

Minutes
of the meeting of
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 6th April 2016 at 7pm
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

Present	Chair	Cllr David Moore
	Councillors	Cllr Brian Goulding Cllr Mrs Eileen Eastwood Cllr Kenneth Mawson Cllr David Ritson Cllr David Halliday
	Clerk/RFO	Mr Ian Turner
	Public	Mr David Niven Mrs Brenda Parsons

Item

1 Apologies

Cllr Dr Craig Ashton, Cllr Andrew Williams

2 Announcements from the Chair

None

3 Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items

None

4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 2nd March 2016

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

4.1 Actions arising from that meeting

On Item **6.2**, it was subsequently understood that NuGen had apologised to members of the public effected by their proposed route from Black Beck to Calderbridge. On Item **12.1**, the Parish Council clarified that it was **resolved** to allow 'Shackles Off' to make use of Parish facilities in their celebrations.

5 Public participation

5.1 The Chair welcomed Mr Niven to the meeting. Mr Niven asked whether any recent surveys had taken place to monitor traffic under the bridge. The Chair asked the Clerk to contact Cumbria County Council (CCC) Highways Department to see if there were any. The Clerk **agreed** to do this and asked Mr Niven to email him on the address on the website, in order to be updated.

5.2 Mr Niven wished to bring to the attention of the Parish Council, an accusatory missive regarding the Council's handling of the car park on the 'Seascale and Gosforth Matters' website. He asked what the response from the Council might be. The Chair replied that neither he, nor the Clerk were aware of any such communication with the Council, and that should the Council receive such a missive, it would respond accordingly.

- 5.3 The Chair welcomed Mrs Parsons to the meeting. After making insulting comments about the Clerk, Mrs Parsons informed the Council that a drum of cabling had been removed from the Seafront Amenity Area, claiming that it was at her insistence.
- 5.4 Mrs Parsons said that the grounds-keeper at the Golf Club had deliberately blocked a Public Footpath and dammed a pond. The Chair asked the Clerk to send an email to CCC Highways Department, asking them to look into it. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.
- 5.5 Mrs Parsons asked whether signs were to be put up in the car park with a mandatory speed limit of 5mph. Cllr Goulding answered that while signs were being considered as part of the re-marking of the car park, any speed limit would be unenforceable without a full time attendant, the cost of which was beyond the abilities of the Parish to fund.

The Chair thanked Mrs Parsons for her success in bringing the Traffic Wardens to the village.

6 Reports from Committees and Councillors

- 6.1 The meeting received a report from the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Cllr Halliday **recommended** that the Council organise a visit to Coniston Avenue Play Area (see Item 9.1a), and adopt the new Terms of Reference for Parish Forums (see Item 11).
- 6.2 The meeting received a report from the Amenities Committee. Cllr Goulding said that excess littering by the recycling bins had been dealt with by Copeland Borough Council (CBC). He encouraged parishioners to report this to CBC using the number provided.
- 6.3 Cllr Mawson asked that the Parish Council consider helping the Cricket Club replace the damaged door to their store. He said that the Pavilion Committee was currently looking in to the possibility of replacing it with a steel door, that would not be as susceptible to water damage. He also asked that the Parish Council replace the mesh fence that protects cars from cricket balls. The Chair **agreed** to look in to this and report back to the Parish Council.

7 Finance

- 7.1 The RFO gave an Annual Statement in Brief and a working copy of the Cash Book from the last financial year. He said that he was working closely with Cllr Halliday to complete the accounts by the AGM.
- 7.2 The Council unanimously **agreed** to all requests for payment.

8 To consider any planning issues

- 8.1 The Council considered application 4/16/2066, a replacement dwelling at 1 The Bridles. They recommended that it be allowed with no reservations.
- 8.2 The Council considered application 4/16/2082, a replacement porch at 1 Wastwater Rise. They recommended that it be allowed with no reservations.

9 To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

- 9.1a Regarding matters relating to play areas in the Parish, Cllr Goulding referred the meeting to the report he had submitted to the Parish Council about the Coniston Avenue Play Area. While he was still minded to recommend demolition, he was anxious that the whole Parish Council be in full agreement. To this end, the Chair **agreed** to convene a meeting at the site at 6.30pm on Wednesday 13th April, under the auspices of the Amenities Working Group.

9.1b Cllr Eastwood said that repairs to the flagstones were still necessary on the 'castle' at the Sea Front Play Area, but that they were on-going. She **agreed** to get a cost for putting plastic barriers in the gaps around the Play Area.

9.2 The Chair reported that there had been no progress on matters concerning the Library.

9.3 Regarding cleaning and repairing seating in the Parish, Cllr Mawson reported that a seat had been damaged beyond repair in the BMX Play Area by vandals. Cllr Eastwood said that she and Cllr Goulding intended to assess all of the seating that had been high-lighted in Mrs Elizabeth Mawson's excellent report from last year. She hoped to have a comprehensive plan of action before long.

10 To consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

10.1 Regarding the bus service to Whitehaven, Cllr Eastwood said that the only service available at present was the 'Dial-a-Ride' bus. This service did not allow the use of the bus pass. She announced an **open meeting** in the Fire Station at 2pm on 8th April, to consider the issue.

10.2 The Chair drew the attention of the meeting to the works going on by the BMX Track. After describing the extent of the damage caused by a ruptured main, he said that he had sought assurances that the facility would be properly re-constituted. United Utilities Ltd said that they had been in touch with 'Dragon Downhill', the original builders, and would restore the area to their specification. Cllr Mawson had been made aware of blockage to the out-flow opposite the Bailey Ground Hotel, and believed that this may be linked to the problems further in land. The Chair announced an **open meeting** with the contractors at 9.30am on 13th April at the site.

11 To consider new Terms of Reference for Parish forums

After scrutiny, these were **adopted** unanimously and with immediate effect.

12 Correspondence

The Clerk provided a list of correspondence sent to the Parish. It was **resolved** unanimously that the organisation called 'Churches Together in Seascale & District' be allowed to use the Seafront Amenity Area for their service on Sunday 10th July 2016.

13 Urgent items raised by councillors

13.1 Cllr Goulding asked the Clerk to report the fly-tipping on the Gosforth Road lay-by to CCC Highways Department. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

13.2 Cllr Mawson asked the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Mr Tony Holman, who had provided 41 years of service to the Seascale Fire Brigade. The Clerk **agreed** to do this. The Chair expressed the gratitude of the community for Mr Holman's service to the people of the Parish and to the County.

14 Dates of forthcoming meetings

The next scheduled meeting of the full Council is 7pm on Wednesday 4th May 2016 in the Methodist School Room.