

**Seascale Parish Council**  
**Minutes**  
of the  
**Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee**  
held on  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7pm**  
in Seascale Fire Station

<b>Present</b>	Chair	Cllr David Halliday
	Members	Cllr David Moore Cllr Eileen Eastwood
	Councillors	Cllr David Ritson
	Public	Mrs Elizabeth Mawson
	Clerk	Mr Ian Turner

**Item**

- 1 Apologies**  
Cllr Dr Craig Ashton
- 2 Announcements from the Chair**  
None
- 3 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda Items**  
Cllr Moore declared an interest in Item 8.2, and will not comment on, or take part in the decision.
- 4 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015**  
These were unanimously **proposed** as a fair and accurate representation of the meeting.
- 4.1 Actions arising from that meeting**  
None
- 5 Public participation**  
The Chair welcomed Mrs Mawson to the meeting. Mrs Mawson informed the meeting that she had received a copy of the quote for a renovation of the Coniston Avenue play area by Sovereign Ltd from the Clerk, and recommended that the council not consider the quote as it did not meet the requirements laid out, and was over-priced. On the matter of the Seafront play area, she asked the Council to consider making a donation to the 'Seascale Community Beach Park Project'. The Chair said that the matter would be put before the full council.
- 6 To receive a report on the matter of transferring the finances of the Parish to the Unity Bank**  
The RFO and the Chair reported that they were experiencing a significant amount of frustrating delay in closing the NatWest, as the bank would not co-operate in providing information required for the audit. The Chair and RFO **agreed** to work together to resolve the matter as soon as possible.

- 7 To consider matters relating to leasing the car park**  
Cllr Moore reported that Morgan Sindall has paid the money into the account and commenced using the car park as agreed.
- 8 To consider planning issues in the Parish**
- 8.1** On the matter of planning application 4/15/2303, the conversion of St. Cuthbert's Church Hall into a dwelling, the council recommended that it be allowed without alteration.
- 8.2** On the matter of planning application 4/15/2238, the building of a large dwelling in the field adjacent to the school, the council recommended that it be allowed without alteration.
- 8.3** On the matter of planning application 4/15/2281, the felling of trees protected by a 'Tree Protection Order' in Lingmell, the council recommended that it be allowed without alteration.
- 9 To consider repairs and maintenance in the Parish**
- 9.1** It was proposed by Cllr Eastwood that a quote from Mr John Simpson be accepted on grounds of best value. The Committee **agreed** to go ahead with the renovation of the toilets in the car park based on this. The Clerk **agreed** to inform Mr Simpson of this decision.
- 9.2** The Clerk informed the Committee that he had sourced someone prepared to clean the benches in the parish. Cllr Eastwood **agreed** to count the benches in need of cleaning and report back to the Clerk.
- 9.3** Cllr Moore asked the Clerk to send an email to Copeland Borough Council asking what help they would be willing to provide in maintaining the seafront amenity area. The Chair recommended that the number of times the bins are emptied be reduced to four times a week in the summer and twice per week in the winter. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.
- 10 To consider payment requests to the Parish**  
Payments submitted by the RFO were **agreed** without reservation.
- 11 Urgent Items Raised by Councillors**  
The Committee expressed their dissatisfaction with NPower, the current provider of electricity to the Sports Hall and Pavilion. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk initiate action to change providers, on the proviso that the two buildings be put on individual meters. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.
- 12 Schedule for the upcoming meeting of the F&GP Committee**  
The next meeting of this committee will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015.