

**Minutes**  
of the  
Seascale Parish Council Meeting  
held on  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

**Present:**

Chair                    Cllr David Moore

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

Clark/ RFO        Ms Jill Bush

Public                Ms B Parsons  
                          Mr D Ritson  
                          Cllr P Turner

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**ITEM**

1. Apologies  
Cllr Brian Goulding
2. **Announcements from the Chair**  
An additional agenda will be 14b, which will be a commercially sensitive brought by the Chair
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda items**  
None
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
Amendment to 13.1 – Cllr Halliday reported the rubbish on the beach had been collected from the beach and Cllr K Mawson reported parishioner Neil Langdon who collected rubbish off the beach using his quad bike and leaving it by the recycling bins for CBC to collect.  
Minutes ratified - Proposed by Cllr K Mawson seconded by Cllr Halliday
5. **Matters Arising**
  - 5.1 Northern Rail are visiting Seascale Rail Station to view the site regarding concerns raised by where the ticket machine(s) should be located.
  - 5.2 Seascale School planning application approved, see item 9 below
  - 5.3 Cllr K Mawson reported it is an ex-forces charity who were doing the coast to coast run
  - 5.4 Cllr K Mawson also reported blood bikes were stranded for 3 days because of the snow. Cllr Halliday further reported the charity were hoping to acquire 4-wheel vehicles.
6. **Report from County Councillor Paul Turner**

Viking Way has not been formally handed over to CCC, it is still in the hands of the contractor as there is still some outstanding work.

He has spoken to the school about the new build.

The Wind Turbine on the School property must be taken down, this is the second-time pieces have fallen off this turbine. Whilst the Cumbria Property Services own the school land the turbine is on, it was the County Planning Department who approved the application. Cllr Moore reported he had been on the public safety website for wind turbines and it states it is the responsibility of the planning authority to ensure the public safety conditions placed on turbines are addressed. He has spoken to the planning department who have now been in contact with the relevant department to ensure this turbine is switched off and removed as quickly as possible. It cannot be reinstated until full assurances on public safety are fully adhered to. Planning departments appear to assume that it need only consider the distance a turbine may fall down, however, there is a new housing development further away from the school and the pieces that fell off were blown substantially further away, landing on residents' property. Cllr Turner fully endorses this concern and has agreed to pass on the SPC concern regarding the 'light touch' applied at County level to turbine planning applications.

Cllr Turner supports SPC over its concerns about speeding. He has spoken to the police regarding this, however, at present their staff levels are reduced. He has raised the issue of speeding by the Co-op and along South Parade. The school also has careless driving issues, but there is also a concern over parking. Agrees the blind dip on Drigg Road needs a warning sign and the potholes need to be fixed and should have been dealt with before now. He has already contacted highways regarding this.

Cllr K Mawson commented on the installation, removal and re-installation of the gate posts on the road by the cycle path. The location is dangerous. Lines and lighting at the A595 cross roads. Mr Ritson recently raised this concern at a meeting. Cllr Turner will pick this up in support of SPC. Cllr Turner advises concerned parishioners log these on the CCC website where you get a reference number and he can pick them up and contact the relevant departments for answers. Cllr Ashton on the possibility of a crossing at this junction as whilst drivers may be checked for traffic when they pull out, but not necessarily people crossing. Originally there was going to be island, but this has still not been enacted and yet the number of people and cycles has risen substantially since the opening of the Viking Way.

The road leading from the housing development at West Lakes will be coming out on the Seascale crossing.

## **7. Public Participation**

**7.1** Ms B Parsons read out a statement - is unhappy about what people are saying to her, contacted the police, who do not believe what is being said cannot technically be classed as a hate crime, but Ms Parsons alleged that could change. The minutes are inaccurate. Repeated complaints about the bins. Complained about the dog mess and receptacles for this. Wanted to know why there was no safe access for disabled and vulnerable to the seafront; as the carpark has been given over to Sellafield denying these people access to the frontage. "The amenity area has been given over to Lizzie Mawson....as a free outdoor leisure centre". Flooding along the sea front has nothing to do with the development there, ankle deep in water because the foliage has not been cut back for a number of years. Is Mr Langdon is paid for the fuel he uses to clean the beach? The funding of the play area refurbishment?

