

Minutes
of the meeting of
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 1st October 2014 at 7pm
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

Present	Chair	Mr David Moore
	Councillors	Mrs Eileen Eastwood Mr Kenneth Mawson Mr David Halliday Dr Craig Ashton
	Clerk	Mr Ian Turner

Item

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Woollass, Cllr David Ritson and Cllr Andrew Williams.

2 Announcements from the Chair

The Chair announced that a proposal from Persimmon Ltd to offer Copeland Borough Council £164,000 for non-specific flood alleviation schemes had come to his attention in his capacity as a Copeland Councillor. He deems this to be disadvantageous to the Parish, and a clear breach of the spirit and letter of the agreement initially struck by Persimmon Ltd. He asked Councillors to back his decision to oppose this action in the Development Control Meeting of Copeland Borough Council. It is his view that more money is needed from Persimmon Ltd, and that it should be targeted specifically at the flood control works in the village. Cllr Ashton **proposed** that this be adopted as the policy of the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Halliday and there were no objections.

3 Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items

None

4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 3rd September 2014

The minutes were **proposed** as accurate and fair by Cllr Mawson, seconded by Cllr Eastwood and there were no objections.

5 Actions arising from the previous meeting of 3rd September 2014

Cllr Eastwood has spoken to Mr Ian Rigg (Builder) regarding the guttering on the Sports Hall.

6 Public participation

None

7 Reports from committees and representatives

7.1 The Council received a report from the Finance and General Purpose Committee. Cllr Ashton **proposed** that a full report to the Parish Council regarding the annual audit of the Parish accounts by Cllr Woollass at his earliest convenience. This was seconded by the Chair and there were no objections.

7.2 The Council received a report from the Amenities Committee informing Councillors of the move to quarterly meetings, effective immediately.

8 Finance

8.1 The Council received a report from the RFO on the finance of the parish. The NatWest Bonus Savings account remains unchanged, and the NatWest Current Account stands at £12,438.79. The RFO supplied details of the transactions of the Parish which were scrutinised by all.

8.2 Cllr Woollass was unable to deliver an update on the Annual Parish Return due to his absence from the meeting.

8.3 On the matter of the adoption of a new banking arrangement for the Parish, Cllr Halliday said that he had been satisfied with the terms offered by the Unity Bank as outlined in the minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee. He recommended that the Parish switch the account at the earliest opportunity. The Chair **proposed** that this be done and this was seconded by Cllr Eastwood and there were no objections. Cllr Halliday **agreed** to do this as soon as practicable. He expressed the view that the documents stored by the bank, be held by the Parish in a secure filing cabinet. This was deemed acceptable by all present.

9 Planning

9.1 On the matter of the Viking Way project, the Chair reports no further progress.

9.2 The Chair asked the Clerk to request the amended plans proposed in the case of the Planning Application 4/14/2347 for a new dwelling at Parkstone, The Banks. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

10 Asset Transfer

10.1 In the matter of the asset transfer of the Seafront Amenity Area, the Chair reports no further movement.

11 To agree on how to formulate a formal Policy on the use of the Seafront Amenity Area following it's acquisition by the Parish

The Clerk **agreed** to liaise with CALC in order to present a draft policy on use of the Seafront Amenity Area in order to present this to the Council for consideration. The Chair informs the Council that he intends to write to Copeland Borough Council to get permission for Mr David Morgan to drive his All-Terrain Vehicle on the seafront.

12 To receive a report from Cllr Ashton on provision of a website for the Parish

Cllr Ashton reports that the old website has been completely removed without his participation. He reports that he has secured the domain name www.seacaleparish.com for our use. The Clerk accompanied him to a meeting with the web developer 'The Design Works' in Kendal. At the meeting the template and operating system were agreed along with the price, to be paid on completion of the project. Cllr Ashton was unable to secure a start date for the website, but has **agreed** to pursue the matter. Cllr Eastwood has **agreed** to try to find a good digital representation of the Seascale heraldic crest for use on the website.

13 To consider the renovation of the Toilets in the Car Park

The Chair has **agreed** to get quotes and assess the work needed.

14 Correspondence

14.1 In the matter of the letter from the Crime Commissioner, Councillors were very

disappointed and dismayed to read this response to our request for more police involvement in Parish meetings. In the letter from Ms L Hodgson, the Administration Officer of the Commissioner, she says that “I have spoken with the Chief Constables office regarding redeployment of resources and have been advised that this is a county wide issue, where the Constabulary are withdrawing from routinely attending parish and council meetings. This is due to the demand for resources, budgetary constraints and improving efficiencies in deploying resources. I can understand that this will be frustrating for you, but I can advise that the Constabulary are still reporting/responding the same to all reported concerns/crimes.” (sic). Councillors were upset that the reply did not come from the Commissioner himself and that the reply appeared to be a generic response where the appropriate deletions had not even been made. They regard this as an insulting response to a legitimate concern. Added to this was the dismay that a decision regarding attendance at Parish meetings county-wide, should be made without any consultation with those concerned, and not communicated at the time.

14.2 On the matter of a response to the letter from Copeland regarding the funding for the Dell improvements, Cllr Eastwood **agreed** to assist the Clerk in resolving this.

15 Urgent items raised by councillors

15.1 Cllr Ashton asks that the Clerk write a letter to the Golf Club asking them to ask their patrons to take more care driving to and from the clubhouse, as he has received complaints from residents. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

15.2 Cllr Eastwood informed the meeting that she wished to propose the idea of sheltered housing in the village at the Mid-Copeland meeting on the 21st October.

15.3 Cllr Mawson asked the Clerk to contact Cumbria County Council regarding the continuing problem of the footpath blocked by the gabion on the seafront. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

15.4 Cllr Eastwood **agreed** to pursue the matter of rabbit infestation of the Links Crescent and the children's play area. She will take it up with Copeland Council.

15.5 The Chair informed the Council of the return of the Beach Monitoring is returning for two weeks in October.

16 Dates of forthcoming meetings

The next full meeting of Seascale Parish Council will be on Wednesday 5th November 2014 in the Methodist Schoolroom at 7 pm.