

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 6th March 2019
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

Chair Cllr David Moore

Councillors Cllr David Halliday
 Cllr Harvey-Chadwick
 Cllr Ken Mawson
 Cllr L Mawson
 Cllr David Ritson
 Cllr J Savage

Clark/ RFO Ms Jill Bush

CCC Cllr Paul Turner
Public Mr J McElroy
 Ms B Parsons

Meeting recorded for minuting purposes

ITEM

1. Apologies

Cllr Craig Ashton
Cllr Eileen Eastwood
Cllr David Ritson

2. Announcements from the Chair

- 2.1** Bicycle Coast to Coast – Seascale to Whitby. Mr John McElroy kindly attended the Council meeting to provide a status report. The main problem with this year's event is because the school is undergoing refurbishment and therefore not available. The area suggested by Mr McElroy for camping would be to use the cricket field adjacent to both the pavilion and sports hall. Mr McElroy advised the Sports Hall has 3 showers, 3 sinks and 3 toilets, the Pavilion has 3 toilets and 4 sinks to be made available for the cyclists. A concern was raised that the drains may block again, however, one of the reasons for drain blockage has been caused by people putting the paper towels down the toilets. This issue has been resolved with the installation of hand dryers. It is understood portaloos and possibly a mobile bathroom unit could be laid on by the organisers, this will be discussed when the organisers visit Seascale prior to the event. The problem appears to be the availability of lockable storage for the bikes. However, it is understood the organisers are looking to resolve this by having a trailer outside the Sports Hall and for it to be monitored overnight

The Chair reiterated the Parish Council will help in any way it can. A couple of skips for clear up can be hired. Cllr K Mawson commented on the amazing spectacle of hundreds of bicycles all setting of together. And a sight worth seeing.

- 2.2** Local Elections – Three elections will commence on the 2 May – Elected Mayor to Copeland, Copeland Borough Council Elections and Parish Council Elections. Prospective Parish Council candidates to submit their application between 23 March – 3 April. Proposers must be residents of or have a business in Seascale. Due to the reduction of Parish Councillors from 13 to 8, should more than 8 candidates submit an application, then an election will take place. Due to the school refurbishments there is likely to be only

one polling station in Seascale. Applications are available from Copeland. This information will be placed on the Parish website.

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

Cllr K Mawson

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

Proposed Cllr Halliday and seconded Cllr L Mawson

5. Matters Arising

(5) Damage to the seafront verge. County Cllr P Turner is liaising with CCC Kevin Cosgrove regarding the reparation of the damage.

(10.2) Toilet block floor is completed and Cllr K Mawson expressed his approval of the standard of the new floor.

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

(5) The parish council are awaiting a response from Copeland regarding the mole catcher. Cllr L Mawson was able to report she had found a mole catcher, who would carry out the initial clear up work free of charge.

(6.2) There have been changes to the contractor carrying out the school upgrade and County Cllr P Turner will have regular contact with the site manager regarding the construction vehicles continuing to use the same access as the teachers, the damage to the grass verge caused by these large vehicles and concern over the risk of damage to some public seating located nearby.

(7.3) Cllr Savage reported she had spoken to Sellafield regarding shuttle buses parking on or near a blind bend. She was advised the bus companies have been given instructions on pick up and drop off points and if it continues to let them so it can be dealt with.

6. County Cllr Mr P Turner

6.1 Cllr Turner has received CCC advice regarding a question raised by a member of public concern about cyclists not using the cycle path, they do not have to use the cycle path but use the road at their own risk.

6.2 He was able to reaffirm the Viking Way seating located by the layby was acceptable. The Chair said the Parish Council would provide the necessary risk assessments etc, should someone wish to donate a seat for this area.

6.3 Cllr Turner whilst a bin is a good idea, he advised against it as past experience showed it can become a point for fly tipping.

6.4 Cllr K Mawson raised a concern about the cyclists crossing the A595 and the West Lakes hotel access has been moved to enable road repairs. This was a Copeland decision.

6.5 A 'final fix' team had been organised to carry out road repairs. Cllr K Mawson expressed concern over the standard of these repairs, also resulting in standing water. Cllr P Turner said he would report these concerns. He also advised the public to use the online Highways Reporting System over poor road standard.

7. Public Participation

7.1 Ms Parsons was angered that some members of public using the facebook network were of the opinion it was likely to be her who damaged the childrens art work, or smeared dog muck on the windscreen. She said as she is not able to comment, she wanted to publicly state she did not do this.

7.2 Ms Parsons was advised by the clerk; the Parish Council does not have the time to deal with continual complaints sent by the same people.

7.3 Ms Parsons was of the opinion the traffic problems were caused by the Parish Council and if someone is hurt, then the Chair could go to prison. The Clerk advised Ms Parsons the Chair would not go to prison as he is not responsible for the way car users drive. It would be the driver who would be held responsible.

