

**Minutes**  
of the **Annual Parish Meeting** of  
**Seascale Parish Council**  
held on  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7pm**  
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

<b>Present</b>	Chair	Cllr David Moore
	Councillors	Cllr Mrs Eileen Eastwood Cllr David Ritson Cllr Brian Goulding (Vice-Chair) Cllr David Halliday Cllr Dr Craig Ashton Cllr Ken Mawson
	Clerk/RFO	Mr Ian Turner
	Public	PC Stuart Burgess (Cumbria Police) Mrs Brenda Parsons

**Item**

**1 Apologies**

None

**2 Announcements from the Chair**

- 2.1** The Chair was pleased to welcome Police Constable Stuart Burgess of Cumbria Police to the meeting. PC Burgess gave out some information pertaining to speeds of vehicles as they passed the primary school on Gosforth Road. He explained that the data could only be used as a guide to general speeds. He illustrated this by pointing out two speeds of 109 mph and 104 mph which were nearly twice the speed of the next fastest driver speed indicated. He said that these were clearly false readings as those speeds could not be achieved without an accident on that part of the road. He did say, however, that some drivers were not slowing down at the entrance to the village at Cross Lanes, and only slowing as they passed the school. He said that Cumbria Police were going to take a more active role in policing this area due to the results of the monitoring. He said that nationally, anecdotal evidence and prosecution data pointed to the majority of speeding offences being committed by drivers local to the area where the offence was committed.

He went on to explain the role of his unit (the Sellafeld detachment) in policing in the wider community. The Chair thanked PC Burgess for his attendance, adding that he looked forward to seeing a representative of Cumbria Police at the Parish meetings in future, in light of the election of the new Police Commissioner. PC Burgess left the meeting.

**3 Annual Reports**

**3.1 Report from the Amenities Committee**

Cllr Eastwood gave the report from the Amenities Committee. She said that this year had seen the retirement of two men who had done a great deal to improve life in the village. Mr **David Morgan** has been our Flag Officer of long-standing in addition to his tireless campaign to tidy our beach. He went out in all weathers, and never lacked in enthusiasm. His efforts are already missed, and he leaves behind a legacy of selfless service to his community, that it will be difficult to replicate in the future. We would like to thank him for

being a great friend to the village.

Mr **John Davis** of Copeland Borough Council is retiring from the Parks Service, after many years. His sympathy and professionalism in matters concerning our community have long been appreciated. He was always available to talk to us over our concerns, and was quick to rectify any problems that arose in caring for the land in the village. His standards were a worthy model for his successor. We thank him, and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Cllr Eastwood welcomed the news that Mrs **Catherine Harvey-Chadwick** had agreed to become Flag Officer for the village. She hoped that this begins a long and happy association, and that Mrs Harvey-Chadwick enjoys her role in village life.

Cllr Eastwood said that this year the **Seascale Community Beach Park Project** has provided a welcome boost to public participation in the community. This organisation has been assisted by the Parish Council with guidance and active support from the Amenities Committee, with Cllr Goulding being the liaison, and with Mrs **Elizabeth Mawson** joining the Committee. Mrs Mawson's participation in the Committee is the latest in a long line of people, who do not wish to become Councillors, becoming members. It is hoped that other Parishioners will take her lead, and become more active in village life. She said that without the participation of non-councillors over the years, many of the things we take for granted would not have been possible. Before he was a Councillor, Cllr Halliday was involved in auditing the accounts and the 'Family Fun-day' which raised money for projects around the village. Mr Tony Holman started the putting up of Christmas lights, which is continued by Mr John Garner to this day. Cllr Barbara Ramsden was instrumental in improving the Dell, Arch Hill and the Beach Park play area. Cllr Vicky Borrino was the driving force behind building the BMX Track.

Cllr Eastwood welcomed the news that the Coniston Avenue football ground was now home to **Seascale Football Club**. She thanked the team for their efforts to maintain the area.

Cllr Eastwood was dismayed to see the cancellation of the **buses** through the village, but said that the Committee was working with the Mid-Copeland Parish Partnership and others to secure a limited service in the near future.

Cllr Eastwood reported that negotiations to keep the **library** as a hub of the community were continuing.

### **3.2 Report from the Finance and General Purposes Committee**

Cllr Halliday gave the report from the Finance and General Purposes Committee. He said that, in conjunction with the RFO, the Committee had overseen the transition to electronic media, a consistent and transparent system of book-keeping, and the publication of accounts on the website. Budgeting and the audit had, as a result, gone very smoothly. He thanked the internal auditor, Mr **Graham Worsnop** for his continued assistance on this. We have now closed the NatWest account and do all our banking on-line through the Unity Trust Bank.

He said that Seascale Parish Council's finances were in healthy and correct order, and that through the efforts of the Committee, the Council complies with all regulations concerning its conduct.

### **3.3 Report from the Planning Committee**

This Committee did not meet during the year.

### **3.4 Report from the Parish Website**

Cllr Ashton reported that the website was proving to be very popular, averaging around 65 visits per day over the course of the year.

### **3.5 Report from the Pavilion Committee**

Cllr Mawson reported that everything was running smoothly in regards to the Pavilion.

### **3.6 Report from the Sports Hall Committee**

The Clerk referred to the recent attendance at the a full meeting of the Parish Council of Mr John McIlroy, and Mrs Jen McClemens, who had given the Council a full report. The Chair thanked them for their continued valuable work for the community.

### **3.7 Report from the Parish Magazine**

Cllr Eastwood reports that the Parish Magazine now serves three Parishes, and is still a very popular read in the village and beyond.

### **3.8 Chair's Report**

The Chair thanked all those associated with assisting in Parish affairs. He said that this would be his last meeting as Chair and that it was fortunate that there were people who continue to step up to active participation in the life of the community. He said that he hoped that other members would match and surpass the 30 years he had served, although he is not stepping down from the Parish Council for the foreseeable future. He thanked Cllr Mawson for his 38 years service and Cllr Eastwood for her 37 years as a Councillor. He hoped that they would continue to offer the benefit of their invaluable experience and wisdom to the new Chair, as he would also do.

The Chair said that this year had been a busy one for the Parish. The Parish had been monitoring the expansion of the community closely, submitting its considered views on the planning applications made in the village. There are usually two per month, ranging from porch re-modelling to the erection of large shops and housing estates. He was pleased to announce that this year saw the Viking Way make a significant advance. All permissions have been obtained and work should be commencing soon. He expressed his concern that the waste water system was in need of work, evidenced by the damage done in the village by burst pipes. Thankfully, this year's storms have not caused the suffering seen in other parts County. The Chair expressed his dismay at the lack of Bathing Flags this year for the beach. He said that he hoped that the Parish would consider participation in future years.

The Chair expressed his appreciation of the work of Cllr Halliday and the RFO in getting on top of the Parish finances. He said that the move towards total transparency in all Council affairs was a positive step, and that the website was now a vital tool for this.

Overall, the Chair was happy that the Council was moving in the right direction, and he was satisfied that it was doing all it could to improve the life of Parishioners.

## **4 Public Forum**

The Chair welcomed Mrs Parsons to the meeting. Mrs Parsons asked a series of questions that have been fully answered in full Council meetings over the passed year. The Chair pointed this out and Mrs Parsons left the meeting.

## **5 Dates of forthcoming meetings**

The next full meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 in the Methodist Schoolroom. The next Annual Parish Meeting is likely to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in the Methodist Schoolroom.