

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 3rd October 2018
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

Chair Cllr David Moore

Councillors Cllr David Halliday
 Cllr Eileen Eastwood
 Cllr Ken Mawson
 Cllr L Mawson
 Cllr David Ritson
 Cllr Julie Savage

Clark/ RFO Ms Jill Bush

Public Ms B Parsons

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes

ITEM

1. Apologies
Cllr Craig Ashton
Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick
2. **Announcements from the Chair**
- 2.1 Ms Julie Savage co-opted to Council. Proposed by Cllr Eastwood and seconded Cllr Ritson
Cllr Savage is welcomed by Council
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda items**
4. **Ratify Minutes of the previous meeting of 5th September 2018**
Proposed Cllr Ritson and seconded Cllr Halliday
5. **Matters Arising**
(9.2) Cllr Moore hopes to arrange to have 3 of the 4 commemoration soldier statues (loaned from Copeland BC) in Seascale, one at each end of the village and one at the wishing well on 11th November, but advised other Parishes were also making the same request.
6. **County Councillor Paul Turner**
Unable to attend
7. **Public Participation**
- 7.1 Ms Parsons asked why there were no minutes from the Amenities Group? Council advised the reasons there had been no meetings is because the amenities issues had been addressed and minuted at the full Council meetings.
- 7.2 Asked the cost of the Foreshore play area fence? The clerk advised the fence cost was £2760.00. Ms Parsons believes it would not keep the children in and was advised the purpose of the fence was to keep cars out and is meeting this requirement.

- 7.3 Asked why there was no transparency report on the website? The clerk advised Parish Councils were only required to update and load onto the website once a year. Although on occasions she has been able to update this more often, it is not always possible.
- 7.4 Ms Parsons stated she would now ask Cllr L Mawson a personal question. Council advised this was not the correct forum, the question would not be answered and the detail not minuted.

8. Reports from the Councillors & Working Groups

- 8.1 Following a request from the Parish Council to United Utilities about the drain by the Sports Hall repeatedly blocking, United Utilities acknowledged this drain services the local community and therefore it is their responsibility to clear this. United Utilities advised they do not know why it blocks and should be contacted in the first instance should this re-occur.
- 8.2 Copeland has been asked to place an order for an industrial quality manhole cover for this drain. Parish Council will pay the invoice for this.
- 8.3 It was unanimously agreed by Council to provide the Pavilion with hand-dryers. Cllr L Mawson to make cost enquiries with the Company who supplied the hand-dryers for the toilet refurbishment.
Cllr L Mawson to action
- 8.4 Cllr K Mawson asked who had paid for the previous blockages. The clerk advised the Sports Hall paid for the first blockage. The Sports Hall were advised by United Utilities it was not their responsibility and the committee concerned about the smell and an imminent booking contacted Unblock Cumbria. The second time it was paid by the Parish Council, as the clerk was advised to use the same Company. (CLARIFICATION AMENDMENT - the clerk updates the minute statement – the Sports Hall placed the first order, but the Parish Council paid both invoices)
- 8.5 Cllr Halliday requested a F&G WG meeting be added to the next agenda as next year's precept needs to be discussed and to organise a date.

9. Planning Applications

- CH/4/18/2316/0F1 – following a meeting with Sellafield and the surrounding Parish Councils (Cllr L Mawson and Cllr Ritson attended on behalf of Seascale), the detail about the Security Cameras for outer perimeter sterile zone Sellafield Site had been further clarified. The full Council following the Cllrs report agreed the earlier objection was retracted and a no objection to be submitted. Cllr Ritson was also able to report that Sellafield have agreed to give more notice of planning applications. See 14.2 below for further info on this meeting.
- CH/4/18/2353/0F1 - Request a deferment as unable to open disc. A request submitted for hard copy planning applications only in future. Also request a consultation because of the obvious visual impact (the tank will be 43 mtrs high) and consideration for a site visit.
- CH/4/18/2398/0F1 - Request a deferment as unable to open disc. A request submitted for hard copy planning applications only in future.
- CH/4/18/2398/0F1 – No objection

10. Finance

10.1 RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance

- Cashbook balance £28,683.57, bank balance £33,894.69. the variance of £5,211.12 is due to 3 outstanding payments - £5,000.00 for the foreshore play area landscaping, £15.52 Ryan Air conditioning equipment (toilet block refurbishment) and £195.60 for the Pavilion Fire extinguishers.
- The £5,000.00 is a bridging loan to pay for supplies of the foreshore landscape work. This is separate from the 12-month £6,000.00 bridging loan given to the Seascale Comm. Beach Park charity.
- Clerk advised National Rail acknowledged to the duplicate payment and is arranging a credit.

