

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 1st November 2017
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

Chair	Cllr Brian Goulding
Councillors	Cllr Craig Ashton Cllr David Ritson Cllr David Halliday Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick Cllr Ken Mawson Cllr Liz Mawson Cllr David Moore
Clark/ RFO	Ms Jill Bush
Public	Ms Brenda Parsons Mr Paul Turner

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes

ITEM

1. Apologies
Cllr Eileen Eastwood
Cllr Fiona Robinson
2. **Announcements from the Chair**
 - 2.1 Cllr David Ritson due to family commitments. The Parish Council thank him for his time and wish him well
 - 2.2 The Parish Council emptied £521.94 from Car park donation box
 - 2.3 The Chair announced this would be his last meeting until April 2018 as he will be visiting family in New Zealand and took this opportunity to wish the Parish a Happy Christmas
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda items**
None
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting of 5th July 2017**
Minutes Proposed Cllr Ashton, seconded Cllr Halliday. Ratified and signed off
5. **Matters Arising**
None
6. **Public Participation**
 - 6.1 Mr Paul Turner provided information on the Viking Way. The tarmacking will be completed by the official opening date, which will be Saturday 9th December. It will commence at Gosforth and end in Seascale with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The Gosforth Parish working group are planning to organise a parade. The time to be confirmed. In Gosforth there will be a Viking re-enactment encampment with the involvement of the Seascale resident Viking Association Group. Refreshments will be provided by Seascale scouts. It is hoped to get the involvement of the Gosforth and Seascale schools. Media outlets will be notified of this event.

The Mid-Copeland Group has kindly donated £250.00 financial aid. Cumbria County Council are providing logistical help, such as traffic lights.

Cllr D Halliday proposed the Parish Council match the above-mentioned financial aid. Seconded by Cllr C Ashton. Mr P Turner will advise Gosforth Parish Council of this and suggest they also match this.

- 6.2** Ms Parsons said she was pleased to see the castellation seats have been repaired and hoped the football playing in the area would cease because of the damage done to the seats. She accused one of the Cllrs grandchildren of causing the damage. Cllr Moore asked if she had any evidence to support her allegation. Ms Parsons said the damage was caused at the end of the summer, but could not provide specific evidence. Ms Parsons asked the Cllr why he was so defensive. Cllr Moore advised he was “fed-up” with her constant accusations without any evidence and suggested she retract her allegations. The Chair advised Ms Parsons the seating was damaged by rot not because of footballs and could the meeting move on.

Ms Parsons asked why the Parish Council had not paid £500.00 for a computer for Shackles Off. She was advised the Council were waiting for the invoice, once they were in receipt of an invoice they would pay it. Ms Parsons suggested the Council have a reluctance to pay for it. The Council reiterated once they were in receipt of an invoice they would pay it.

Ms Parsons noted the minutes of the September meeting were inaccessible on the website. The Chair advised there had been a technical problem and the providers have been notified. Ms Parsons referred to the fact this was the September meeting minutes that were not available on the website and Chair reiterated there was a problem with the website. Ms Parsons asked if the Council was suggesting they did not hold a full meeting in September. The clerk advised there was a meeting in September, but there was a technical problem with the website and had caused the minutes to not be viewed. Ms Parsons again asked whether a full council meeting took place in September and was again advised there was a full council meeting, however, a technical problem had meant it was not possible to view the minutes on the website.

7. Reports from the Councillors & Working Groups

- 7.1** Community Plan – General feedback has been positive.

Cllr Ashton proposed the following mediums could be used to allow the residents to respond.

- Microsoft document on the website
- Survey monkey
- Hard copies available in the library
- Once the feedback has been received and collated, LLWR could be approached to provide the means to facilitate a reprographic business plan

This was seconded by Cllr Halliday

- 7.2** F&WG – The wording of the MS agreement as a contractual lease is problematic and MS approached to revisit the wording. Cllr Moore offered to contact MS.
- 7.3** NALC have acknowledged the audit issues BDO has caused numerous councils and that a different auditor is available in the future.
- 7.4** Cllr Halliday proposed future full Council meetings should be extended to encompass the various working group meetings. With one exception for planning applications (due to the 21-day window response) should continue to be factored in. This discussion will be added to next month’s agenda.
- 7.5** Christmas lights will be switched on 17th December and the same business will organise the setting up and dismantling of the lights.
- 7.6** Cllr K Mawson advised there are volunteers who will erect swift boxes at the Sports Hall and provided examples of the type of swift boxes available. The Council agreed on the style of swift box. He proposed along with the donation received last year the Parish Council fund a further three swift boxes. Unanimously agreed.

