

Minutes
of the meeting of
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 7pm
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

Present	Chair	Cllr Brian Goulding
	Councillors	Cllr David Moore Cllr Mrs Eileen Eastwood Cllr Kenneth Mawson Cllr David Halliday Cllr Andrew Williams
	Clerk/RFO	Mr Ian Turner

Item

1 Apologies

Cllr Dr Craig Ashton, Cllr David Ritson

2 Announcements from the Chair

The Chair announced that last Saturday a rally of the Cumbrian Young Farmers had visited the village. He said that after consultation with the Parish Council, Mr Richard Mawson had been permitted to put seven tables on the green south of the Wishing Well noticeboard. As agreed, the Young Farmers had cleaned the area as they left and many visitors had been able to use the benches in the following two days of the Bank Holiday, prior to their removal on Monday. The Chair reported that local businesses had said that the weekend was very lucrative. The Chair thanked Richard Mawson for his co-operation throughout the weekend and asked the Clerk to write a letter of praise to Mr Mawson and the Young Farmers for their contributions to the success of the weekend. This was unanimously endorsed by the Council and the Clerk **agreed** to do this.

3 Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items

None

4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 4th May 2016

With a minor adjustment, these were unanimously **proposed** as a fair and accurate record of the meeting.

4.1 Actions arising from that meeting

None

4.2 Minutes of the APM of 11th May 2016

The Clerk asked the Council to check these for accuracy.

4.3 Minutes of the AGM of 11th May 2016

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5 Public participation

None

6 Reports from Committees and Councillors

- 6.1** Cllr Moore reported on the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Working Group. The Group recommended; that SPC sign a 'Declaration of Interest' for the library; that SPC adopt the 'Policy on Press & Media'. Actions agreed at the meeting were as follows; that the Clerk chase Ian Rigg on a repair of the Honesty Box; that the Clerk discuss the electricity costs with Cllr Halliday; that the Clerk discuss the car park costs with Cllr Halliday; that the Clerk contact CBC Parks Department regarding the bin by the BMX Track; that Cllr Moore approach Sellafield PLC regarding the bathing beach flags.

7 Finance

- 7.1** The Council received a report from the RFO. He said the he would be working alongside Cllr Halliday on a working budget in the near future.
- 7.2** The Council agreed all requests for payment.

8 To consider any planning issues

- 8.1** The Council considered application 4/16/2136, a single storey extension to the rear and improvements to the porch of 20 Wastwater Rise. They recommended that it be allowed with no reservations.

9 To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

- 9.1a** The Chair asked the Clerk to order a ton of sand for the Sports Hall Play Area. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.
- 9.1b** Cllr Eastwood asked the Clerk to contact Mr John Davis of Copeland Borough Council's Parks Department regarding quotes for resurfacing the Coniston Avenue Play Area. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.
- 9.1c** The Chair announced that there would be a fun day in aid of the Seascale Community Beach Park Project on 15th July at the Sea Front Play Area.
- 9.2** The Parish Council unanimously **proposed** that the Clerk sign a 'Declaration of Interest' in taking over the library. The Clerk **agreed** to do this. Cllr Moore also wished it to be known that the library would be temporarily closed for refurbishment for two weeks or so after the 20th June.
- 9.3a** The Chair announced that he had been monitoring use of the car park in order to address concerns over its fullness or otherwise. He had found that there were, on average, 33 spaces empty twice a day for the last 2 weeks. He intends to continue his survey, and publish the results in the near future.
- 9.3b** The Chair **proposed** that Morgan Sindall be offered a continuation of their present contract on a bi-annual payment basis. This was seconded by Cllr Eastwood, and there were no objections.

10 To consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

- 10.1** Cllr Moore informed the Council that negotiations surrounding the bus service to Whitehaven had collapsed due to high costs being quoted by potential contractors. He said that viable alternatives were being considered.
- 10.2** Cllr Moore said that United Utilities Ltd had looked at reinstating the fence, re-seeding and tarmacking the area effected by the recent work on the BMX Track, as part of a 24 month

guarantee on the work. Cllr Moore further recommends that the fence nearest to the Sports Hall have a break to allow access to users, and that the seat that is constantly being relocated, be removed. The Council unanimously **agreed** to this. The Chair asked the Clerk to contact Mr Rigg regarding fixing the fence. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

10.3 The Chair said that he is due to meet Mr Karl Melville of the Cumbria County Council Highways Department later this month, along with another councillor, to discuss the parking situation on South Parade, and re-marking the road-markings in the village, among other things.

11 To consider reducing the size of the Parish Council

After a general discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Council request the Boundaries Commission allow a reduction of Council positions to 8 Councillors. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

12 To consider the adoption of the 'Policy on Press & Media Enquiries'

After scrutiny this was unanimously **adopted**.

13 Correspondence

Following correspondence from NuGen, the Chair asked the Clerk to invite NuGen to come to the village and present their project. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

14 Urgent items raised by councillors

14.1 Cllr Eastwood **proposed** a vote of thanks to the Seascale Stompers for raising £400 towards the cost of the Christmas Lights. It was unanimously endorsed.

14.2 Cllr Eastwood informed the Council that the closing date for submissions to the Parish Magazine was 11th June.

14.3 Cllr Moore announced a meeting at the school on the 9th June to discuss plans for the new school buildings.

14.4 Cllr Mawson said that the promenade was choked with sand, and making access difficult for the less mobile.

14.5 Cllr Mawson recommended that a better alternative name for 'The Dunes' might be 'Croft Head Park' The Clerk agreed to forward his suggestion to the relevant authorities.

14.6 Cllr Mawson expressed the gratitude of the Parish Council for the flowers placed at the memorial site by Co-op employees.

14.7 Cllr Williams was concerned at householders tipping builders rubble off their properties on to the beach. The Clerk **agreed** to let the Environment Agency know that this was occurring.

14.8 The Chair noted that the BT Red Kiosk at Ling Mell was now a Parish asset. He **agreed** to contact the school regarding this.

15 Dates of forthcoming meetings

The next scheduled meeting of the full Council is 7pm on Wednesday 6th July 2016 in the Methodist Schoolroom.