

Minutes
of the meeting of
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 6th January 2016 at 7pm
in the Methodist Schoolroom, Seascale

Present	Chair	Cllr David Moore
	Councillors	Cllr Brian Goulding Cllr David Halliday Cllr Mrs Eileen Eastwood Cllr Kenneth Mawson Cllr Dr Craig Ashton Cllr David Ritson Cllr Andrew Williams
	Clerk/RFO	Mr Ian Turner
	Public	Mrs Jen McClemens (Sports Hall Committee) Mr John McIlroy (Sports Hall Committee) Mrs Brenda Parsons

Item

1 Apologies

None

2 Announcements from the Chair

The Chair announced that he was recording the meeting to assist the Clerk in compiling the minutes.

3 Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items

Cllr Ashton declared an interest in Item 8.2, as he is an employee of the applicant.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 2nd December 2015

These were unanimously **proposed** as a fair and accurate record of the meeting.

4.1 Actions arising from that meeting

Cllr Eastwood informed the meeting that she had been unable to carry out the village inspection with Copeland Borough Council's (CBC) Parks Department, promised in Item 9.3, due to time constraints and adverse weather conditions. She hoped to complete the action in the near future.

5 Public participation

5.1 The Chair welcomed Mrs Parsons to the meeting. Mrs Parsons asked what the Parish Council was doing with regards to the amount of litter around the recycling area. The Chair informed her that while the Parish Council was monitoring the situation, it was not responsible for people fly-tipping on the site. He took the opportunity to ask the public not to leave their recycling by the containers if they were full, but to take it home and wait for the containers to be emptied. Mrs Parsons then asked if the Parish Council would consider relocating the containers away from the wind. She suggested that the recycling area be positioned alongside the Sports Hall. The Chair recalled that the site had been carefully

considered at the time it was originally proposed, and that the Sports Hall was not thought to be suitable by CBC.

- 5.2 Mrs Parsons asked what the Parish Council was doing about security in the car park, in light of the incident of vandalism that happened over the festive period to a van parked there. Mrs Parsons claimed that she felt threatened by the incident, and that the Parish Council was shirking its duty in not doing more to prevent such incidences occurring. The Chair responded that, while everyone was concerned by vandalism in our community, he did not see why this had anything to do with the Parish Council. He understood that the Police had become involved, and were investigating the incident. Mrs Parsons said that she felt that the Parish Council's contract with Morgan Sindall was to blame for the situation, as the van had belonged to a contractor (not Morgan Sindall), and that therefore the Parish Council was, in some way, responsible for the damage to the van. Mrs Parsons' view was unanimously rejected by councillors, as making no sense whatever.

12 **To receive a report from the Sports Hall Committee and consider any requests**

The Chair welcomed Mr McIlroy to the meeting. Mr McIlroy gave a brief outline of the work of the Sports Hall Committee to the meeting. He described the series of events that had led up to the Sports Hall being presented with a bill for £1500, for which only £1000 was budgeted. He asked the Council for assistance in paying this, as it was the view of the Sports Hall Committee that the Parish Council was, at least in part, responsible for the damage to the interior wall that had necessitated the work. He explained that the damaged exterior had allowed water to seep into the building. He also admitted that further damage had been done by users leaving showers running for long periods, and conceded that the wall had not been refurbished for a very long time. He said that he would be happy to leave the Parish Council to deliberate the matter without his and Mrs McClemens' presence. Before they left the meeting, the Chair **proposed** a vote of thanks for the wonderful contribution that the Sports Hall Committee make to the life of the Parish. This was unanimously agreed. Furthermore, Cllr Goulding remarked that he was very pleased to see that the facility was so well used by many organisations and members of the public. At this point all members of the public **left** the meeting.

A discussion ensued and it was unanimously **agreed** that the Parish pay for half of the shortfall of £500. This was considered as a reasonable compromise.

6 **Reports from Committees and Councillors**

- 6.1 The Chair of the Amenities Committee gave a report to the meeting. She **proposed** that the Council to give a vote of thanks to Mrs Elizabeth Mawson for her assistance to the Parish. She said that Mrs Mawson was a credit to the community, and that the Committee appreciated her helpful attitude. This was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.

