

**Draft Minutes**  
of the meeting of  
**Seascale Parish Council**  
held on  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 at 7pm**  
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

<b>Present</b>	Chair	Cllr Brian Goulding
	Councillors	Cllr Craig Ashton Cllr Eileen Eastwood Cllr David Halliday Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick Cllr Ken Mawson Cllr David Moore Cllr David Ritson
	Clerk/RFO	Ms Jill Bush
	Public	Mr Bran Harvey-Chadwick Mrs Brenda Parsons

**Item**

**1 Apologies**

None

**2 Announcements from the Chair**

Website improvements and updated

**3 Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items**

Cllr Eastwood re: Sports Hall

The Chair re: Planning proposal is near his daughters property

**4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Chair confirms the meeting is recorded for our own purposes and for the minutes

**4.1 Matters arising from that Meeting**

- a. Arch mirror replacement has been positioned too high. Clerk to send letter to Highways requesting mirror is reset to its original position. Actioned
- b. Concerns have been raised regarding changes the NHS is proposing to local services. Numerous emails have been sent out to inform what is being involved. Parish has put this matter on the website
- c. Example of the John Dalton plaque shown and viewed as acceptable

- d. Street lighting changes to LED and the impact of darkness between the lamps. An inspection was carried out and it would then be forwarded to CCC. No feedback to date.
  - e. Seascale closure of Calder gate appears to have been a cost cutting exercise and the security issues small. Cllr Moore confirms having raised this matter with the relevant representatives he was advised the gate will remain open at this stage.
  - f. Cllr Moore to enquire to Copeland BC for a copy of the 2012 grass cutting contract
- Minutes proposed and seconded**

## **5 Age UK – Community Connections for Health – Copeland**

Ms Christine Hunter-Hall gave a most informative presentation on why help in the community by visiting elderly people is so important to their well-being and how community can help combat the loneliness felt by many. Literature was made available and the Parish Council website and notice board carry information on this project. A member of the public (Ms B Parsons) suggested the Wishing Well notice board also has this information. This was accepted by the Council and Cllr Mawson will enquire who holds the key. Seascale Parish Council thanked Ms Hunter-Hall for the time she gave and for providing practical advice and help.

## **6 Reports from Committees and Councillors**

**6.1** No Committee reports

**6.2** Cllr Moore provided the detail for the Nat. Grid proposal. Cable route within National Park will be below ground. Elsewhere it will be run through 50 metre pylons. Church Hall holding a presentation on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Ofgen will have final say on cost.

## **7 Sports Hall**

Mr John Mcelroy provided information on the electrical inspection, which cannot be signed off until specific work has been carried out. Cllr Moore proposed the work was carried and the Council purchase the larger supplies. **Proposal and seconded.**

## **8 Parish Councils Co-ordination Group**

No releases

## **9 Public Participation**

**9.1** Ms Parsons asked if the vexatious policy notification would be lifted. The Chair advised that it would remain. Ms Parsons was adamant it was illegal.

**9.2** Ms Parsons asked to view the signed Morgan Sindall contract. There was disappointment expressed that the signature was difficult to read and no address for the Morgan Sindall representative on the contract.

**9.3** Ms Parsons asked if the signed contract would be put on the website and was advised an unsigned would go on the website. Ms Parsons requested further

explanation and was advised there would be no signed documents put on the website.

- 9.4** Ms Parsons asked why the wire on the beach has not been removed. The Chair explained there appeared to have been a misunderstanding as the wire found had been removed. However, the area of beach Ms Parsons referred to was outside the Parish Councils' jurisdiction. Ms Parsons then asked if the Parish Council would contact the County Council. The Chair advised a letter would be sent along with the photos Ms Parsons had previously sent to the Parish Council.
- 9.5** Ms Parsons asked about the number of Parish Councillors and was advised there was eight. Ms Parsons believed others could also become Councillors and was advised that was not the case. It was explained Copeland BC was advised the Parish Council was reducing the numbers. This is in line with their policy to reduce the number of Councillors at borough level and then at other councils across the area. Seascale Parish Council is in the second wave of evaluations commencing in December.
- 9.6** Ms Parsons reported she had found dead rats and birds, which she believed to have been poisoned. She also reported a parishioner cats had died of poisoning. Ms Parsons asked what the Council would do and would they report if they had knowledge. The Chair assured Ms Parsons that would indeed be the case and any information coming to their knowledge would indeed be reported to the authorities. However, it was not feasible to go knocking on parishioner doors.
- 9.7** Ms Parsons wanted the shore car park to be returned to resident use only. The Chair pointed out it had never been purely for residents use only. It was a free car park.

