

Draft Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 3rd April 2019
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

Chair Cllr David Moore

Councillors Cllr David Halliday
 Cllr Ken Mawson
 Cllr L Mawson
 Cllr David Ritson

Clark/ RFO Ms Jill Bush

Public Ms B Parsons

Meeting recorded for minuting purposes

ITEM

1. Apologies

Cllr Craig Ashton
Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick
Cllr Julie Savage

CCC Paul Turner

2. Announcements from the Chair

- 2.1** Seascale Parish Council will be a contested election. The Mayoral election is also contested. Seascale Copeland Councillor is not contested.
- 2.2** Asked the Council to acknowledge that purdah has commenced

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

None

4. Ratify Minutes of the previous meeting of 6th February 2019

Proposed Cllr L Mawson and seconded Cllr D Halliday

5. Matters Arising

(5.2) The Sports Hall is providing a skip for the rubbish. Winscale Club is providing additional bike storage. There will be 24/7 protection. The Cricket Club are delighted to help with any camping overspill. Service vehicles supporting the event will be in the car park. Portaloo's are provided by the organisers. The cyclists (1500) will be arriving on Friday 28th June and setting off from the jetty at approximately 8.00am on Saturday 29th. Cllr K Mawson said it is an incredible sight.

The Chair gave a special thanks to John McElroy for all his help.

(5) The body camera is being used, but at present is deficient of a harness.

(5) Amendment to previous statement, a body camera is available to record motorists will be available to the school crossing warden.

(5) Large vehicle deliveries have been reminded the time frame when these should take place. The developers are providing sweepers to clear the road of construction debris (mud etc)

(8.3) The Data Protection Training fee is £36.00, and Cllr Savage will be reimbursed the cost.

(8.4) The foreshore boat work is complete. Todd and Gunn Cottages have very kindly made a £50.00 donation to Boonwood garden centre to help plant the boat. Further donations can also be made to the garden centre.

6. County Cllr Mr P Turner

Requests to Cllr Turner for clerk to action

- 6.1 The remedial work to the damaged grass verge has still not taken place. CCC Paul Turner to be contacted to request some action from the relevant department. **Update:** Cllr Turner has advised this still in hand and has continually asked for this to be assessed and a remedy in place.
- 6.2 Road surface from the School towards the Winscale Club would benefit from being resurfaced. **Update:** Cllr Turner advised there is a list of resurfacing to be carried out that is constantly updated, all roads in Copeland are checked and prioritised at the moment this is not on the list. He will however ask for it to be checked and reported back on to him.
- 6.3 The Parish Council are disappointed to hear CCC does not appear to consider there is a parking issue by the Cricket field. The Parish Council respectfully beg to differ and ask Cllr Turner to speak on their behalf in this matter. **Update:** Cllr Turner advised he has constantly raised parking issues in Gosforth and the other local areas, as do other Councillors. As far as they are concerned there is a problem that needs dealt with. The matter is not closed. Parish Cllr Moore will also contact Cllr Turner to provide further details.

7. Public Participation

- 7.1 Ms Parsons accused the clerk of falsifying the minutes. The clerk respectfully pointed out the meeting is recorded and that she minutes what is recorded.
- 7.2 Enquired who owned the foreshore boat and perhaps it should be returned to them. The Chair advised no-one knows who the owner was. It had been washed up on the beach and substantial remedial work has carried out. Cllr Halliday advised the legal term for this is 'flotsam and jetsam'.
- 7.3 Asked would the mole catcher be using poison. The council advised poison would not be used. Ms Parsons insisted on knowing who the mole catcher was. The Council advised the person who had kindly donated their time to remove the mole problem in the village is a professional mole catcher.
- 7.4 Ms Parsons announced the reason the Parish Council was going to election was because she had put herself forward as a candidate and that some people in the village called her a witch. The clerk asked if she wanted that comment minuted. Ms Parsons said yes, and she was putting herself forward as a member of the witch party.

8. Reports from the Councillors & Working Groups

- 8.1 Cllr K Mawson reported the Pavilion are very pleased with the fire extinguishers and hand dryers.

The volunteers who clearing the ground around the cricket field have done an excellent job. The Cricket Club are pleased with the replacement of the door hinges. Membership is good and now has 3 teams.

However, Bowling Club membership has been dwindling and perhaps there could be a way to get the younger generations interested and involved.

- 8.2 Cllrs L Mawson and D Ritson will be attending the Sellafield forum

9. Planning Application

- 9.1 CH/4/19/2114/0B1 - Variation of condition 2 of 4/16/2066/0F1 – No Objection

10. Finance

10.1 RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book and Bank Balance is £55,011.15

This is the end of year balance. There no outstanding receipts or payments.

