

**Minutes**  
of the meeting of  
**Seascale Parish Council**  
held on  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7pm**  
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

<b>Present</b>	Chair	Cllr Brian Goulding
	Councillors	Cllr David Moore Cllr Mrs Eileen Eastwood Cllr David Ritson Cllr David Halliday
	Clerk/RFO	Mr Ian Turner
	Public	Mrs Catherine Harvey-Chadwick Mr Bran Harvey-Chadwick Mrs Vivienne Tredigda Mrs Brenda Parsons

**Item**

**1 Apologies**

Cllr Dr Craig Ashton, Cllr Kenneth Mawson, Cllr Andrew Williams

**2 Announcements from the Chair**

The Chair informed the meeting that the Clerk has resigned in order to take employment elsewhere. He will remain in post until the end of August. Cllr Eastwood thanked the Clerk on behalf of the Council for his efforts over the past two years, and wished him luck in his future endeavours.

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

None

**4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016**

These were unanimously **proposed** as a fair and accurate record of the meeting.

**4.1 Actions arising from that meeting**

Item **10.2** – Cllr Moore reported more damage to the BMX Track fence. The Chair asked that repair be added to the maintenance schedule for Mr Ian Rigg. Mr Moore **agreed** to do this.

**4.2** Item **14.3** – Cllr Moore reported that the meeting with the school had been postponed.

**4.3** Item **14.4** – Cllr Moore reported that sand had had to be removed from the jetty, as a matter of urgency.

**5 Public participation**

**5.1** The Chair welcomed Mrs Parsons to the meeting. Mrs Parsons claimed that the users of the car park were breaching Health and Safety rules. The Chair asked her for evidence of this, but Mrs Parsons said that, while she had the evidence, she was not willing to share it. The Chair informed Mrs Parsons that unless he had the evidence, then he would not be able to

act on her concerns.

**5.2** Mrs Parsons asked the Clerk a question over the Terms of Reference for the Finance and General Purposes (F&GP) Committee, which she called the F&PG Committee throughout the conversation. The Clerk explained that the Terms of Reference were posted on the website. Cllr Halliday explained that all powers to pass resolutions were now in the hands of the full Council, and that the F&GP Working Group was convened to make recommendations to the Council, and to discuss and explain often complex legal and financial affairs. He said that this move made the Council more open, in line with government's campaign on 'openness in local government'. Mrs Parsons was sceptical, suggesting that she believed this to be secretive and therefore corrupt.

**5.3** Mrs Parsons informed the meeting that she believed that there was someone advertising a private company in the car park. The Chair **agreed** to look in to the matter.

## **6 Reports from Committees and Councillors**

**6.1** The meeting heard a report from the Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Working Group (F&GPWG).

**6.2** The meeting heard a report from the Chair of the Amenities Working Group.

**6.3** Cllr Moore and Cllr Eastwood attended a meeting of the Seascale Recreational Association (SRA). The SRA asked that a serving Councillor become a Trustee, on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Moore was unsure as to the legality or wisdom of that level of involvement, as he did not know what liabilities would be imposed on the Parish. The Chair asked the Clerk to contact the Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC), to find out. The Clerk **agreed** to do this. At the meeting Cllr Moore **agreed** to help cost a new fence for the cricketers.

## **7 Finance**

**7.1** The Council received a report from the RFO. The RFO asked the Council whether they knew the origin of a BACS payment of £520. The Councillors were nonplussed. The RFO **agreed** to look into the matter.

**7.2** The Council considered and approved all requests for payment.

## **8 To consider any planning issues**

**8.1** The Council considered application 4/16/2174, various signs for the Co-op store on Gosforth Road. They recommended that it be allowed with no reservations.

**8.2** Cllr Moore said that he was making enquiries at Copeland Borough Council regarding the possibility of a planning breach by the Persimmon builders opposite Coniston Avenue Play Area. He said that he would inform the Cumbria County Council Flood Officer of the situation.

## **9 To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets**

**9.1a** The Chair had removed a rotten climbing post from the Beach Front Play Area.

**9.1b** The Chair said that a co-ordinated effort would be made by interested parties, to weed and re-sand the Sports Hall Play Area.

**9.1c** Cllr Moore reported that he had removed the damaged fence from the Coniston Avenue

Play Area.

**9.2** The Chair informed the Council that he was preparing a comprehensive report on the car park, which he hoped to give to the September Council meeting. Cllr Eastwood thanked the Chair on behalf of the Council for his diligence on this matter.

**10 To consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport**

**10.1** The Chair and Councillor Moore met with representatives of the Cumbria County Council Highways Department (CCCHD). Various issues were discussed. These included: speeding in the village, particularly by the school; the mirror and issues around the Arch Hill bridge; road markings throughout the village; and dropped kerbs for wheel-chair users. CCCHD said that they were planning to gather their own data on speeding black spots around the village, but ensured the Councillors that this was something that they were treating with a degree of urgency. They also reassured the Councillors that they would be putting in some dropped kerbs in the near future. They said that they would fix the mirror under Arch Hill, but that they are looking in to what they could do to alleviate the problems there.

**10.2** The Chair said he was arranging a meeting with the police regarding speeding issues.

**10.3** The Chair said that he was going to talk to the pupils at the school, to find out what they could do to help with issues around road safety, and share his findings with them.

**11 To consider matters relating to the Christmas Lights**

Cllr Halliday said that the recommendation from F&GPWG was to match fund the £400 raised by the Seascale Stompers and the £500 donated by the Co-op for Christmas Lights, to make a total of £1800 to spend this year. Cllr Eastwood and Cllr Moore explained that this would include a fee for the installation and proper maintenance of the lights. Further to this, they had met with Mr Anthony Biggins, and agreed a schedule for payment, and agreed on the stock to be bought. Cllr Halliday proposed that the scheme be accepted, and that the RFO be allowed to present the cheque to the F&GPWG members for a signature. This was unanimously **agreed**.

**12 To receive a report on the Quad Bike**

Cllr Moore gave the RFO a cheque for the funds remaining in Mr Morgan's Quad Bike account. He informed the Council that he was now in possession of the Quad bike, and sought guidance on a course of action. Cllr Ritson advised that the vehicle be re-insured on 22<sup>nd</sup> July renewal date, and that a call be put out to anyone in the village to continue Mr Morgan's wonderful service to the village. This was unanimously **agreed**. The RFO asked that he be allowed to present the cheque for the insurance to the F&GPWG members for a signature. This was unanimously **agreed**.

**13 Correspondence**

The 'Living Memory' organisation contacted the Parish Council. The Chair said that the school was keen to become involved, and that he had forwarded the information on to them.

**14 Urgent items raised by councillors**

**14.1** Cllr Moore asked that Parishioners contact Copeland Borough Council when they see bins overflowing. To this end he asked the Clerk to put the relevant number on the website. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

**14.2** Cllr Moore said that United Utilities had contacted the Council through him to ask advice on pruning trees in the Wasdale Park area. The trees had been planted to obscure the view of the

sewage treatment plant, but were now obscuring the view of the fells. The Chair and Cllr Moore **agreed** to advise on the matter.

**15 Dates of forthcoming meetings**

The next scheduled meeting of the full Council is 7pm on Wednesday 7<sup>h</sup> September 2016 in the Methodist Schoolroom.