

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

Present	Chair	Cllr David Moore
	Councillors	Cllr Brian Goulding Cllr Andrew Williams Cllr David Halliday Cllr Eileen Eastwood Cllr Kenneth Mawson Cllr Dr Craig Ashton
	Clerk/RFO	Mr Ian Turner
	Public	Mrs Brenda Parsons Mrs Elizabeth Mawson

Item

1 Apologies

Cllr David Ritson

2 Announcements from the Chair

None

3 Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items

Cllr Ashton will not participate in Item 9.2, as he is an employee of the applicant.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 2nd September 2015

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

4.1 Actions arising from that meeting

4.1a The Chair wished to record his disappointment that the PCSO had not taken time to respond fully to the request of the Parish Council, that their reports to the Council be more substantial, or that they commit to attending Parish meetings on a regular basis.

4.1b The Clerk said that Cumbria Nuclear Constabulary had responded to his query on behalf of Mr Niven. They said that the choking of the roads around the Golf Course and approaching Sellafield was a matter for the civil police, as it did not fall within their evacuation procedure plan.

4.1c The Clerk said that his contact on behalf of Mr Niven with O2 regarding mobile phone coverage, had proved unsatisfactory.

5 Public participation

5.1 The Chair welcomed Mrs Parsons to the meeting. Mrs Parsons complained that she felt that the minutes from last month's meeting did not depict her interaction with the meeting in an accurate way. This was met with general disagreement by those councillors who had been present.

- 5.2 Mrs Parsons informed the meeting that some lights on the car park were not functioning. Cllr Mawson **agreed** to look into this and report them to Mr Garner, the electrician.
- 5.3 Mrs Parsons pointed to an error on the lease agreement with Morgan Sindall, in that the agreement was with Seascale Borough Council. In her view, this rendered the lease null and void. Cllr Ashton disagreed, informing Mrs Parsons that as there was clear 'intention to contract', and that this did not alter any of the terms of the agreement, as both parties knew each others intention, and the money had arrived safely in the Parish Council's account. The Chair added that this matter had been thoroughly investigated by Copeland Borough Council's (CBC) Democratic Services Department, and found to be legal and honest, and that they were satisfied that the whole process had been conducted in an open and democratic way. He said that every decision was made in open forum, and therefore this Council would no longer consider any more questions on this matter, as they would be judged vexatious and as a provocation.
- 5.4 Mrs Parsons handed the Clerk a copy of Subsections 14.7 and 14.8 of the 2004 Traffic Management Act. She claimed that the Parish Council had acted illegally in contracting with Morgan Sindall, according to her interpretation. She accused the Chair of lying about why he had allowed the car park to be used by Morgan Sindall. The Chair asked Mrs Parsons to desist from such inflammatory speech. He added that the Parish Council would not listen to any more of these accusations, and that if Mrs Parsons wished to remain in the meeting, she should do so in silence.

6 **Reports from Committees and Councillors**

- 6.1 The meeting heard a report from the Amenities Committee. Cllr Eastwood asked the Clerk to contact CBC Parks Department for a list of the bins that they were emptying in the village. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.
- 6.2 The meeting heard a report from the Finance & General Purpose Committee. Cllr Halliday asked for another councillor to join the Committee, as Cllr Ashton was not often available. Cllr Ashton said that he would make more of an effort to attend.

7 **Finance**

- 7.1 The meeting heard a report from the RFO on the finance of the Parish (attached/supplied on request).
- 7.2 The Council considered requests for payment for maintenance of the toilets and the BMX Track which were **agreed** unanimously.

8 **To consider quotes and repairs in the Parish**

None

9 **To consider any planning issues**

- 9.1 The Council considered application 4/15/2392, the conversion of a stable from two structures to one at Fox Parke, Drigg Road. It was unanimously **agreed** that CBC allow the plan without reservation.
- 9.2 The Council considered an application altering the route of the security fence around the Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg. It was unanimously **agreed** that CBC allow the plan without reservation.

10 To receive a report on Parish Assets

10.1 The Council then considered matters relating to play areas in the parish. The Chair welcomed Mrs Mawson to the meeting. She gave a presentation to the Council on the three proposals for the Seascale Community Beach Park Project. The Chair thanked Mrs Mawson, and praised her team's efforts to improve the village.

10.2 The Council then considered matters relating to electricity supply. Having been frustrated in his attempts to get a new meter installed for the pavilion, it was unanimously **proposed** that the Clerk look for an alternative electricity supplier. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

11 To consider the Parish Council's position on the works proposed by National Grid in the local area

After hearing from the Chair about the efforts of Parishes to the South to get the power lines routed out to sea, or at least buried. The Council unanimously **proposed** that this Parish Council endorse the campaign.

12 To consider the form of the festive celebrations, and allocate monies

Cllr Eastwood **proposed** that the fireworks display be shelved this year in favour using the money to fix frames for the lights, as they had become rotten. It was further **proposed** by Cllr Halliday that the budget for this be set at £500. This was seconded by Cllr Goulding and there were no objections. The Clerk **agreed** to contact Mr Garner.

13 To consider the Council's policy on the Library

Conversation focussed on the various ways of financing the library. Councillors were generally positive about making concerted efforts to maintain the library in as close to its present form and function as it is at the moment. The Chair encouraged councillors to make every effort to secure the future of the library. This was unanimously **agreed**.

14 Correspondence

14.1 The Council **agreed** to a request from the Girl Guides to 'Geocache' on Parish land.

14.2 The Council **agreed** to endorse RNIB's campaign on 'pavement parking'.

14.3 The Clerk informed the Council that he had received a letter from the Post Office, outlining a plan to relocate the Post Office counter to the Chemist's in the near future.

15 Urgent items raised by councillors

15.1 Cllr Eastwood believes that the Sports Hall may be in need of renovation.

15.2 Cllr Mawson reported that there were several lamp posts in the parish not functioning. Of particular note were the broken lamp posts at Swang Farm, and the junction of Gosforth Road and Halsenna Road. He is dismayed by the County Council's lack of action on this issue, as it has been on-going for months. The Clerk **agreed** to contact Cumbria County Council.

15.3 Cllr Mawson was concerned that the rabbit holes were still unfilled, in the area around the car park.

15.4 Cllr Eastwood asked the Clerk to inform CBC Parks Department that the Arch Hill bridge was overgrown. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

15.5 At Cllr Eastwood's behest the Clerk informed the Council about the 'Adopt a Phone Box'

scheme being run by BT.

15.6 Cllr Williams informed the Council that he and the Chair had emptied the Honesty Box in the Car Park. The Clerk confirmed that he was in receipt of the money.

16 **Dates of forthcoming meetings**

The next full meeting of this Council is scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday 4th November 2015 in the Methodist School Room.