

Minutes
of the meeting of
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 4th March 2015 at 7pm
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

Present	Chair	Mr David Moore
	Councillors	Mrs Eileen Eastwood Mr Kenneth Mawson Mr David Ritson Mr Philip Taylor Mr David Halliday Mr Brian Goulding
	Clerk/RFO	Mr Ian Turner (Responsible Financial Officer)

Item

1 Apologies

Cllr Andrew Woollass, Cllr Christopher Taylor, Cllr Dr Craig Ashton, Cllr Andrew Williams

2 Announcements from the Chair

The Chair informed the Council that Cllr Woollass had offered his apologies for the remainder of the meetings for this session, and would not be standing for the elections this May. The Chair expressed, to general agreement, his gratitude for the service Mr Woollass had given the Parish Council to date, and hoped that he might change his mind in the future.

3 Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items

None

4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 4th February 2014

These were **proposed** as a fair and accurate account of the meeting by Cllr Ritson, seconded by Cllr Goulding, and there were no objections.

5 Actions arising from the previous meeting of 4th February 2014

Cllr Eastwood produced a facsimile of a letter that stated clearly that the St. Cuthbert's Parish Hall currently used by the Scouts and others was built for the Church, with funds donated to the Church.

6 Public participation

None

7 Reports from committees and representatives

7.1 The Council received a report from the Finance & General Purpose Committee. Cllr Halliday asked that someone else join the Committee to replace Cllr Woollass. Cllr Eastwood volunteered and was accepted.

7.2 The Council received a report on progress regarding populating the website from the Clerk. He informed them that the website was now full of relevant information. He also gave them information on how to log in to their secure area and their emails. He asked that the Council consider the best way to publicise the website. Cllr Ritson suggested placing a large banner somewhere prominent in the village, with the website name on it. Cllr Halliday was asked to

consider it in the next meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee. He **agreed** to do this. Cllr Ritson also asked the Clerk to look in to setting up a web counter on the site. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

7.3 The Council received a report from the Planning Committee.

8 Finance

8.1 The Council received a report from the RFO on the finance of the Parish. He asked for a free hand in transferring Parish funds to the new account and closing the old, under the guidance of Cllr Halliday. Cllr Eastwood **proposed** that the Clerk make all the arrangements as he suggested, this was seconded by Cllr Ritson, and there were no objections.

8.2 The Clerk showed the Council a list of payments he wished to make on behalf of the Council. These were agreed unanimously. Cllr Eastwood asked that the matter of who should supply electricity to Parish assets be included in the next meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee, as she was unhappy with the level of customer service on offer from Npower. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

9 To consider any planning issues

The Council considered the planning Application 4/15/2063, the placement and design of an audible 'Coastal Interpretation Board' by the jetty. The Council recommended that the planners approve this.

10 To receive a report on asset transfers

The Chair was pleased to announce that all asset transfer matters were concluded as of the 20th February, with the adoption by the Parish of the Car Park and foreshore. This was also covered by our insurance.

11 To consider the continuation of festivities sponsored by this Council

Cllr Eastwood asked whether the festivities run by the Council should continue in their present form. General discussion around this matter concluded that the majority of Councillors preferred the existing arrangement to continue.

12 Correspondence

12.1 The Clerk stated that a reply had come from Cumbria County Council regarding various lights around the village that needed to be fixed. Cllr Mawson asked that the Clerk write again to the authorities urging them to fix all the lights mentioned in his original correspondence. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

12.2 The Clerk also mentioned that Electricity North West had contacted the Parish, to tell them that the reinstatement of the Arch Hill substation site would take place in late March.

12.3 Cllr Ritson expressed enthusiasm for an LED Speed Indicator at the entrance to the village.

13 Urgent items raised by councillors

13.1 Cllr Mawson applauded the proposed introduction of Sunday trains to the area.

13.2 Cllr Eastwood asked that the Council consider replacing the public seat in the area around the Pavilion.

13.3 Cllr Mawson complained that the Wishing-Well noticeboard was damaged and difficult to

open. Cllr Moore **agreed** to assess the damage and see if it could be repaired.

13.4 Cllr Goulding sought permission to carry out pest control on Parish land. The Council agreed to facilitate him in this.

13.5 The Chair asked the Clerk to track down the results of a recent survey of traffic carried out by Cumbria County Council around the School. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

14 **Dates of forthcoming meetings**

The next meeting of the full Council will be on Wednesday 1st April 2015 in the Methodist Schoolroom at 7pm.