

**Minutes**  
of the  
Seascale Parish Council Meeting  
held on  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

**Present:**

Chair            Cllr David Moore

Councillors    Cllr Craig Ashton  
                  Cllr Eileen Eastwood  
                  Cllr David Halliday  
                  Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick  
                  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**

None

**2. Announcements from the Chair**

None

**3. Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda items**

None

**4. Ratify Minutes of the previous meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Proposed Cllr Ritson and seconded Cllr Eastwood

**5. Matters Arising**

(5) Commemoration Soldier silhouettes will remain in place until the end of the year by request of the British Legion

(5 – (12.4)) Sellafeld commuter buses - Carlisle, Cockermouth, Millum and Workington - will charge £2.50 each way from January. Park and ride will remain free. Due to the continued inconsiderate parking, Sellafeld will accept the funding for yellow lines 4-hour parking restrictions, to get the message across that this must cease. There will be a meeting with Sellafeld and the effected Parish and town Councils who are affecting by inconsiderate parking of Sellafeld workers

(6.1) CCC to address the flooding issues to ensure it meets Environmental Agency standards.

(6.2) There has been hedge cutting along the Viking Way, but not the whole length. It is likely to have been carried out by considerate land-owners. The Parish Council express its thanks to them.

(6.3) County Cllr Paul Turner has taken photos and forwarded these onto the relevant department.

(9) Sellafeld and the Lonngings Planning applications possibly go to review this month. Copeland has not received any objections for the latter

(11.1) The Parish Council would like a public consultation on what the locals would like in the Sports Hall play area, the basket-ball facility will remain, but requires a replacement backboard. Coniston play area will also be reviewed.

(14.8) Weather somewhat spoilt the Commemoration Service

## **6. County Councillor Paul Turner**

Has responded promptly to concerns raised, 5 above.

Clerk to contact CCC highways department and copy Cllr P Turner regarding the damage done by contractors to the foreshore green in front of Baileyground hotel. The Parish Council believe the damage creates a safety hazard, it should be fenced off and the PC invite him to make a site visit. Clerk to action. Actioned

## **7. Public Participation**

**7.1** Ms Parsons asked if the Parish Council approved the move of the 'seagull' on the foreshore play area. The PC confirmed it did.

**7.2** Asked if the PC paid for the foreshore play area planning applications? The PC confirmed it did.

**7.3** Questioned if this was correct use of parish funds. The PC believe it was, as it is a public amenity refurbishment on parish land. Ms Parsons disagreed.

**7.4** Ms Parsons stated she believes the PC treats her as "worthless" and lack of respect as demonstrated in the previous month's minutes. The Chair reaffirmed Ms Parsons would be treated accordingly. Ms Parsons expressed disagreement to this statement. The Chair clarified Ms Parsons would be treated the same way she treats members of the Council.

**7.5** Ms Parson asked how much the charity had received as she had received information of conflicting amounts. The clerk advised what the charity received, has no relevance to the PC. Cllr L Mawson advised Ms Parsons to visit the facebook site for information.

**7.6** Complained about where the Sellafield shuttle buses stop to drop off and collect passengers. Ms Parsons spoke over the responses the PC attempted to provide.

**7.7** Asked what the PC was going to do about the play area bin as there was rubbish falling out of it. The PC advised it would be replaced when the new bin is delivered.

## **8. Reports from the Councillors & Working Groups**

**8.1** - The F&WG reported exceptional income is excluded from the precept.

- The library upgrade can come from exceptional income and can be excluded from precept costs this year.

- The precept to be set in line with inflation, which is about 2%.

- To consider the pay of the cleaner and the clerk and consideration for the additional effort the cleaner has put in regarding the toilet refurbishment.

- This can be discussed and agreed at the next F&WG meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 6.30 pm. This will be a closed meeting due to data protection of individuals private life. The other decisions will be reported at the following full meeting.