Throughout this statement SPC questioned her comments, these are listed below:

- The meetings are recorded for minuting purposes
- General rubbish and dog waste bins - The PC reminded Ms Parsons this was discussed at the last meeting and this will be reviewed once the refurbishment is complete
- The false accusation made against a resident about the seafront community area - the Chair asked if she had any questions. Ms Parsons accused SPC of taking no notice of anything she says. Ms Parsons

believes the “elderly people...are ignored and do not have the same freedom of use of the frontage as the younger people do”.

- SPC is happy to pay Mr Langdon for fuel, but it is not clear if he wants to come under our jurisdiction and appears to be carrying out this activity for altruistic reasons. If he were to ask for this SPC would consider this.

- SPC is only interested in the £15,000 it has put up in a letter of comfort. This is a PC meeting and not the correct forum to raise questions about a charity’s funding.

**7.2** Mr Ritson reported while some of the unsightly rubbish has been removed from the garden (see last month’s minutes item 6.2) more has been deposited. Environmental Department to be contacted again Clerk to action. Actioned

## **8. Reports from the Councillors & Working Groups**

**8.1** Cllr Moore and Cllr Eastwood attended an Seascale Recreational Association (SRA) meeting. Following some financial difficulties SPC became part a 3-way partnership and can make a positive report on its status. In the long term it would like another trustee. If anyone was interested they can be covered by insurance, thus removing the risks given from some negative reporting about the financial responsibilities of trustees.

**8.2** The probation service to have new strimmer heads parts provided by SRA.

## **9 To Consider any Planning Issues**

A separate planning meeting took place to address several planning applications as the deadline ended before the next full council meeting.

The School planning application has been approved by Cumbria planning department. A new transport plan for the demolition phase needs to be submitted. Cllr Moore noted there are a substantial number of conditions, which need to be met and the requirement to consult with the residents when they are delivering large items and the times these can be delivered. The decision will be posted on the parish website. It is disappointing one of the conditions is not to broaden the highway. Cllr Moore spoke to highways and pointed out this was going to be considered with the development of ‘The Dunes’ and did not occur. Building control is based in Croydon and is 2-year project, 12 months new build, 12 months demolition and has no starting date.

When asked, the planning department did not appear to be aware of the risks and problems their ‘light touch’ planning decisions create. By approving applications where large construction vehicles will need to travel along a residential road where cars are parked implies they have not considered how the HGV deliveries are going to deliver and off-load their supplies on the site; for example, how and where are cement mixer vehicles going to deliver their loads, if the road is not accessible. Moore has asked for updates from the planning department and intends to closely monitor the road safety aspect and apply pressure as required. SPC ask the residents to forward any issues emanating from this planning decision. SPC remain of the opinion Cumbria planning departments’ decision to approve this application has been myopic.

The other planning applications are related to Sellafeld to demolish several temporary buildings. No objection has been lodged. It is expected more of these applications will be submitted.

Re: Waste repository applications. Parish Councils have been excluded from the geographical disposal process decisions. Disappointing, as this disposal will be in one of the North West parishes. Host community decision will be made sometime in September. However, whatever ‘host community’ is decided by Borough and County Councils. The question remains will the host community get the full financial benefit of being chosen, or will these Councils who decide where it is to be located, also decide how and where this funding will be spent? Either way, it would appear Seascale will be surrounded by nuclear waste.

## **10 Finance**

- 10.1** RFO balance read out the reconciled Cash Book Balances of £36,879.55 for February - Agreed by Council
- 10.2** Payment requests approved. - Agreed by Council
- 10.3** Seascale business case for the library has been classed as outstanding
- 10.4** Cricket club door replacement, where all the equipment is stored quote to supply and fit at £500.00. No objections
- 10.5** Sports Hall lighting, 16 aren't working. Recommended replacement with LED lighting. Quote supply and fit £1,000.00. No objections

## **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. Excavation down to sand and some top soil is needed. Turf is being delivered on the following Friday and the laying has been organised. Grand opening is 30<sup>th</sup> June. Bins ordered for general and recycling waste, two double and one single. Doubled sided bins will initially be marked as general waste and can be altered later. Benches are to be ordered. Also, the need for large rocks. The clerk advised one of her neighbours has a large rock outside their gate.  
Addendum: The neighbour is happy for the rock to be used for the play area.

