

Draft Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 4th April 2018
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

Chair Cllr Brian Goulding

Councillors Cllr Eileen Eastwood
 Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick
 Cllr David Halliday
 Cllr David Moore
 Cllr Ken Mawson
 Cllr Liz Mawson

Clark/ RFO Ms Jill Bush

Public Ms D Dennett
 Ms B Parsons
 Mr D Ritson

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes

ITEM

1. Apologies
Cllr Craig Ashton
Cllr Fiona Robinson
2. **Announcements from the Chair**
None
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda items**
None
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting of 7th March 2018**
Amendments to 12.4 should read boat club and 14.1a should read Cllr L Mawson
Minutes ratified - Proposed by Cllr Eastwood and seconded by Cllr L Mawson
5. **Matters Arising**
 - 5.1 Clerk confirmed a response has been received from Environmental Health. See 13.3
 - 5.2 Northern Rail have responded to this enquiry about potholes in the train rail car park. Expressed concern and will be conducting a site survey.
 - 5.3 Community Led Housing fund will be attend the June PC meeting.
6. **Report from County Councillor Paul Turner**
Unable to attend
7. **Public Participation**
 - 7.1 Ms Dennett expressed concern about the recent proposal for work to be carried out on the public toilets. She believes upgrading one or two of the areas is not sufficient and would not address the flooding parts of the block are prone to and this is a H&S issue. They need a total refurbishment, this was mentioned approximately 8 years ago, and it has still not occurred. The gents and the disabled areas are

in dire need, not just of repair/unit replacement, but total refurbishments. Further, by doing so, this would, along with the extensive work being carried out on the amenity area, enhance the beach front. Cllr Eastwood agreed and would arrange a meeting with the amenities committee to meet with Ms Dennett, to visit the block and discuss the work that needs to be done. Ms Dennett offered to contact relevant contractors. Cllr L Mawson also offered to get further quotes. It was generally agreed by Council to revisit the original proposal, in the light of the problems Ms Dennett detailed. Ms Dennett is responsible for the cleaning of the toilet block, she questioned the actions of some of the users as they can leave the toilets in a disgraceful state. The Council agreed it is a disgrace and it is to her credit she does an excellent job in keeping the toilets clean. Cllr Goulding and the clerk further advised they have received communications from visitors complimenting the cleanliness of the toilets.

- 7.2** Ms B Parsons read out a statement about a RAF centenary flag not being flown and wanted to know why as it was minuted last year. The clerk acknowledged it was possibly an oversight. Ms Parsons was dissatisfied with this and asked, "is that all", as she felt it slighted her daughter who had served in the RAF. The clerk reiterated it was an oversight and unfortunately, none of us are perfect. Ms Parsons continued to complain. The clerk apologised for the oversight. Ms Parsons then asked the clerk to write to her daughter. Ms Parsons repeated her complaints about bins, the beach front community project and her allegation the PC has given "this over to Lizzie Mawson".
- 7.3** Mr Ritson asked if it was possible to have some seating and bins along Viking Way. Council endorse with the suggestion and Cllr Moore said he would speak to the County Council as they must approve the locations of roadside furniture. He also advised that Gosforth were also interested in seating to be provided and County Cllr Paul Turner was working on behalf of the Parish on a number of issues and would speak to him about this too.

8. Reports from the Councillors & Working Groups

- 8.1** Cllr Halliday advised Council Mr Graham Worsnop recently put his house on the market and been surprised by the response and the sale will be concluded far quicker than he expected. As he will be leaving the area he will no longer be able to carry out the PCs' external audit and apologised for the short notice. Cllr Halliday and the clerk will need to make enquiries for an external auditor.
- 8.2** The PC will be sorry to see him go, as he has been a fine upstanding member of the Parish. The PC is also extremely grateful for all the services he has provided over the years. Whilst a PC external auditor cannot be paid, the PC believe a gift to show appreciation is acceptable. Action on the clerk to send a letter of appreciation to him. Actioned
- 8.3** The Pavilion garage is used by the dog club and the door needs to be replaced. This first quote was for about £1,000; however, a further quote is for a metal door and approximately half that cost.
- 8.4** The Sports Hall Committee sent its thanks to the PC for all the work which has been done and reported the Hall was in excellent condition.

