

Seascale Parish Council
Minutes
of the
Meeting of the Amenities Committee
held on
Thursday 9th March 2016 at 7pm
in Seascale Fire Station

Present	Chair	Cllr Eileen Eastwood
	Members	Cllr Kenneth Mawson Cllr Andrew Williams
	Clerk	Mr Ian Turner
	Public	Mrs Brenda Parsons

Item

1 Apologies

Cllr Brian Goulding, Mrs Elizabeth Mawson, Cllr David Ritson

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 Amenities Committee of 10th December 2015

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

4.1 Actions arising from those minutes

None

5 Public participation

5.1 The Chair welcomed Mrs Parsons to the meeting. Mrs Parsons complained that she believed the lights in the car park were too bright. She informed the Committee that it was her opinion that the ground under the lights had been damaged. Cllr Mawson **agreed** to inspect the area.

5.2 Mrs Parsons said that she had contacted BT Openreach about reels of cabling that were apparently discarded.

6 To consider matters relating to external Parish Assets

6.1 Pertaining to seating in the Parish, the Chair informed the Committee that a vandalised seat near the Train Station had been removed. She asked that the Clerk put the cleaning of the Benches on the Agenda for the main meeting. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

6.2a Pertaining to the seafront car park, the Chair asked the Clerk to contact Copeland Borough Council (CBC) for a quote on repairing the pot hole at the eastern entrance. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

6.2b Cllr Williams asked the Clerk to contact Cumbria County Council (CCC) Highways Department to see if they would install signs at Holmrook dissuading HGVs from coming

into the village via the Drigg Road. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

6.3 Pertaining to pathways and the coast, Cllr Mawson was dismayed at the lack of action on the matter of clearing the broken gabion basket on footpath 427016. He asked the Clerk to pursue the matter with the County Ranger. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

6.4a Pertaining to hygiene, litter and waste, Cllr Williams said that there was evidence of fly-tipping in the recycling area.

6.4b The Chair asked the Clerk to contact CBC regarding bringing a dog warden to the village, to catch owners who allow their animals to foul the footpaths. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

6.5 Pertaining to play areas and the BMX track, the Clerk informed the Committee that Cllr Goulding had contacted him with the decision to close Coniston Avenue Play Area, pending a full review of the Parishes intentions for the site. He said that conditions had deteriorated rapidly in recent poor weather. He had asked the Clerk to put this on the Agenda for the full meeting. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

6.6 There were no matters relating to beautification, flowers and grass cutting for discussion.

7 To consider matters relating to other Parish Assets

7.1 There were no matters relating to the Sports Hall for discussion.

7.2 There were no matters relating to the Pavilion for discussion.

7.3 Pertaining to the toilets, the Chair asked the Clerk to get a quote from Mr Ian Rigg for installing grab rails in the toilets to assist the elderly. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

8 To consider a date for a Parish clean

The Chair believed that a reasonable date for a Parish Clean, might be in May or June, but a specific date would be dependant on the weather.

9 Urgent Items Raised by Councillors

9.1 Cllr Mawson asked the Clerk to contact the police, and ask them to patrol the BMX track area late at night. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

9.2 Cllr Mawson informed the Committee that the bus timetables are still affixed to bus-stops in the village.

10 Schedule for the upcoming Meeting of the Amenities Committee

The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is 7pm on Wednesday 8th June 2016 in the Fire Station.

Note Mrs Parsons persistently interrupted the meeting with unsolicited comments, questions and accusations. Upon the conclusion of the meeting, she insulted the Clerk.