

Draft Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 7pm
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

Present	Chair	Cllr Brian Goulding
	Councillors	Cllr Craig Ashton
		Cllr Eileen Eastwood
		Cllr Halliday
		Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick
		Cllr Ken Mawson
		Cllr David Moore
Clerk/RFO	Cllr David Ritson	
	Ms Jill Bush	
Public	Mr Bran Harvey-Chadwick	
	Mrs Brenda Parsons	
	Mr Colin Platt	

The meeting is recorded for minuting purposes

Item

1. Apologises

None

2. Announcements from the Chair

Email from Mr Phil Campbell confirms the John Dalton Plaque the PC authorised is to be erected at 9.30am on Monday morning at the Wishing Well and unveiled in the Spring. In Ennerdale, another plaque will be erected at 8.00am.

3. Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items

None

4. Minutes of the previous meeting of 7th December 2016

Minutes agreed and ratified

5. Public participation

5.1 Mr Platt raised a concern about the car park getting full and buses arriving in there. The Chair confirmed they are working for Morgan Sindall, picking up and

dropping off the permit holders. Recently there have also been cars parking along the front. The Chair explained at the last meeting the PC are going to be monitoring the car park now that the Christmas break is over and once it is established what is happening they will be able to deal with it. One of the things the PC has insisted on is that the permit holders display their badges and confirmed this was now happening. On a related matter the Chair advised that after 9.00am anyone can park in any bay. All the PC can do is make a note of the car registrations and pass them onto Morgan Sindall to establish if these belongs to one of their contractors.

5.2 Ms Parsons said it is now been about two years since she raised this matter and at last someone else has voiced a concern, accusing the Chair of totally ignoring her. Stating she has sent photograph after photograph showing a full car park. She stated she counts the cars in the car park, up to 30 a day. That morning there had been 10 and parking all over the place. There weren't 130 spaces only 110. The PC was accused of humiliating her and doing everything in their power her to prevent her using her information, of not responding to her. The Chair asked to speak, pointing out it is a free car park. Cllr Halliday said the monies received from Morgan Sindall was a donation, they did not have to pay this. Ms Parson stated she did not believe this. It was again reiterated it is a free car park. Ms Parsons stated loudly it was not a free car park. She stated the car park was for residents. Contractors should be charged for 12 hours then they would be less likely to use it. The Chair asked how we are going to charge them and not the residents or day trippers during the summer and how it would be policed along with the considerable funding required? Ms Parsons stated she believed it should be the responsibility of Morgan Sindall. The Chair did point out it was not only Morgan Sindall using the car park. Ms Parsons agreed this was so. The question again was raised of how it was going to be policed? Ms Parsons stated it was the Chairs' fault for allowing it to happen in the first place. Ms Parsons also stated the agreement reached between the PC and Morgan Sindall no longer on the website. The Chair confirmed it was. This was not believed. It was also claimed the Risk Assessment was not on the website. The Chair confirmed it was. This was also not believed.

The Chair reiterated if charges were to take place it raised the issue what mechanism could be used to charge contractors and not residents. Cllr Halliday confirmed the PC recognized there is a problem about how and who we want to charge; how to allow residents and tourists in and not charge them, but charge others. The PC have had meetings to discuss a solution, however there no easy solution. Cllr Halliday said it was no use insulting the Council, because if the Council could have found a solution it would have been implemented. The Chair agreed there was no easy solution. A huge logistical problem, particularly if you also take selective charging into account. It was pointed out to Ms Parsons she made these comments last month. Ms Parson was advised by Cllr Ritson the PC

are taking this matter seriously and they are dealing with it. He would be down at the car park at 5.30 in the morning. However, he also had to consider residents who used this car park will also be going to and from work. Cllr Ashton pointed out people who live above the shops also use the car park. They would also be parking and collecting their cars in the early morning and evening.

The Chair said this must item must now be closed, as there were other items on the Agenda to deal with. He did however, reiterate the PC would be monitoring and checking those in the blue bays with a permit badge displayed. However, the PC cannot confront individuals and ask them why they are parking there, because it is a free car park.

- 5.3** Ms Parson requested the Seascale Community Governance Review is put on the seafront noticeboard. Whilst this information is available on the website the PC acknowledged this request.

The recorded minutes show Item 5 lasted approximately 30 minutes.

6. Reports from Committees and Councillors

None

7. Finance

- 7.1** RFO delivered reconciled Finance Report, substantial payments last month. There are several receipts and payments outstanding, however the clerk suspects this is due to the Christmas break.

