

Minutes
of the **Annual Parish Meeting of**
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 9th May 2018 following the Annual Parish Meeting
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

Present:

Chair	Cllr Brian Goulding
Councillors	Cllr Eileen Eastwood
	Cllr David Halliday
	Cllr Catherine Harvey – Chadwick
	Cllr Elizabeth Mawson
	Cllr Ken Mawson
	Cllr David Moore
	Cllr Robson
Public	Ms B Parsons
	Mr D Ritson

Meeting recorded for minuting purposes

ITEM

1. Apologies

Cllr Ashton
Jill Bush Clerk

2. Announcements from the Chair

Invited the Guest Speaker from Blood Bikes to the Floor

3. Guest Speaker Vice Chair Anne Marie Moffatt

Blood bikes operates a 24/7/365 nationwide service on a voluntary basis, transporting blood, plasma, samples and other essential medical supplies. The Cumbria group like the rest of the country are run locally by the volunteers. There are approximately 18 cumbrian volunteers who use motor bikes or cars. All are advanced drivers, who are blue light trained and where necessary have police support.

The Cumbria group currently have 3 cars and similar number of motor bikes. They have a control centre and can be called out for any type of emergency and often transport essential medical provisions between Carlisle and Newcastle.

Obviously working on a voluntary basis also carries funding issues and have to rely very much on donations. Awareness of its existence can be heightened when are invited to coffee mornings etc. The Parish Council gave this very worthwhile charity a £100.00 donation. For further information about this charity and how you can help please see link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/bloodbikes-cumbria>

The Chair thanked Ms Moffatt for her time and on behalf of the PC expressed appreciation of the admirable service she and the other volunteers provide.

4. Ratify 10th May 2017 APM Minutes

Proposed a true record of the meeting by Cllr Moore and seconded Cllr K Mawson

5. Annual Reports

5.1 Chair's Report

Please see Annex 1 below

5.2 Report from the Finance and General Purposes Committee

This was the Clerk's first full year as RFO and the progress made with regard to our financial reporting requirements has been consolidated. This is evidenced by the fact that the independent examination of the 2017/18 accounts has already been concluded and we are ready to proceed with the external audit.

We continue to have an unresolved dispute with our previous external auditors, BDO. Therefore, we have appointed PKF Littlejohn to conduct the external audit for 2017/18 and will hope for a more speedy and professional conclusion.

During the year we received notification that our previous independent examiner, Graham Worsnop, would not be able to continue in this role and I would like to place on record the thanks of The Finance Sub Working Group and the RFO for his effort and guidance over the time of his tenure. Our new internal examiners have completed the job swiftly and professionally and we are grateful.

- We are ahead of where we were with the external audit at this stage last year and therefore, in advance of the schedule set for the external audit and to fulfil our statutory obligations.
- All requirements of the Working Group under its Terms of Reference have been met.
- Thanks to all members of the F&GP working group and all other Councillors who have participated during the Year, although we have not been able to meet so often this year due to the loss of some key members.
- Parish Fund decrease £1,785.44 – true position + £3,214,56 after Debtor £5K plus a further £1,500.00 for the lamp post repair the PC are seeking to recoup.

This is a clear indication that we have robust monitoring and control systems to enable us to manage the parish finances effectively. We have enhanced our systems for calculating and accounting for the core precept. As with last year, we have scrupulously avoided using exceptional income such as the Morgan Sindall monies to subsidise the core precept, which we are prohibited from doing.

5.3 Annual Accounting Statements to be approved and signed off

Proposed Cllr Halliday and seconded Cllr Moore

5.4 Report from the Planning Committee

Except for one meeting all the planning applications have been submitted at the full Parish Council meetings. Most of the applications have been quite small, one from CCC about the school planning application and a significant number have come from Sellafield for demolition and new build of office blocks. Parishes are now being notified of these and the Council is the opinion it is right and proper this should happen.

5.5 Report from the Parish Website

The website has been handed over and managed by the Clerk.

5.6 Report from the Pavilion Committee

There have been a couple of meetings and the groups using the playing field have set up a timetable to avoid any double bookings. There has been a new door fitted. Whilst the moles

are prolific around the sports hall and pavilion there has been no problem on the bowling green.

5.7 Report from the Sports Hall Committee

Once again, we have had a very busy year catering for all sorts of groups which has made the year a very successful one. We hosted the coast to coast event and with the same number of competitors as last year the event organising body was delighted with the service provided by us and other members of the village, so much so they have booked the hall yet again this year for the event to be repeated in June. On the same theme, another group of some 30 cyclists are planning to complete a C2C charity ride from the Sports Hall two weeks earlier.

The number of user groups have increased since all the refurbishment has taken place and we now have an events programme which identifies all the regular bookings, this was urgently required because sometimes fitting new users for the odd session is more difficult. This increase in users does come at a price because managing these events has become virtually a full-time job.