9 To Consider any Planning Issues

The PC have received two planning applications from Copeland BC. Both submitted by Sellafield. One for the demolition of a single storey modular building and the second for a metal clad Romney building along with internal portacabins. PC agreed to submit No Objection to either. Clerk to action. Actioned

10 Finance

- 10.1** RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balances is £35,305.36 for March and year end - Agreed by Council. Only 2 outstanding payments totalling 263.44. Work on the annual accounts have begun.
- 10.2** Sports Hall and toilet block lighting replacements carried out and invoices submitted
- 10.3** Cllr Goulding reported several shore front lights were not working. Cllr Moore said he would contact J Garner to carry out any necessary repairs.
- 10.4** Payment requests approved. - Agreed by Council
- 10.5** Cheque for bridging loan raised. See 11.1 below

11 To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

- 11.1** There is a retention clause in the funding process for the Beach front community area project. The retention is held until the work has been completed 12 months, it is then released. The PC previously

agreed to supply a bridging loan. This is now required. Payment proposed Cllr Eastwood and seconded Cllr Harvey-Chadwick. Cllr L Mawson to provide the necessary documentation which sets out the provisions of the bridging loan and send to the clerk for the PC financial records. Cllr L Mawson to action. Actioned

- 11.2** Cllr L Mawson provided a monthly progress report on the Beach front community area refurbishment. Installation to be completed the end of the month. Grass to be laid and the cricket club have offered to provide rollers to achieve a flat level. Formal handover for insurance purposes, will be on 30 May. Official opening will be the 30 June, and this will be advertised in the local news outlets.
- 11.3** Cllr Goulding asked if there was an independent assessor. Cllr Mawson confirmed there was an independent RoSPA based in Manchester and this is included in the project funding.
- 11.4** Cllr Mawson was asked if the area would be cleaned prior to official opening. She confirmed there would be. However, rather than just a 'beach clean' she is looking to a complete village clean and would be advertising for volunteers and approach Shackles Off to get involved.
- 11.5** Cumbria County Council have advised the library business case is progressing through the system and have asked for a meeting advising the PC will be legally bound by a Service Level Agreement. Cllr Moore expressed a concern that the County Council acknowledged the business case is progressing well, but the service level agreement is slightly different; in so far as this implies there is an open ended legal obligation which the PC hasn't seen, nor was there a requirement placed on the PC to supply one at the time. The PC cannot agree to something it has not seen. It is not clear what the County Council want to include in this agreement and the PC wish to see a copy of this agreement prior to the meeting. Clerk to action. Actioned
- 11.6** The Bowling Club have sent a communication asking for additional fire extinguisher(s) and replacement for the existing one. The building would also benefit from emergency lighting around the building and the current internal emergency light fitting would benefit from a service. Cllr Moore advised the PC has a duty to provide a fire blanket in the kitchen and there is one in the kitchen. The fire service recommendation in the event of a fire is to get out of the building and do not encourage the use of extinguishers. The problem with fire extinguishers is that they do require annual checks and these contracts are expensive to the point of being prohibitive. The PC has no extinguisher contract for the Sports Hall, however, Cllr Moore will check that with John McEvoy. Clerk to request if an Independent Safety Assessment has been carried out and if so, a copy is forwarded to the PC. Clerk to action. Actioned. The building is not occupied overnight. It was agreed the internal emergency light may need servicing. **Cllr Moore will ask J Garner to carry out an assessment.**
- 11.7** Following the end of Morgan Sindall using the car park Cllr Moore asked if outstanding amount due to end of March this year had been paid. The clerk was able to advise Morgan Sindall has been contacted, however, to date, there has been no reply. Notification to be resent and Cllr Moore copied. Clerk to action. Actioned. Sellafield employees will be using the car park. However, there will be no week-end use and there won't be any shuttle buses coming into the car park. There is a Sellafield bus route where the users can be picked up on the main road through the village. Sellafield contribution will provide funding for the toilet block and the library refurbishments.
- 11.8** LLWR £15,000 funding is due to commence in the next couple of months, can only be used for capital projects, not to supplement the precept.