7.2 To consider requests for payment

- Labour for Sports Hall invoice, submitted for payment
- Christmas lights erection invoice will be paid when the lights are taken down
- See 12.3 below - Bowling Green upgrade, payment (£5761.00) made in advance on behalf of the Bowling Green, until their grants come through, when the PC will be reimbursed.

- 7.3** Download a claims form for VAT rebate for 2016. Email CALC for advice on process. **Clerk to Action**

8. To Consider any planning issues

- 8.1** Mr Colin Platt raised the issue of the Winscale Club Planning Application. The PC have not received any formal notification of this. Cllr Moore said he chase this. **Update Clerk has received the planning applications on Friday 6th January. Mr Platt has seen the proposal and has no objections. The PC also has no objections**

9. To Consider Matters Pertaining to Parish Assets

- 9.1** Sports Hall - Sports England Questionnaire. Answers supplied. Clerk to fill out questionnaire and return. **Clerk to Action**

- 9.2 Library Expression of Interest submitted. Process now in place.
- 9.3 Apply to CCC Neighbour Relations Officer Ms Suzanne Cooper for assistance putting together a business case. Can also be contacted through her office in Cleator Moor.

10. **To Consider Matters Pertaining to the Highways and Transport**

- 10.1 PCSO contacted over speeding in the village. Speeding checks took place around the Bowling Green pointing up to the Co-op and the School. The Co-op did not appear to be a problem as there are usually several cars parked on the road making the traffic slow down naturally. However, there was a problem with cars parked on the road, confirming what the Chair has advised at the time. The Chair contacted the PCSO and reiterated the problem was the parked cars making it difficult for people leaving the car park see what was coming down the road, raising the concern of accidents. The speed check by the school also showed little problem as the SIP placed nearby was also deterring motorists. However, Cross Lane area is also a problem as there is no restriction to slow the traffic. The PC remain concerned about the traffic around school.
- 10.2 Cllr Moore said CCC work with BRAKE a collective of organizations who gather speed data and met Cllr Clarkson from County highways and had a look at the Crompton Road area. The road modified for a development at Crofthead Road but it is causing a bottleneck down at the school. Cllr Clarkson said if a road reconstruction is causing a creating a problem then the Developer can be required to rectify this. This has been passed across to Cllr Clarkson.
- 10.3 Highways have been contacted again regarding the faded road markings at the Fairways and Links Road junction and have confirmed they will be replaced.
- 10.4 Lighting issues. The problem is establishing who owns the street lights, Copeland or County. **Clerk to contact County Council.** Copy norman.clarkson@cumbria.co.uk
- 10.5 Cllr Ashton provided an example of a possible administrative error regarding development and Cllr Moore advised the PC that a 106 agreement within a within planning development for community gain, such as a road construction.
- 10.6 Speed deterrents are no longer being implemented by Copeland BC. Road marking restrictions are often disregarded.

11. **Correspondence**

- 11.1 Change to the contact details of the open spaces manager
- 11.2 Morgan Sindall have requested a signed copy of the Parish Councils' Health & Safety Policy. The Chair signed the policy. **Clerk to Action**
- 11.3 CNC police project Servitor is a new tactic adopted designed to deny, help, detect and deter and protect the personnel and local populace. For the officers and the local community to work together and report suspicious activity on **01946 73999**. They will also be displaying notices stating armed police this area at unpredictable times. The Parish website also has further information.

12. Urgent Items raised by Councillors

- 12.1** For Sale sign up outside the Church Hall in Gosforth again. Appears to be a problem selling it. Cllr Moore is not aware of any planning application in place. Shame because it is a lovely building.
- 12.2** Talking noticeboard on what's around the beach is not operating very well.
- 12.3** Also see 7.2 above - Bowling Green timing machine is about 20 years old and needs to be replaced. The Bowling Green Group have applied for Grants for a replacement. However, by the time the initial funds have been raised and the grant has come through the season will have already started. It is proposed the PC buy the machine on behalf of the Bowling Green and is reimbursed when the grants come through. The PC can reclaim the VAT and there would only be about a £100 shortfall. **Agreed**
- 12.4** A grass verge in Lingmell Crescent has had a car with a jack behind the back wheel for two months. The owner has given no consideration to the visual impact this has, or their neighbours to leave it like this for long.
- 12.5** School rebuild. However, no provision has been made for parking or drop off area. The Parish Council question the community gain of this decision. The Chair will contact the Head of School.

13. Dates of forthcoming meetings

Finance and General Purpose Meeting Wednesday 18th January

Full Council meeting 1st February