8 Finance

- 8.1 RFO balance read out the reconciled Cash Book Balance of £42,280.91 for September.
- 8.2 The Npower overcharge has been credited. However, their billing proposals are inconsistent and illogical. The clerk will contact them for clarification.
- 8.3 Payment requests approved.
- 8.4 Three payments received.
- 8.5 The Sports Hall require an invoice for the payment of the 2017 electricity usage. **Clerk to action**
- 8.6 Pavilion electricity bills to be emailed to Cllr Moore to forward on. Bowling club will bill playing field £20.00 p.a.

9 To consider any planning issues

- 9.1 Copeland Local Plan 2017 – 2035. This is not so much a planning application as a number of proposals for the Borough residents to consider on where they would like see Copeland over the next 18 years. Below provides the link and what is contained therein for those who may have difficulty accessing the Copeland website:

<http://www.copeland.gov.uk/content/copeland-local-plan-2017-2035-issues-and-options>

The Council is currently consulting on the Copeland Local Plan 2017-2035: Issues and Options between 9.00am on Monday 9th October and 5.00pm on Friday 17th November 2017.

The overarching development strategy in the Copeland Local Plan 2013-2028: Core Strategy and Development Management Policies is being reviewed to ensure it provides the most effective strategy for delivering the growth Copeland needs. The case for review at this time was further strengthened by the Government's Housing White Paper which will require Local Plans to be reviewed every five years.

The Issues and Options focus on:

- The number of homes we should be planning for
- How additional growth above this figure can be supported
- The settlement hierarchy/locations where development happens
- The distribution of development across different settlements
- The use of settlement boundaries
- Employment sites in Copeland
- Identifying suitable areas for wind energy developments

The Issues and Options document can be viewed [here](#).

The public notice advertising the consultation can be viewed [here](#).

Paper copies of the document can also be viewed at the following locations:

- Copeland Borough Council Market Hall, Market Square, Whitehaven CA28 7JG
- Copeland Borough Council, St George's Road, Millom LA18 4DD
- Cleator Moor, Distington, Egremont, Frizington, Gosforth, Hensingham, Kells, Mirehouse, Seascale and Whitehaven libraries, details of library opening times are available from Cumbria County Council's website <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/locations/librarylocations.asp> ([link is external](#)) or by telephoning 01228 606060.

Comments and suggestions are invited during the consultation period outlined above and these can be made using any of the following methods:

Using the questionnaire, available to download [here](#).

Emailing: ldf@copeland.gov.uk ([link sends e-mail](#))

Writing to:

Strategic Planning
Copeland Borough Council
Copeland Centre
Catherine Street
Whitehaven

9.2 CH/4/17/2300/OF1 –Seascale Mill, Seascale hall Farm - Part demolition & redevelopment of the Mill including landscaping and an interpretation board to provide a site of local interest. No objections.
Clerk to action

10 To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

10.1 the Toilet block – replacement floor quotation received approximately £1,800. Further quotes for replacement apparatus pending.

11 To consider matters relating to the Highway and Transport

11.1 The Viking Way. See 6.1.

11.2 A595 group may possibly be disbanded.

12 Correspondence

12.1 Wicksteed Playgrounds – Seascale Play Area Group have already organized the play equipment

12.2 CALC Annual General Meeting – passed onto Council

12.3 BDO bogus invoices – council advised

12.4 Request from an archivist to locate a parishioner. None of the attendees at the meeting could provide information. Cllr Ashton suggested the enquirer use the Gosforth & Seascale facebook page as it has over 1000 visitors. Clerk to action. Actioned

12.5 Quotation £248.00 + VAT for the Seascale flag received. Council agreed to place order. Invoice to be sent to the clerks' email address.

12.6 Local Parish Magazine Printing Company offering a competitive service.

12.7 Defibrillator – There is a defibrillator at the fire station. The Chair noted the number of first responders is down from 14 to 3. Are there any residents interested in becoming a first responder?

12.8 Cumbria Constabulary crime report, detail is provided in a link. This has been forwarded to the Councillors.

13 Urgent items raised by Councillors

13.1 Cllr K Mawson advised there is a pothole in the carpark. Cllrs' Goulding and Moore to organise repair.

13.2 Cllr K Mawson informed the Council there had been an accident outside the Co-op and believed a pedestrian crossing was needed. Mr P Turner advised the County Council will be conducting some investigations.

13.3 Cllr K Mawson advised some dogs have been ill after going on the beach. It is possible it may be a repeat of the palm oil spillage, which has happened before resulting in sick dogs.

13.4 The Parish Council expressed concern over the proposal to replace the school. As it takes no account of traffic, blind spots and lack of parking facility, resulting in more parked cars on the road and which will exacerbate the existing problems. It is also understood the new school will be smaller than the current one. At a time when Copeland are looking to consider an expansionist residential building plan, there is no logic to reduce the size of the school.

14 Dates of forthcoming Meeting

F&GP WG 29th November
Full Meeting Wednesday 6th December