12 To consider matters relating to the Highway and Transport

- 12.1** Cllr Goulding has noted there have been several communications about speeding through the village. Whilst it is acknowledged some drivers do speed, it is unlikely they are doing 60 m.p.h. All the PC can do is inform the police commissioner/chief constable. He tried to set up a speed watch last and numerous volunteers, unfortunately trying to move this forward has not been possible due to delays from the police to implement the necessary training. Despite contacting them several times the training has not taken place. It is not clear who the PC contacts regarding a request for a speed detector mobile unit in Seascale. It is either the Police Commissioner/Chief Constable who need to be contacted, however, the PC are disappointed by the lack of action to date.
- 12.2** The quotes forwarded regarding speeding signs to be resubmitted to the meeting next month. Clerk to action. Actioned. County Cllr Paul Turner is picking up traffic issues with highways and Cllr Goulding will contact Cllr Turner regarding this matter.

13 Correspondence

- 13.1** Following a concern raised by a resident asking why Seascale does not have the same level of traffic calming measures as some of the other villages. Cllr Goulding advised there are rumble strips entering the village, sadly not many drivers pay attention to them. The implementation of any traffic calming measures must be approved by Highways and the County Council and at the end of the day it is down to funding and every village is asking for the same level of measures. Speed bumps cause damage to vehicles for which the County Council is responsible for, along with the problems of potholes.
- 13.2** British Heart Foundation asked if it was possible to site a clothing bank either outside the Pharmacy or in the car park? The village already has four clothing banks and Council felt this was sufficient. Clerk to notify the British Heart Foundation. Actioned
- 13.3** Response from Environmental Health regarding rubbish, unfortunately, the visit was made to a similar address, not the property referred to. Environmental Health to be contacted again regarding this. Clerk to action. Actioned

14 Urgent items raised by Councillors

- 14.1** On a related matter tin 13.2 above Cllr Goulding asked if the recycling in the car park area was going to be reduced? Cllr Moore advised Copeland BC were hoping to supply a more inclusive doorstep recycling service. The provision of the containers has cost approximately £100,000 and £350,000 for the collection vehicle, of which there are two. The reason for the small containers is because many of the residential properties only have small yards and full-size bins would fill their yards. Lids for these containers are available in Whitehaven. However, the queue for these lids was so long, there were no lids available for many of these people who had queued. Cllr Moore advised these lids will also be available at the Egremont Market Hall. There still remains a problem for those who work full-time to be able to acquire these lids. Ms Parsons raised a concern about the recycling being mixed together, however Cllr Moore was able to confirm the design of these new recycling collection vehicles are specifically designed to avoid cross contamination because these have separate compartments for the specific recyclable items.
- 14.2** Cllr Goulding reported had had only just got back from New Zealand when a gentleman knocked on his door who was really upset that somebody had said he wanted money from the PC for collecting rubbish of the beach. He doesn't, he does it for free. Cllr Goulding thanked the gentleman on behalf of the PC for what he has been doing and that he would bring this up at the next meeting. The PC explained it had been brought up by a resident at the previous meeting, who had asked if the PC going to pay him. The PC had responded if he wanted to be paid he could contact the PC. However, it would appear from the gentleman's response, someone has been trying to cause trouble.
- 14.3** School wind turbine cowl, which broke off last month landing in resident's gardens and narrowly missing a window and a car has been replaced. It was proposed the PC write to the School to ask for a copy of the risk assessment, as there are some very concerned residents. Cllr Moore has seen an earlier risk assessment that stated the turbine has to be switched off at all times when the children are outside. It also referred to two land parcels next to the school, however since then a housing development has been built and this risk assessment takes no account of residents. It is understood when it was originally erected before the Dunes was built and that the risk plan possibly only covers topple distance as opposed to pieces breaking off and landing substantially further away. Further, the question needs to be asked who is paying for the constant repairs to it and it is hoped it was not coming out of the education budget. Cllr Goulding advised he is responsible to conducting monthly checks on a local wind farm. How often is the school turbine checked? A request to be made to the school for a copy of the risk assessment, how often it is inspected, and which budget do the repairs come from? A similar request to be made to the County Council who are responsible for the erection of the wind turbine. Clerk to action. Actioned
- 14.3** Regarding the dog fouling Cllr Moore suggested the school be contacted and asked if children would like to make posters, as it proved effective last time.
- 14.4** Cllr Goulding to investigate the recuperation of costs regarding the lamp post repair.

15 Dates of forthcoming Meeting

Full Meeting Wednesday 2nd May