**8.2** Christmas Festivities

- The Christmas Service will be held at St Cuthbert's this year

- The Christmas lights will be switched on 16<sup>th</sup> December at possibly 4.30pm after the church service has finished. (contractor organised, and date scheduled in)

- Following the official switch on there will be tea, coffee wine, mince pies and biscuits refreshments in the Pavilion. The PC is also hoping to arrange some Christmas music. Cllr Eastwood and Cllr L Mawson will organize this, and posters will be put up in advance.

## **9. Planning Applications**

CH/4/17/2236/OF1 – re-location of play area 'seagull' by 3 mtrs. The reason for the re-location is because one member of the public objected. PC agreed.

The PC found the Sellafield upcoming and progress planning application schedule useful.

## **10. Finance**

### **10.1 RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance:**

Bank balance £55,233.76. Cashbook balance £57,718.24. The variance of £2484.48 is due to 2 outstanding payments - £5,000.00 for the foreshore play area landscaping and £15.52 Ryan Air conditioning equipment (toilet block refurbishment) and 1 outstanding receipt £7,500.00

### **10.2 Quotation from Copeland BC Quotation of £1,557.91 excl VAT for the repairs to the foreshore area. Council agreed Cllr L Mawson query this amount with Copeland.**

### **10.3 Gosforth churchyard upkeep donation of £150.00 agreed.**

## **11. To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets**

### **Foreshore Play Area**

### **11.1 Inspection – The snake swing bushes’ have worn away and a large log wedged in the outflow that drains on the beach. Cllr L Mawson advised she has requested more durable bush’ and will enquire the location of the outflow.**

### **Toilet Block Refurbishment**

### **11.2 Cllr L Mawson advised the replacement floor work is still outstanding and is in contact with the contractor.**

### **Library**

### **11.3 There has been a very positive meeting with CCC regarding the proposals submitted by the PC**

### **11.4 Transfer is likely to occur in March 2019**

### **11.5 Cllr D Ritson thanked for taking on the responsibility of volunteer co-ordinator and organizing training for the volunteers**

### **11.6 The service will be run via library link, this means books will move between the libraries. However, local books will be retained by Seascale library**

### **11.7 There will be an automated ticket machine, which can also monitor usage to enable most of the books held reflect readership preferences**

### **11.8 There will be an online service, enabling the order of books, the renewal of loans**

### **11.9 New releases, ebooks (which are becoming very popular) are generally released before hard copy publishing.**

### **11.10 The PC will need to fund the necessary IT equipment, this will come out the exceptional income SPC receive.**

### **11.11 This funding will also enable the refurbishment of the kitchen and toilet. The proposals submitted by the PC was greeted favourably by CCC.**

### **11.12 The PC recognize the library is well used not just by Seascale but also people from other local communities, so therefore the continuation of this service is important to this part of rural West Cumbria.**

## **12. To consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport**

### **12.1 Cllr K Mawson reported that questions raised in the HoC regarding the rail issues experienced in West Cumbria. Cllr Moore reported National Rail have agreed to have a second persons on the trains, however, the Union is raising the issue of the role of the second person.**

### **12.2 The ticket machine only available on one side of the station and that they are operating card payments only.**

### **12.3 Cllr K Mawson advised he had seen a traffic speeding monitor when entering Cleator Moor, however this is likely to be a temporary site and the monitor moved to different hotspots.**

### **12.4 The school lollipop lady has asked for static CCTV. This is unlikely to occur however, the police will continue to monitor, and a personal camera can be worn, and evidence used. The PC will arrange for clamped signs to be erected warning CCTV is used in the area. CCC have agreed for the signs to be erected on the lampposts. Cllr L Mawson to action**

## **13. Correspondence**

Referred to in the items above

**14 Urgent items raised by Councillors**

None

**The Chair wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year**

**15 Dates of forthcoming Meeting**

**F&WG 2<sup>nd</sup> January (closed meeting)**

**Full Council 7.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> January**