10.2 Payments submitted approved

10.3 Final transfer of energy supplier is complete

10.4 The honorarium is not available until the beginning of May, so the internal audit will not be completed in time for the annual meetings. The external auditor has contacted the clerk and the necessary forms will be completed in May.

11. To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

11.1 Foreshore Play Area

There have been BMX bikes in the play area. It is not clear why these riders are using the play area when they have a track to use. Ms Parsons reported motor scramblers on the beach on Sunday and then went across the play area.

11.2 Toilet Block Refurbishment

Final refurbishment invoice has not yet been submitted.

11.3 Library

Cllr Halliday reported training took place on the 28th March and nine volunteers were able to attend. The feedback has been positive, and two experienced librarians made some good suggestions regarding equipment needed and H&S etc. A further training session will take place on 12th April when the library will be open to the public and we will be able to practice using the issue machines with users. A follow up session will be held on Thursday 18th April for those who are unable to attend on the 12th. He was able to report further two volunteers have put their name forward and Cllr Ritson had been approached by another. Therefore, to date the next training session will have six volunteers attending. There will also be a follow-up session.

The intention is that the library will be open 19½ hours a week, in line with the current hours. This is the arrangement that was agreed with CCC. We could not expect a volunteer to run a session on their own, therefore this means that we will require 39 hours of volunteer time each week. The opening hours at present will mirror Gosforth, but this can possibly be modified so that when one library is closed the other is open. Ideally more volunteers are needed, to ensure the library can remain open, especially during the holiday season and school holidays. An article will be placed in Seascale matters advertising for volunteers. If there are people who are interested in volunteering, please contact any of the Councillors or email clerkseascalepc@gmail.com

The Parish Council should hold a F&GP meeting to covers issues of purchasing a suitable computer, printer plus other equipment to meet library needs. Councillor Halliday also suggested that we will need to arrange a separate business meeting with the volunteers to discuss practical issues re running the library and also their suggestions as to aspects we may not yet have considered.

Discuss the overage detail, the SLA and the Parish Council is only likely to have about 72 hours from the point of signing the transfer. This was agreed by Council.

12 To consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

12.1 Speeding. The police are monitoring the traffic and it is understood a couple of motorists have been stopped.

13 Correspondence

13.1 May election was covered by the Chair above

13.2 The police letter was received and reported the following:

- Youths playing 'chicken' in the road near the school
- Criminal damage to a fence panel at the Gosforth Road end of the footpath. This is a repeated incident with a number of panels being damaged over the last two years
- Civil dispute, domestic related

- Anti-social behaviour at South Parade
- Garden ornament theft, recovered by householder
- Front and rear window wipers stolen from motor vehicle on Gosforth Road
- Burglary at Seascale Health Centre
- Welfare concerns for a resident
- Fake £20.00 notes being located at licensed premises

13.3 Cllr Halliday proposed the Parish Council should hold a F&GP meeting to discuss the detail of the proposed Audit Code of Practice. This was agreed by Council.

14 Urgent items raised by Councillors

14.1 Car park – tarmac rework will commence and should be completed in May

14.2 The Nat West building was sold at auction. It is likely the Land Registry has not been updated

14.3 Sellafield Alarm Test - When the alarm went off the residents signed up the Emergency Messaging system did not know what was happening as the message was delayed. Those who have registered will receive this call. 45% of residents have signed up this. A resident can register on the Sellafield website <https://sellafield.registration-site.co.uk/register/>

14.4 Cllr Ritson was asked why aren't more trees planted? The Chair advised this has been tried before and it was not a success. One of the problems is that the trees are full grown, they remove natural light from local homes, roots can be invasive and messy in autumn. However, there are trees around the village, on the foreshore, the School Tarn and around the Sports Hall.

14.5 People have been receiving phones calls saying their phone bill is underpaid by £20 - £25.00. This is a scam to get access to bank details. No reputable company would use this method for an outstanding/underpaid bill.

14.6 There have been reports of stones being taken from the beach to use them to stop their blankets/towels/table cloths blowing away. The Parish Council has no problem with his, but would ask those who do this, to take the stones back to the beach when they are leaving and not leave them by the Wishing Well.

The Parish Council take this moment to remember Mr Rod Kimber who sadly died last month. He was Standard Bearer for the British Legion and collected for Poppy Appeal. Parish Council recognize and appreciate his work and dedication. RIP

15 Dates of forthcoming Meeting

F&GP 1st May
AGM Wednesday 8th May
APM Wednesday 8th May
Full Meeting Wednesday 8th May