

Minutes
of the meeting of
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 6th May 2015 at 7pm
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

Present	Chair	Cllr David Moore
	Councillors	Cllr Mrs Eileen Eastwood Cllr Kenneth Mawson Cllr Andrew Williams Cllr Brian Goulding Cllr Dr Craig Ashton
	Clerk/RFO	Mr Ian Turner
	Public	Mrs Brenda Parsons Ms Elizabeth Mawson

Item

1 Apologies

Cllr David Halliday, Cllr Andrew Woollass, Cllr Christopher Taylor, Cllr Philip Taylor, Cllr David Ritson

2 Announcements from the Chair

The Chair gave his thanks to the Councillors for their efforts on behalf of the Parish during this year and throughout the previous electoral cycle. On behalf of the Councillors, Cllr Eastwood thanked the Chair in return. The Chair announced that this was the last meeting of the Parish Council, but that as only six nomination papers had been submitted for consideration for election, there would be no election in Seascale Ward for the Parish Council. The Chair expressed his disappointment that, despite a recent surge in interest in Parish affairs, only half of the available seats on the Council would be taken up.

3 Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items

None

4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 1st April 2014

These were **proposed** as fair and accurate by Cllr Mawson, seconded by Cllr Eastwood and there were no objections.

4.1 Actions arising from the previous meeting of 1st April 2014

Nothing not on this Agenda

5 Public participation

The Chair was pleased to welcome Mrs Parsons to the meeting. Mrs Parsons asked the Chair to respond to a number of concerns.

5.1 Mrs Parsons asked whether the signs proposed for the car park would be sponsored by Morgan Sindall. The Chair replied that the signs would have a discreet statement as to who supplied them. Mrs Parsons expressed her concern that the car park might assume the role and aspect of an extension of Sellafield. The Chair assured her that this was not the

intention, and would not be supported by the Parish Council.

- 5.2 Mrs Parsons was concerned that there was a plan for traffic lights at the railway bridge. Cllr Goulding replied that, in a very recent meeting with Cumbria County Council's Highways Department (CCCHD), he had received assurances that this was not under consideration.
- 5.3 Mrs Parsons was concerned about the plan to shoot rabbits in the Parish. She queried whether this was strictly necessary, and also questioned whether this was a proper method of controlling the rabbit population. The Chair confirmed that this was the case, and that all the legal procedures had been followed. He stated that a cull was imminent, and that the burrowing had become a danger to users of the public areas that were the responsibility of the Parish Council. He said that the Council's first duty of care was for the safety of the parishioners, and that this cull was in line with that duty.
- 5.4 Mrs Parsons was pleased to inform the Council that her efforts to get Sellafield PLC to recognise and ameliorate the illegal parking on South Row had borne fruit. The company had contacted Mrs Parsons to tell her that they had advised the staff of Sellafield and it's contractors of it's disapproval of it's staff disregarding local parking regulations. The Chair congratulated Mrs Parsons and thanked her for her efforts on this issue. He hoped that she would continue to get success.
- 5.5 The Chair welcomed Ms Mawson to the meeting. Ms Mawson outlined her plan for the development of the play area on the foreshore. She stated her intention, along with some others, to plan out, and secure funding for a redesigned play area that would cater for children of all ages. She asked the Chair whether this was something that the Council would consider. The Chair asked Ms Mawson to submit any plans to the Council, and said that the Council would consider them and advise accordingly. He said that any plan to improve village life was in line with the Parish Council's founding principle, and that this Council would be happy to advise Ms Mawson's group as necessary.

6 Reports from Committees and Councillors

- 6.1 The Council received a report from Cllr Moore on the Finance & General Purpose Committee meeting of last month. He confirmed that the deal with Morgan Sindall was back on course after some minor delays, and asked that the Clerk expedite the paperwork. The Clerk **agreed** to do this. He asked the Council to approve a banner with the Parish website for display in the village. He asked that the Council approve the quote on Seafront light repairs from J&I Garner.
- 6.2 Cllr Mawson informed the Council that he believed that the Pavilion Committee would shortly approach the Parish Council for funds to replace a door.
- 6.3 Cllr Eastwood reported that, in her capacity as a member of the Mid Copeland Partnership, she was working to help Seascale Football Club purchase equipment, and Seascale Scouts to secure a venue.
- 6.4 Cllr Goulding reported that he had toured the centre of the village with Mrs Parsons, and that he had noted her concerns, and photographed the relevant areas. He submitted copies of those photographs to the Council. He explained that most of the concerns were not the Parish Council's area of responsibility, but that, nevertheless, he had aided Mrs Parsons in compiling a dossier for forwarding to the relevant authorities. He had forwarded a copy of this to the Clerk.