Council agreed

11. To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

11.1 Foreshore Play Area

Following the Council agreement for a Maintenance contract of the Foreshore play area, Copeland queried why such a contract was required as they understood the equipment and installation was

covered by a 25-year warranty. The clerk to contact Copeland to arrange ongoing monthly inspections for a 6-monthly period, a maintenance contract to include the landscaping and banana slide remedial work. Also, to arrange an on-site meeting between Copeland and Cllr L Mawson to discuss the clarification of this maintenance remedial/repair work. Costs of such a contract will be channelled through the normal channels (the clerk) to report back to Council. Clerk to action. Actioned. **Pending response**

11.2 Toilet Block Refurbishment

Gents and disabled toilets refurbishments are completed and the new floor of the ladies toilets to be carried out by 22nd October. New signs to be ordered. The Council thank Ms Dennett for her sterling commitment to this work.

11.3 Library

Freehold Asset Transfer process to progressing well and should go to area management this month (October). CCC have asked for the name of the legal representation on behalf of the Parish Council (PC). HRT Gough & Co have provided this regarding other asset transfers and it was agreed they be contacted and asked to represent the PC on this occasion. Clerk to arrange legal representation and advise CCC. Clerk to Action. Actioned. **Pending response**

Volunteers to be contacted in readiness for handover. The refurbishment of the library to commence once transfer agreed and much, if not all, of its stock including the original copy of the history of Seascale to be retained.

12. To consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

12.1 Cllr K Mawson reported no feedback has been received issue of the mirror in the bridge arch. Cllr Moore expressed disappointment regarding the continued flooding issue.

12.2 Cllr K Mawson reported there is only one ticket machine at the rail station, resulting in passengers having to cross the tracks to purchase a ticket if their journey is in the opposite direction and expressed his disappointment to the decision made by National Rail, not considering the concerns raised by the PC.

12.3 The laminate on the rail station shelter, the timetable board and the fence has been vandalised. This is the third time there has been damaged to the National Rail in six months. **Cllr L Mawson to contact CRUG regarding damage.**

12.4 Cllr L Mawson advised (from the Sellafield with meeting see 9 above) Sellafield is targeting nuisance parking, which is causing disruption and inconvenience. Sellafield have asked to be advised of specific nuisance parking. Cllr Moore reported Sellafield will be leafletting 2 – 3 times a week and this will extend to those cars parked by the cricket field.

12.5 Cllr Eastwood expressed concern about the parking by the cricket field. Cllr Moore doesn't understand why they don't park in the car park as it is free. Cllr Savage advised Sellafield will only issue a permit if parking is within one kilometre from a park and ride facility and doesn't understand why anybody would need to park in Seascale. However, there has been a bus collect point in Seascale for Sellafield workers. Being collected from Seascale is about a 10-minute ride from the site, Gosforth is about 20 minutes and the further afield the bus is used the substantially longer the bus journey. Sellafield appear to be pushing the responsibility of car parking problems onto the Parishes.

13. Correspondence

13.1 Unity Bank Trust is removing its hard copy processes from the 19th October for changing signatories etc (the excludes cheque deposits and payments). The Council should organise more BACS payments, especially with standard monthly payments. Cllr Halliday will make enquiries regarding the online process and report to the F&G WP meeting. **Cllr Halliday to action**

13.2 A Lollipop Lady or Gentleman required for the Primary School Crossing. All enquiries to be made to the School. Details on Parish website. <http://www.seascaleparish.com/> Clerk to action. Actioned

13.3 Community Speed Watch to looking for volunteers, the new PCSM is happy to train up people for this. PLI insurance will be required. If interested, please contact Cllr Paul Turner. christopherpaul.turner@cumbria.gov.uk Clerk to put this on the website. Actioned

13.4 Royal Mail has advised the area is being targeted by scammers. If affected, their contact details to report this is:

- **Write to FREEPOST SCAM MAIL enclosing any suspected scam mail**
- **Phone 0800 0113 466**
- **Emailing scam to scam.mail@royalmail.com**

13.5 Sellafield Permit update – to carry out a major review of 2 of its environmental permits. This is in preparation for the end of fuel reprocessing at the site. For further details please see below.