Following on from all the improvements described in my last chairman's remarks we have carried out further maintenance work which had become urgent. I am delighted to report that we have now completed a programme of work which has addressed all the outstanding maintenance issues. All the 36 hall lights have been changed to more efficient ones and the 2 paddle fans at very high level have also been replaced, gratefully funded by the Parish Council. (these two tasks were carried out together as high-level scaffolding was required for access to them). We have also funded the expensive replacements of the hall heating elements, replaced the 2 shower heads in the gents' toilet and replaced them with fixed heads to solve a potential flooding crisis, replaced the 3 toilet seats, changed the main door lock and the subsequent replacement of new keys to be distributed and carried out a number of electrical issues. We have also carried out all statutory checks and have certificates for all the portable electrical equipment, electrical periodic checks, emergency lighting and fire extinguishers.

In conclusion, it has been a very busy year and I give heartfelt thanks to a number of people who have given a lot of their time and effort to make the year a successful one and also a specific thank you to David Moore for his PC support to us throughout the year.

5.8 Report from the Parish Magazine

A report to add into the magazine is being collated and Trevor is putting back the deadline dates to allow submissions, mindful the publishers need about 10 days.

5.9 Report from the Amenities Committee

There hasn't been a separate meeting as much of this is covered in the full Council meeting

6. Public Forum

- Ms Parsons complained about the content of the full Council minutes, the car park licence and the state of the footpath leading to the car park/play area when rains. The PC advised it is not responsible for the weather and whilst the work is still ongoing in the play area it is nothing to do with the project. The amenities group will walk around the area and establish

what they can do. Ms Parsons insisted the PC is responsible for the condition of the footpath. The Chair advised they could ask for volunteers to help and invited Ms Parsons to volunteer, Ms Parsons declined. Asked what was being done about the emptying bins on the foreshore and the broken bin. The PC advised the failure to empty the bins had been reported to the responsible organization and how long it took it to deal with this was out of the PC's control. The broken bin was going to be replaced. Ms Parsons accused the PC of failing.

- Mr Ritson believed the PC was doing a good job.

The PC thanked him, the Chair also mentioned that the Cllrs do put themselves out, but they also have a right to live their lives and cannot work 24/7.

Ms Parsons disputed this and claimed the Cllrs don't do any work.

7. Dates of forthcoming Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting is likely to take place at 7pm on **Wednesday 8th May 2019**
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

ANNEX 1

I would again like to take this opportunity to thank every one of my fellow councillors for their support during a very busy and sometimes trying year although for three months I was not here in person but I tried to observe from afar.

In June last year, we received over 400 young farmers visit the village over Bank Holiday this year due to the good weather we had a lot of visitors. Very shortly we will be entertaining well over a 1000 cyclists on their annual ride from Seascale to Whitby.

This past year has been taken up by a couple of projects which members of this council have been involved in, in some cases over 20 years. I refer to the Viking way which was open on the 9th December 2017, the day I left for New Zealand. It is being well used by all age groups, there are still a few add on that need to be made, hopefully they will be forthcoming in the near future, i.e. bins and seating.

At the end of this month, after over two years of very hard work, carried out by ladies of this parish and in particular Liz Mawson raising monies to refurbish a new play area on the sea front.

When I was first told that they needed to raise £60,000. I smiled and thought that the sum was very ambitious but when a week later there was a revised figure of £75,000 I thought I have no idea how they intend to raise that amount, well when I was told that the final figure required was to be about £130,000 I wondered if this was all wishful thinking, but given the determination and hard work that Liz and her team put into the project we are today seeing the results. I have in the past thanked Liz for all her hard work but I know that generations of youngsters will benefit from the use of this Parish asset. We as a Parish should be very

thankful for people of Liz Mawson calibre and her team who volunteer to work for Seascale Parish. We are so lucky to have them.

The Toilets in the near future are to be refurbished and brought up to a standard in line with our new play area they will remain free at point of use as will the car park.

This year the sports hall has had its electric wiring replaced and improvements made and the cricket pitch has had new fencing and although I was not here the Christmas lights I'm sure looked wonderful with the new additions. The Parish Council will be looking in the future to further improve other facilities for the village; however the more we have the more we have to maintain; so donations in whatever form are of great value.

Last year I reported that the SPC will be taking over the running of the Library this is still an ongoing project and progressing well.

Some of the projects that donations have gone towards:

Car park CCTV installation

Toilet block ceiling repair

Wishing Well Repair

Wishing Well Seat Renewed

Seating in the Castle Renewed

Parish flag digital artwork (for the replacement of the current flag)

Red Ensign Flag

Replacement seafront Victorian Lamp post

Scheduled work, to date, to be carried out is as follows:

Toilet block repairs/refurbishment

Additional waste bins

Replacement public seating

Pavilion Garage Door (steel frame and door – not up and over) replaced – cost £500.00

In January our local butcher A Williams & Son has closed its doors for the last time. The Parish Council are saddened to hear of the loss of this business.

I would thank all the residents and in particular 'heroes of the month' Ms Dennett, Ms Jackson and Cllr K Mawson to name but a few, who gave of their time to clean up around the toilet block and carpark. It was heartening to see so many people, keen to take a positive interest and offer their time in a productive way. I would also like to thank, the young people of Shackles Off for their part in the tidying up the foreshore,

I look forward with interest to the developments and challenges that the next few years will bring, and happy that the Council is moving in the right direction. I am satisfied we are doing what we can to improve the life of Parishioners, although there is always more we can do.