## **12 To consider matters relating to the Highway and Transport**

- 12.1** The clerk read out the details of the speed sign Ennerdale has had erected. The average cost would be £3,000. The details will be forwarded onto the Council. Actioned
- 12.2** Despite requests to have the bridge mirror lowered by 6 inches, Cllr K Mawson reported the mirror has slipped down to the referred height.
- 12.3** Car park adjacent to the rail station, has potholes on the seaward side. This is likely to be the responsibility of Northern Rail. **Clerk to contact Northern Rail.**
- 12.4** Lifebelt casing next to the boat club has broken off – **Cllr Moore to action**

## **13 Correspondence**

- 13.1** Campervan in the car park is someone visiting their mother in Railway Terrace where there is no parking.
- 13.2** CAB have responded to SPC correspondence regarding funding. They are looking for funding to be able to supply an adviser to the outlying areas. They were however pleased to hear the library room facility could be made available to them.
- 13.3** Community Led Housing Fund can be used a feasibility study for the area SPC referred to and would be pleased to attend a meeting to discuss this further. SPC agree to invite to April meeting Clerk to action. Actioned  
Update: unable to attend April meeting and the May meetings already include the County Councillor providing a report and Blood Bikes as a guest speaker. The June meeting has been suggested.
- 13.4** Blood Bikes Cumbria have accepted the invite to speak at the SPC annual meeting. The details will be sent out. Clerk to action. Actioned.
- 13.5** Coast to Coast charity run were impressed by the facilities available in the village and especially the Sports Hall and the two hotels suggested.
- 13.6** Enquiry about a field available for a couple horses. Unfortunately, SPC are not aware of any fields. Clerk to notify sender. Actioned
- 13.7** Two letters from new residents' concerns regarding the large pieces of debris) falling off the wind turbine located in the school grounds. One resident had a piece 3ft by 4 ft landing on their property up over 80 yards away, apparently missing a window and a neighbours' car. Cumbria Planning Department have been contacted, as the planning application was approved by them. However, they initially didn't accept responsibility, as the property is owned by Cumbria Property Services. See item 6 para 3. Clerk to send SPC response to senders. Actioned
- 13.8** Dog fouling and a positive comment about the play area refurbishment, which she believes will be an asset to the parish SPC agree it is disgraceful that dog owners do not clean up after their dogs and that

some parishioners appreciate the work that is being done to improve the parish. Copeland no longer has dog wardens, there are however, environmental officers. The resident has provided specific areas where dog mess is not cleared and this information will be forwarded to Cllr Moore, who will pass this information on. Clerk to send SPC response to sender. Actioned

**13.9** Speeding in the village. This is an ongoing problem and unfortunately SPC have no jurisdiction, whilst these speeding signs do work and can be a deterrent, unfortunately there are some drivers who will ignore these signs. The resident also asks if there will be speeding reductions to 20mph by the school etc can be implemented. SPC will look into this and Cllr Paul Turner is supporting SPC regarding speeding. Clerk to send SPC response to senders. Actioned

**13.10** Rural services network, priority services registers for disabled people, should a utility fails these people will get priority.

**14a Urgent items raised by Councillors**

**14a.1** Cllr L Mawson 3<sup>rd</sup> CCTV. Quotes for underground cabling and camera £505.00 excl VAT and excludes electrical connectivity work and CCTV on pole £227.00 and £205 for a second CCTV. Overground cables agreed

**14a.2** Cllr Eastwood reports the Viking Way is very well used and pleased to see Cllr Turner at the meetings

**14b.1** Commercially sensitive.

**15 Dates of forthcoming Meeting**

**Full Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**