13.6 The Sports Hall are now receiving Christmas bookings and asked if its premises will be required for the Christmas light switching on celebration. The Council can confirm the Sports Hall is not required.
Clerk to advise Sports Hall

13.7 Copeland Neighbourhood Policing Team – Crime figures

- Parking issues at South Parade during a Charity event raised by a local resident
- 13 Mountain rescue related incidents
- Criminal damage to a residential property whereby TV satellite wires were cut
- CCNET have been conducting regular speed checks on Gosforth Road at various times throughout the day, predominantly focussing on school/commuter traffic times

13.8 Following an injury to a child using the foreshore slide, the grandparents enquired if the Parish Council can confirm if there have been other incidents. **Cllr L Mawson to contact requestor**

14 Urgent items raised by Councillors

14.1 Christmas festivities are as follows:

- 16th December Church Choir 3.00 – 4.00pm
- Christmas Lights switch on at approximately 4.10pm once the Carol Service has ended
- The Council to consider asking a dignitary to conduct a formal switching on. Cllr Moore will make enquires
- Mince pies and refreshments to be available in the Pavilion afterwards
- Foreshore lamp post repair. Clerk reported the Company whose employees were responsible for the damage had been located by the previous Chair and an email obtained, this was returned as address unknown. A second was provided with the same result. A third one was sent to the Company's enquiry address, for the attention of a specific named person. This has not been returned, but there has also been no reply to this. The chair asked the clerk to send the details across to him, as this Company will be doing further work and CCC will be contacted to advise of this Company's intransigence. Clerk to action. Actioned
- Cllr K Mawson advised he had read Copeland BC Mayor has reported when he took over from the previous administration it was almost bankrupt
- Cllr L Mawson asked if it was possible to change the item 7 to questions to Council. Cllr Moore confirmed this was the way Copeland itemised questions from the public. Several Cllrs agreed to this.

15 Dates of forth coming Meeting

Full Meeting Wednesday 7th November

Update on Sellafield Ltd's Environmental Permits

The Environment Agency has been working with Sellafield Ltd to carry out a major review of 2 of its environmental permits in readiness for the end of fuel reprocessing at the Sellafield site. The permits in question are the Radioactive Substances Activities (RSA) permit and the Installations permit, which allow the site to operate facilities, discharge liquids and gases to the environment and disposals of solid waste. This will be the most significant review of Sellafield Ltd's permits since the early 2000s.

As part of the review, we expect Sellafield Ltd to submit applications to us to make changes to the 2 permits.



Our role

As the leading organisation working to protect the environment, it is our role to regulate discharges and radioactive waste disposals from Sellafield. We set stringent discharge limits in Sellafield Ltd's environmental permits. We also make sure the company minimises discharges and their impacts on people and the environment by using the best available techniques.

The end of reprocessing

Currently, the Sellafield site reprocesses radioactive fuel in its Thermal Oxide Reprocessing Plant (THORP) and its Magnox Reprocessing plant. However, fuel reprocessing will be coming to an end at THORP in November 2018 and Magnox in 2020. This will mean that the site will see a significant reduction in discharges to the environment. Given these reductions, the company will need to have new environmental permits that better reflect the new, lower discharge levels.

Following the end of fuel reprocessing, Sellafield Ltd's mission will focus on decommissioning and the safe and secure environmental remediation of the Sellafield Site. The permit review is a good opportunity to build more flexibility into the permits to allow for post operational clean out and clean-up of the high hazard legacy facilities to reduce the risk to people and the environment.

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Public consultation

When we receive the applications from Sellafield Ltd to make the permit changes, we will be carrying out a public consultation on them. The consultation will give people the opportunity to understand the proposed changes to the permit. It is also an opportunity for people to provide us with any information that they think is relevant to our decision making.

We intend to carry out 2 separate consultations - one for the RSA permit and one for the Installations permit. Each consultation will last for 8 weeks. Once each consultation closes, we will review all the comments received and then publish our draft decision for that permit. This will set out our response to all the comments we receive during the consultation period and the reasons for our draft decision. We will then hold a further 8 week consultation on the draft decision for each permit, which will give people an opportunity to let us have any further relevant information.

The public consultations will also be an opportunity to communicate how Sellafield Ltd is performing against the 2020 expected outcomes in the UK Discharge Strategy (UKDS, 2009).

We will be notifying people when the consultations go live through a further update, advertisement on the .gov.uk website, tweets and posters in local libraries, leisure centres and supermarkets

Timescales

Due to the different types of information and data involved in the permit applications, the RSA and Installations permits will be submitted at different times. We expect to receive the first application, which is for the RSA permit application, in October 2018. The below table shows the proposed timetable of key events in the review. It is worth noting that these are proposed dates and they may be subject to change if there are any delays.

Activity	RSA permit	Installation permit
Proposed application submission date	October 2018	Summer 2019
Public consultation on application (8 weeks)	Autumn/winter 2018	Summer/autumn 2019
Public consultation on draft decision (8 weeks)	Spring/summer 2019	Autumn/winter 2019
Permit issued	Autumn 2019	Spring 2020

If you have any questions regarding this update, or you are reading a second hand copy and would like to be added to our contact list for future updates, please contact the Nuclear Regulation Team North on 020 3025 5873 or by email at nrg.north@environment-agency.gov.uk.

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