7.4 Stated she wanted a bin at the top of the amenity area. The Council advised there were bins located not far from this point and there were sufficient bins around the foreshore.

8. Reports from the Councillors & Working Groups

- 8.1** Due to dog walkers taking their dogs onto the foreshore play area, allowing their dogs to mess there and not clearing it up, the Parish Council installed notices to advise dog walkers to keep their dogs out of the play area and kept on the lead. These notices were installed at approximately 4pm on 18 February but were removed by 9.30 the same evening. This was recorded on CCTV and reported to the police. Service and repair to CCTV system required. Clerk to action. Repair and service arranged
- 8.2** Cllr K Mawson reported that Ms Parsons had been seen walking her dogs without a lead and into the play area. Ms Parsons stated he was a liar.
- 8.3** Cllr Savage to apply for necessary registration, course cost about £15.00, funded by the Parish Council.
- 8.4** The Seascale foreshore boat work will begin in the next week or so.

9. Planning Applications

- 9.1** CH/4/19/2059/OF1 Extension to side of dormer bungalow – No Objection

10. Finance

- 10.1** RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance:
Bank balance £57,003.74 Cashbook balance £57,003.74.
- 10.2** Payments submitted approved
- 10.3** 3 x Energy Supplier quotations - Octopus Energy, Bulb Energy and British Gas were submitted to Council. Cllr L Mawson proposed Octopus because Which Magazine rated this as best from their survey. Seconded by Cllr Savage. Clerk to action. Actioned
- 10.4** The Bowling Green committee have asked if the Parish Council can help fund a sprayer for the green, as the recent refurbishments have replete their account. It was agreed the Parish Council would pay the VAT and meet 50% of the nett cost, of the model the Bowling Club opted for.
To summarise, depending on which model the Bowling Green Committee decided upon, the Parish Council would donate the following:
Turfmaster funding £297.50 or Techneat funding £399.00 and the clerk to advise of the decision. Actioned

11. To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

11.1 Foreshore Play Area

No issues. Nothing to report

11.2 Toilet Block Refurbishment

Final refurbishments completed.

11.3 Library

Overage explanation received and agreed it should be set at 100%. This means should it be sold the full cost, less costs made 100% of the sale proceeds go to CCC. The Parish Council agrees with this principle as it protects a Parish asset and closes any possible opportunist endeavours to make a quick profit by selling it off to, for example, a housing development company. Cheque has been signed for the land searches as advised by the solicitor. Clerk to send cheque and notify solicitor of the above. Actioned

Cllr D Halliday is picking up the volunteer training task from Cllr D Ritson as he has had to withdraw at present due to ill health.

The library computer will need to be to a particular specification. The cost of this may come from Community Benefit Funding.

12 To consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

- 12.1** Speeding. On receipt of from a local resident concerned about speeding in the village and enquiring if a raised crossing by the school, to slow traffic down could be considered, the clerk forwarded this to County Cllr P Turner. He advised the Council he had made enquires and Cumbria highways. CCC noted there was speed enforcement in the area and the school did not meet the criteria for this style of crossing, therefore is likely to happen. Cllr P Turner has advised the resident of CCC deliberations.
- 12.2** Cllr K Mawson reported the local volunteer group Shackles Off dedicated to picking litter, had created a sign for the Rail Station and that a number of commuters had commented favourably on it. It is

unfortunate a vandal decided to rip it down. Ms Parsons volunteered it was not her that did this and it was only made of rubbish. She was advised the Council knew it wasn't her and that the person committing the criminal damage had been recorded and the police had been notified. Ms Parsons stated it wasn't criminal damage and hadn't been recorded. The clerk asked how she could know if the act had not been recorded if she was not there? Cllr P Turner confirmed it was an act of criminal damage. The Parish Council are at a loss to understand the mindset of people appear to take pleasure in carrying out wanton acts of vandalism in the village.

13 Correspondence

13.1 Avison Young contract to continue. Clerk to advise. actioned

13.2 See 12.1 above

14 Urgent items raised by Councillors

14.1 Two of the foreshore benches had been painted and it was agreed the rest could also be painted. Cllr L Mawson will organise this activity.

14.2 Cllr Harvey-Chadwick that two young residents have supplied dog poo bags and made 2 ingenious dispensers for the bags. These have been placed in strategic positions. A letter of thanks to be sent acknowledging their efforts and that they are a credit to the community.

14.3 Cllr Turner has been able to report the responsibility of the cinder path repair is not Sustrans but CCC, which he will be following up with the relevant department.

15 Addendum

Risk management plan and register (updated) submitted. Proposed by Cllr D Moore and seconded by Cllr D Halliday

16 Dates of forthcoming Meeting

Full Council 7.00pm 3rd April