

Minutes
of the extraordinary meeting of
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 16th July 2014 at 7:30pm
in the Seascale Fire Station, Seascale

Present	Chair	Mr Andrew Woollass
	Councillors	Mr David Halliday Mr David Ritson Mrs Eileen Eastwood (from 8:15pm) Dr Craig Ashton Mr Andrew Williams Mr Philip Taylor Mr David Moore
	Clerk	Mr Ian Turner

Item

- 1 Apologies were received from Mrs Eastwood, and Mr Goulding.
- 2 There were no announcements from the Chair.
- 3 There were no declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items.
- 4 Mr Moore stated that there had been a change to Clause 2, Article 31 of the 'Conditional Agreement for Sale' relating to the transfer of the foreshore asset between Copeland Borough Council and Seascale Parish Council. He stated that the wording was somewhat opaque regarding what constituted 'property situated to the north-west of the Property'. He said that he was confident that the meaning would be made clearer once the solicitors had worked on the document. Mr Moore went on to explain his view on the salient points of the document, and explained to the council, with the help of Mr Halliday, the legal terminology. Dr Ashton asked Mr Moore whether, in his opinion, Copeland were likely to withdraw from the sale. Mr Moore gave his view that this was very unlikely, and furthermore, that he expected Copeland to make grant applications in order to bring the foreshore area up to saleable condition. Mr Halliday was particularly pleased with Article 35, postulating that it appeared to provide all the pecuniary protection that the council could wish for. This met with general agreement from councillors. Mr Halliday was impressed by the completeness of the document, and that it seemed that boundary issues in the title deeds had been cleared up.
Mr Halliday said that it was his belief that the 'floating charge' referred to in Article 60 was not applicable to the Parish Council, on the grounds that he understands that this organisation was not entitled to raise loans. Mr Moore answered that, on the one occasion he could recall of the Parish Council requiring a loan to make a sizeable purchase, the arrangement was kept between the County and the Parish, with no outside involvement. Therefore he believed Mr Halliday was probably correct in his assumption.
Mr Ritson asked if this transfer would effect the arrangements for repairing damage caused by third parties. Mr Moore stated that, in the event that a service company damaged the area in the course of their business, he considered that they would still be liable to fix it, just as the arrangement is while Copeland controls the asset. He saw nothing in the contract to alter his view. Further to this point, the Chair claimed that there were at least three

potholes developing in the car park that should be indicated to Mr John Davis of Copeland Council. The Clerk **agreed** to do this. Mr Moore said that it might be a good idea if the Council started to consider what the policy should be regarding use of the car park. Mr Taylor asked that when we contact our solicitors we ask about the way-leave situation. The Chair felt that this would be a good idea to clarify it, although it would probably be unchanged. Mr Moore **proposed** that the Clerk write to the solicitors urging forward action on this matter, Mr Halliday seconded and there were no objections. The Clerk agreed to do this. Dr Ashton stated that this was really a very good deal for the parish, and that we might go further than mere agreement, and express our gratitude to Copeland.

- 5 The Chair was pleased that, after a long wait, the Parish Council was now able to consider the planning permission for the proposed 'Viking Way'. Mr Moore announced that there had been a major change to the application conditions for this proposal. Now it would be Cumbria County Council that would deal with the application. Dr Ashton asked Mr Moore if this was standard practice. Mr Moore answered that it wasn't, but his view was that it was a positive move. He qualified this by stating that it may move the project to completion sooner than might otherwise be expected. He explained that this did not alter things as far as the Parish Council was concerned. He added that at the moment, the only remaining task to perform was the archaeological survey. Mrs Eastwood was welcomed to the meeting. The Chair said that some children he had spoken to at the Primary School had raised a concern as to the speed limit at the proposed entrance to the Viking Way. Mr Taylor raised some concerns as to accessibility at both Seascale and Gosforth ends for bicycles and wheelchairs. The Chair asked that we recommend a speed limit of 30mph to include are surrounding the junction of the Gosforth Road where it meets the A595 to the solicitors, and asked that the Clerk include this in his email. Dr Ashton asked Mr Moore when it was likely that work would commence. Mr Moore stated that it was his view that, barring objections that may be lodged until 8th August 2014, work could start as soon as September this year. Mr Taylor **proposed** that the Parish Council instruct the solicitors to proceed, and Dr Ashton seconded, and there were no objections. In fact the Chair stated his great satisfaction, which was met with unanimous agreement. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.
- 6 The Chair wished to update councillors on the repairs to the Sports Hall. Delays in letting the contract after the initial assessment of the building have caused the deterioration to accelerate on the effected areas. It had been agreed at the last full meeting of the Parish Council that the existing contract be extended. This had been done and, with some delays due to the weather, it was continuing apace. Mr Moore said that he had attended the work, and under advice from the contractor had stated a preference for pebble-dashing the effected area. It was surmised that this would save the Parish money on repainting the exterior, and that in any case, should the pebble-dashing be deemed unsuitable, it could be reversed. Mr Ritson **proposed** that the Parish Council deemed the work was continuing satisfactorily, Mr Taylor seconded, and there were no objections.
- 7 The next meeting in the Parish will be the Finance and General Purpose Meeting, to be held on 23rd July 2014.

The meeting was closed at 8:45pm