7 **Finance**

- 7.1 The Council received a report from the RFO on the finance of the Parish (attached/available on request).
- 7.2 The Council unanimously agreed to all requests for payment.
- 7.3 The Council was asked to consider any additions to the 2016/2017 budget, and to inform the Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee in the near future if they had suggestions.
- 7.4 Cllr Halliday had carefully read the National Association of Local Council's plans for

collectively negotiating the deal for the audit from 2017. He recommended the plan to the Council, as it was his considered opinion that there would be no detriment to the Council in participating with this scheme. The Chair thanked Cllr Halliday for his effort, and it was unanimously agreed that the Council accept Cllr Halliday's **proposed** action.

8 To consider any planning issues

8.1 The Council advised that on the matter of application 4/15/2470, a change of use for 44 Wasdale Park, an extension over a garage, it should be allowed with no reservation.

8.2 The Council advised that on the matter of application 4/15/9012, a program of construction at LLWR in Drigg, they would recommend that it be allowed with the following reservations. The Parish was concerned that LLWR was not sufficiently engaged with the Parish considering the large visual impact the plans would have on residents in the south facing area of the village, particularly those on Rueberry Drive. They would also like to point out to LLWR that there has been increased rail traffic through the village, and that the large diesel locomotives were very noisy. While other stakeholders were compensated for these types of inconveniences, Seascale Parish was conspicuous in it's lack of such consideration.

9 To receive a report on Parish Assets

9.1 The Clerk reported that CBC Parks Department had contacted the Parish regarding the poor state of the Coniston Avenue Play Area. The Clerk had asked the Department to provide quotes for repair or removal of the equipment, and was currently awaiting the reply. The Chair **agreed** to removed the damaged fence around the area.

9.2 The Chair **proposed** that the Clerk be allowed to involve the Cumbria Association of Local Councils in negotiations over the Library. He believed that their knowledge would be useful to the Parish. This was unanimously agreed.

9.3 The Chair **agreed** to remove the broken bench at the junction of Cross Lanes and Gosforth Road.

9.4 The Chair **agreed** to replace the bench at the junction of Hallsenna Road and Gosforth Road with the one he has repaired.

9.5 Cllr Williams noted that the floors in the toilets may need some attention, as the renovations had proved ineffective. He **agreed** to look in to the matter.

10 To consider matters relating to the Highways

10.1 Cllr Goulding presented the Council with his plan for a traffic flow plan for the car park. He had made initial enquiries, but was unable to follow up the project in the near future. The Clerk **agreed** to pursue quotes for the re-marking of the car park.

11 To consider funding for the Seascale Community Beach Park Project (SCBPP)

After some discussion, it was unanimously **agreed** that whatever remained of the Beach Improvement Grant on the 31st March 2016, that had been awarded by CBC, be given to the SCBPP.

13 Correspondence

The Clerk supplied the Councillors with a copy of the correspondence he had posted on the website.

14 Urgent items raised by councillors

- 14.1** Cllr Goulding asked the Council for their views on training him to inspect the play areas in the Parish. This would involve going on a training course in York with the RoSPA organisation, at a cost of some £600. The RFO commented that in the long term this would save the Parish a considerable sum, as the work was currently being carried out by CBC for an annual fee. It was **proposed** by the Chair and was agreed unanimously by the Council that Cllr Goulding should be sent to York for training.
- 14.2** Cllr Mawson was concerned at the flooding situation by the culvert on Santon Way. He said that the problem had been getting worse, and asked the Clerk to contact Cumbria County Council about the issue. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.
- 14.3** Cllr Mawson stated that the Old Fire Station had been demolished. He recalled how he had been a volunteer there for many years.
- 14.4** Cllr Eastwood informed the Council that the bus services were to cease on 19th February 2016. She was concerned at the lack of consideration shown to the often elderly users of this service. Not only was the service to be withdrawn, but information on bus-stops was inaccurate since Reays had changed the timetable, added to which, the earlier scheduling had negated the bus passes allocated to pensioners which has the effect of raising the cost of travel. She asked the Clerk to contact CBC and ask whether they could help resolve the situation. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.
- 14.5** Cllr Eastwood was pleased to inform the Council that a recent coffee morning and raffle had raised a sum of £1,263.54, which would be donated to organisations helping victims of the recent flooding in the County. She thanked all of those who took part for their generous contributions.
- 14.6** The Chair informed the Council that the Mayor was scheduled to come to the village on the 11th February, to discuss plans for the Borough. The Clerk agreed to post more details of the meeting nearer to the time.

15 Dates of forthcoming meetings

The next scheduled meeting of the full Council is 7pm on Wednesday 3rd February 2016 in the Methodist Schoolroom.