

Seascale Parish Council
Minutes
of the
Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee
held on
Wednesday 25th March 2015 at 7pm
in Seascale Fire Station

Present	Chair	Cllr David Halliday
	Members	Cllr David Moore Cllr Dr Craig Ashton Cllr Eileen Eastwood
	Councillors	Cllr Brian Goulding
	Clerk	Mr Ian Turner

Item

1 Apologies

Cllr Andrew Woolass

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 the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 25th February 2015

These were passed unanimously as fair and accurate.

4.1 Actions arising from that meeting

Nothing not covered by the agenda.

5 Public participation

None

6 To receive a report on the matter of transferring the finances of the Parish to the Unity Bank

The Clerk reported that the account with Unity was now open, but that this month the payments would go through NatWest, with next months payments projected to go through Unity when the money was transferred. This was due to an outstanding issue of the depositing of cash.

7 To consider matters relating to leasing the car park

7.1 Cllr Moore reported that he had concluded negotiations with Morgan Sindall on leasing part of the car park. The deal to put to the Parish Council is as follows; 45 spaces will be leased to Morgan Sindall on a date subsequent to the Council's ratification of the deal. These spaces will be located at the far end of the car park and marked with green paint. Their employees will be issued with a green disc to display in their cars. The spaces will be available to all users outside of the hours of business (7am to 5pm), and on weekends and bank holidays. Morgan Sindall agreed to pay a total of £12,000 for a twelve month lease, with half paid when they begin their use, and half paid six months into the lease. They have asked for an option to roll the lease on on a month-by-month basis at a rate of £1,000 per calendar month

should their contract at Sellafield over-run. They agreed to erect signage and draw up a contract to present to the Parish Council should the agreement be ratified. They also asked the Council to include them in their thoughts when they are seeking to improve the area. The Chair asked the Clerk to publish the details on the website. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

7.2 The Clerk informed the Committee that he had received a request to use the car park for the siting of a portable crew cabin by AEG Ltd. They will be commencing work on 6th April to sink geo-sensors into the cliff on Drigg road for Cumbria County Council. The Committee discussed the matter and decided not to recommend this to the Council. Instead they recommended an alternative of siting the cabin near to the Sports Hall, and that any donation from them be given to the Sports Hall Committee. They asked the Clerk to put this to AEG. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

8 **To receive a report on the website**

Cllr Dr Ashton was pleased to report that the website was up a running to his satisfaction. He reported that there is now a link to a Facebook alert. The Chair thanked Cllr Dr Ashton and the Clerk for their efforts.

8.1 **To consider ways of promoting the website**

The Committee discussed ways to promote the website. The Chair asked the Clerk to get quotes for a banner. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

9 **To consider the matter of electricity supply to Parish assets**

Cllr Eastwood asked the Committee to consider changing the supplier of electricity for the Parish due to poor customer service from Npower. The Chair asked the Clerk to get quotes from alternative suppliers. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

10 **To consider repairs and maintenance in the Parish**

10.1 Cllr Moore was pleased to note that the painting of the toilets had been completed. He was disappointed to see that there had been over-spray on to the wall below, and on to the window frames. He noted that the quote had been different to the bill, and wished that this be discussed at the next full meeting.

10.2 Cllr Moore considered work on the bus stop to be completed satisfactorily.

10.3 Cllr Moore had had no time to inspect the work done to the entrance roof of the Sports Hall. He **agreed** to deliver his verdict before the full meeting.

10.4 Cllr Eastwood reported that the slide on the Coniston Avenue play ground had been boarded by the Copeland Borough Council (CBC) inspectors, pending a decision on demolition or replacement by the Parish. Cllr Eastwood asked that the matter be considered at the full Council meeting. In the meanwhile, she asked the Clerk to cost a replacement slide. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

10.5 The Clerk informed the Committee of an enquiry from a parishioner regarding the problem with litter spreading from the recycling area onto land owned by Network Rail. The parishioner suggested a retaining chain-link fence. The Chair asked the Clerk to cost this. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

10.6 The Clerk informed the Committee of a request by CBC inspectors for additional topping for the BMX track. The Chair asked the Clerk to get further details and costs. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

10.7 Cllr Eastwood asked the Clerk to contact Mr John Garner to quote for repairing all the lights along the front. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

10.8 Cllr Goulding reported that he could not locate the broken bench on the Drigg Road.

10.9 Cllr Eastwood informed the Committee that the Sellafeld Recreation Association was in financial difficulty and wished to approach the Council for assistance. She explained that they had enquired as to the possibility of handing over the assets at the village cricket ground to the Parish. Cllr Eastwood asked the Clerk to put this in the agenda for the next full meeting. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

11 Urgent Items Raised by Councillors

The Committee expressed its deep sadness at the loss of young Jake Fawcett. As a token of their respect, and at the request of the family, it was **proposed** by the Committee that a donation of £50 be made to the Great North Air Ambulance. This was unanimously accepted. The Chair asked Cllr Eastwood and the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements. They **agreed** to do this.

12 Schedule for the upcoming meeting of the F&GP Committee

The next meeting of this Committee will be at 7pm on Wednesday 29th April 2015 in Seascale Fire Station.