PC reaffirmed this be reviewed at the next APM.

13 Urgent items raised by Councillors

- 13.1** Cllr Ashton only needs to attend one meeting every 6 months and the Parish Council will be pleased if he would continue as Cllr and with the Community Plan. Its progress can be relayed to the clerk who can report status at full meetings.
13.2 Local butcher A Williams & Son has closed its doors for the last time. The Parish Council are saddened to hear of the loss of this business. The Parish Council thank the Mr Williams & Son for the valuable service they have provided to the community and wish them well in the future. A message of thanks to be sent. Actioned
13.3 The official opening of the Viking Way has taken place. It was a well organised and enjoyable affair. The only disappointment was one the day there was still some work outstanding. However, this has now been concluded.

14 Dates of forthcoming Meeting

Full Meeting Wednesday 7th February