## **10 Reports from Committees and Councillors**

None

## **11 Finance**

- 11.1** More than average payments outstanding. Due to an oversight in June/July. Also a Notice to Prosecute. Suppliers have been notified and payments will happen the beginning of November. The requests for payment have been supported with the outstanding invoices/notices. Notice to Prosecute has been dropped.
- 11.2** Latest transparency to be uploaded onto website
- 11.3** Quadbike sold (£2,500) to a Welsh farmer, bought for his disabled son, for off-the-road use around the farm. An insurance rebate is also due. Chair proposed the bike proceeds go into the 2<sup>nd</sup> account. **Seconded.**  
The Parish Council unanimously agreed the bike could not have gone to a more worthy home.
- 11.4** Invoice to Sports Hall for Ngen electricity bill less VAT

## **12 To Consider Planning Issues**

Cllr Moore explained the planning. The cinema to be changed into 3 apartments

and parking for 5 parking spaces underground. No objections in principle for change of use. However, concerns raised regarding vehicles because of the small access; getting into and out of the parking spaces and the access road it is on.  
Clerk to send Letter. Actioned

### **13 To Consider Matters Pertaining to Parish Assets**

- 13.1** Play area. Beach Park Committee raising funds. Via grants and also fundraising events. A proposal was suggested for a black tie at the Winscale Club. However, as it is so close to Christmas it will clash with other events. The alternative is for children to receive a letter from one of Father Christmas' elves. The cost for delivery will be £5. The Council expect there will a lot of elves around the village next month. Further details on the Parish website
- 13.2** Library. Expression of Interest has been made. Parish Council to wait for the County Council and their Community Worker Ms Suzanne Cooper to implement proposal for next steps.
- 13.3** Car Park. Chair suggested an extraordinary meeting, but also advised there was £535.02 in the donation box over an approximate 6 month period. Cllr Moore advised the Council Morgan Sindall have asked for another contract to cover week-end parking for £3,000 p.a. **Proposed and seconded**. Throughout this item the Council was continually interrupted by a female member of the public disrupting the matter trying to be discussed by the Councillors. On occasions using aggressive or abusive language. (Reference FOI Sect.14(1))  
It has since been decided to run a car park working group instead of a one-off extraordinary meeting.

The Clerk felt it prudent to adjourn the meeting for a short period  
Meeting re-opened

- 13.4** Laptop purchase. Clerk to get prices and report back to Council.

### **14 To Consider Matters Pertaining to the Highways and Transport**

Road closure at the bridge. The diversion signs were badly placed and created confusion. However, it is understood the work will be completed by the week-end.

### **15 Correspondence**

- 15.1** Christmas Tree Festival – St Cuthberts Church  
Christmas Tree Festival opens on 26<sup>th</sup> November at St Cuthberts will present ideas on sale – also Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
For further information phone Allison Hanshaw 01946 21935 or email [ajhanshaw@outlook.com](mailto:ajhanshaw@outlook.com)

### **16 Urgent Items raised by Councillors**

- 16.1** Vexatious Policy on the website has been re-issued FOI Act Section14(1) which

underpins the Parish Policy is also available on the website

- 16.2** Cllr Eastwood has concerns with the direction the way the Seascale Parish newsletter is evolving at a cost £250.00 per year and no longer wishes to be involved. Chair and Vice Chair will enquire with the publisher over the concerns that have been raised.
- 16.3** Complaint about fading road markings - Fairways and The Links – Clerk to contact Highways. Actioned
- 16.4** Cllr Mawson handed a contribution from Mr Alan Routledge for the Swift boxes campaign. Clerk to send letter of thanks Actioned

**17** **Dates of forthcoming meetings**  
Full Council meeting 7<sup>th</sup> December