

Seascale Parish Council
Minutes
of the
Meeting of the Amenities Committee
held on
Wednesday 17th June 2015 at 7pm
in Seascale Fire Station

Present	Chair	Vacant
	Members	Cllr Brian Goulding Cllr David Ritson Cllr Ken Mawson Cllr Eileen Eastwood
	Clerk	Mr Ian Turner
	Public	Mrs Elizabeth Mawson

Item

1 Apologies

Cllr Andrew Williams

2 Appointment of Offices

2.1 To elect a Chair of the Committee

Cllr Ritson **proposed** Cllr Eastwood to the Chair, Cllr Goulding seconded, and the decision was unanimously accepted.

2.2 To elect a Vice-Chair of the Committee

Cllr Mawson **proposed** Cllr Ritson to the Vice-Chair, Cllr Goulding seconded, and the decision was unanimously accepted.

2.3 To ratify the Terms of Reference

These were ratified by **unanimous** agreement.

3 Announcements from the Chair

The Chair welcomed Mrs Mawson to the Committee meeting and **proposed** that she be co-opted on to the Committee to assist the Council's work. Cllr Goulding seconded and the Committee agreed this **unanimously**.

4 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda Items

None

5 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Amenities Committee of 11th March 2015

These were accepted **unanimously** as a true and fair representation of the meeting.

5.1 Actions arising from this meeting

The Chair and Cllr Goulding had toured the village to assess the main areas where the Committee's attention would be best focused. They found several key areas of concern listed below.

a) The Coniston Avenue Playing Field is in need of some maintenance. The sign on the field entrance needs to be replaced, and the brambles cut back from the lane. The slide needs to be repaired, and the bench needs to be cleaned. A bin loose on the field needs to be

removed. Mrs Mawson **agreed** to remove it. Attention needs to be paid to the surface under the Play Area.

b) Seating around the village needs to be maintained or replaced. These include the seat at Cross Lanes and Gosforth Road, the seat at Hallsenna Road and Gosforth Road which should be replaced, and the seat that has found it's way to the Cricket Ground that should be relocated. Another seat on Gosforth Road should be replaced or repaired.

c) Some bins around the village are an issue. The bin by the BMX track needs to be repaired. A bin needs to be installed at the top of Station Road, and the Chair **agreed** to look into this. The commercial bins outside the Chinese Restaurant need to be re-sited away from the road. The Clerk was asked to contact the business owners about this issue. The Clerk **agreed** to do this. Cllr Mawson said that a bin needed to be replaced opposite the Ice-Cream Parlour.

d) The wooden fencing around the BMX Track needs to be repaired, and the wooden post in the car park need to be replaced to stop people from driving on to the grassed area.

e) In the Sea Front Amenity Area, the councillors highlighted the poor condition of the recycling containers and the Chair **agreed** to talk to the relevant authorities on this matter. The sand on the **Play Area** needs to be topped up, and the slide re-painted. Miss Mawson agreed to paint the slide at her earliest convenience. The **Gun Carriage** needs to be re-painted. Cllr Ritson and Cllr Goulding **agreed** to do this. The instructions for the **Human Clock** need to be redone and posted. Cllr Ritson **agreed** to do this. The **public telephone** needs to be cleaned. The Clerk **agreed** to find out about adopting the phone box. The **Castle** needs to have some of the wooden seating batons replaced. The Chair and Cllr Goulding and Cllr Ritson **agreed** to tackle this.

6 Public participation

None

7 To allocate areas of responsibility to Committee members

Committee members agreed to take responsibility for their local areas in regards to upkeep of Parish assets.

8 To consider matters relating to Play Areas in the Parish

Mrs Mawson updated the Committee on her organisation's progress on renewing the Seafront Play Area. She said that an account had been opened for the charity project. She said that Mr John Davis of Copeland Borough Council's Parks Department had agreed to meet with her in the village to discuss the plans for the Play Area.

9 To consider matters relating to the Sports Hall, Pavilion and BMX track

Mrs Mawson said that she may be able to source the topping for the BMX track that had frustrated the efforts of the Councillors and the Clerk to this point.

10 To consider matters relating to the Seafront Amenity Area

The Chair asked the Clerk to contact Mr John Garner to quote for painting the lights as he repaired them. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

10.1 To consider refurbishing the toilet block

The Clerk relayed a request from the janitor, Mrs Dennett, that the toilets be refurbished, and that a baby-change facility be added to the disabled toilet. The Committee was in broad

agreement with this idea. Cllr Ritson and Cllr Goulding **agreed** to assess a cost for this, and the Clerk **agreed** to add it to the agenda for the Finance and General Purpose meeting.

10.2 The Chair informed the Committee that she had been approached to suggest a suitable location for the construction of a substantial sand sculpture proposed by the Coastal Board for Copeland. She asked Councillors to think on this matter and contact her with any suggestions.

11 To consider matters relating to the beautification of the village

Cllr Ritson informed the Committee that he had prepared two large planters for the village. He asked for assistance in placing them. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

12 Urgent Items Raised by Councillors

12.1 Cllr Mawson said that it was necessary to install some dropped kerbs on the way up Drigg Road from South Parade, as he had seen wheelchair users struggling to negotiate this area.

12.2 Cllr Mawson raised the issue of dog mess left by irresponsible owners. He asked whether there was still a Dog Warden for the area. The Chair said that she believed there was.

12.3 Cllr Goulding informed the Committee that a sink-hole had opened in the Dell, but that the relevant authorities had been contacted.

12.4 Cllr Ritson asked if there had been any progress on the 'Viking Way' project. The Chair was able to inform the Committee that Sellafeld PLC had decided not to fund the project as they had promised for reasons unknown to her. This meant that the project was on hold until someone found a solution to this.

13 Schedule for the upcoming Meeting of the Amenities Committee

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday 9th September 2015 in Seascale Fire Station.