6.5 Cllr Goulding reported that he had met with Mr Kevin Cosgrove of CCCHD to discuss general concerns over the safety of the roads in the village. Mr Cosgrove had assured Cllr Goulding that there were plans to repaint the road markings, and monitor traffic under the Arch Hill bridge. Mr Cosgrove said that he would continue to liaise with the Parish Council.

7 **Finance**

7.1 The RFO gave a report on the finance of the Parish (attached/available on request).

7.2 The Council approved all the RFO's requests for payment (attached/available on request). This includes the annual subscription to Cumbria Association of Local Councils, and the rental of the Methodist Schoolroom, payment for completed repairs to Brian Bland Ltd, minor stationary expenses for the Clerk and Cllr Eastwood, salaries and the balance of accounts owed to TR Publishing, to correct a discrepancy in last year's accounts.

8 **To consider quotes and repairs in the Parish**

8.1 Cllr Eastwood reported that she had spoken to Mr John Davis of the Copeland Borough Council (CBC) Parks Department, on the matter of the Coniston Avenue playing field and play ground. He had offered to gather quotes for equipment and replacement for approval by the Parish Council.

8.2 The Chair **proposed** that the quote of £2881.96 for the repair of seafront lights from J&I Garner be passed on grounds of best value, so that Mr Garner might continue his excellent work for the Council. The Council unanimously agreed with the proposal. The Chair instructed the clerk to commission the work. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

8.3 The Chair **proposed** that the banner for advertising the website be bought. The Council unanimously agreed with the proposal. The Chair instructed the clerk to commission the work. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

8.4 The Clerk asked the Council to decide which of the two quotes for insurance suited the Council. Cllr Eastwood **proposed** that the Zurich quote be adopted, Cllr Dr Ashton seconded and there were no objections. The Chair instructed the clerk to do the necessary work to change over the insurance of the Council. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

9 **To consider any planning issues**

9.1 The Council recommended that planning application number 4/15/9005, a new office and factory building at Sellafield be approved.

Cllr Mawson left the meeting.

10 **To receive a report on the Seafront Amenity Area**

The Chair reported that he would like to advise Morgan Sindall of a start date for the agreement on the car park. After some discussion, the date of 1st June 2015 was agreed on. The Chair asked the Clerk to relay this to Morgan Sindall. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

11 **To consider a 'Memorandum of Understanding' with Seascale Cricket Club**

The Clerk supplied a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding. After the document was read the Chair **proposed** that it be adopted. It was seconded by Cllr Eastwood and there were no objections. The document outlines the adoption into the Parish's insurance policy of the cricket field, and a pledge by the user groups to include the Parish Council in any decisions regarding the area.

12 To consider insurance renewal for the Parish

See Item 8.4

13 Correspondence

13.1 The Clerk read a letter from Mawson's Ice Cream Parlour asking for permission to site two of the benches for customer use on the green area on the foreshore opposite their business. After some discussion the Council **agreed** to allow this, as the benefit to the community would off-set the commercial interest of the business. The Chair asked that the license be reviewed on an annual basis.

14 Urgent items raised by councillors

14.1 The Clerk read a note left by Cllr Mawson bemoaning the poor broadband service available to the village. The Chair informed the Council that preparations for Super-fast Broadband were in the advanced stage, and would possibly be completed by September.

14.2 Cllr Dr Ashton asked about the status of the 'Viking Way'. The Chair said that he believed an update from CBC and Cumbria County Council would come soon.

14.3 Cllr Goulding informed the Council that he had received the necessary permits to begin the rabbit cull, and that he intended to start the cull soon.

14.4 The Chair was dismayed by the continuing presence of the works facilities for AEG Ltd by the Sports Hall. He asked the Clerk to contact AEG to resolve the issue. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

14.5 The Chair noted that the Seascale Dog Club had parked a trailer on the Sports Hall car park without permission. He asked the Clerk to ask them to remove it. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

15 Dates of forthcoming meetings

The first meeting of the new Parish Council will be at 7pm on Wednesday 20th May 2015 in the Methodist Schoolroom.