

SEASCALE PARISH COUNCIL  
C/o 19 Mid Street, Whitehaven, CA28 9AZ  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEASCALE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE 2014  
AT 19:00 IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, SEASCALE

Present:	Chair:	Mr Andrew Woolass
	Clerk:	Mr Ian Turner
	Parish Councillors:	Mrs Eileen Eastwood Mr Ken Mawson Mr David Moore Mr David Halliday Mr Andrew Williams Mr Brian Goulding Mr David Ritson Mr Philip Taylor
	Members of the Public:	Mr Craig Ashton

The Chair opened the meeting following the Annual Parish meeting.

**1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from Mr C Taylor.

**2. Declarations of interest by Councillors in respect to the Agenda items**

2.1 Mr Woolass declared an interest in the case of the affairs ongoing regarding 15 Whole House Road, his relative being involved.

**3. Announcements from the Chair**

3.1 The Chair announced the appointment of Mr Ian Turner as the new Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of 07.05.2014**

4.1 Minutes of the aforementioned meeting were proposed as accurate by Mr Moore and seconded by Mrs Eastwood, with one objection, from Mr Halliday, who mentioned a typographical error, which the Chair said he would rectify promptly. This satisfied Mr Halliday.

**5. Actions arising from the Previous Meeting of 07.05.2014**

5.1 Mr Moore stated that he had repaired the gate to the BMX track and the 'Wishing Well' notice board, but needed to do further repair on the latter.

**6. Public Participation**

6.1 The Chair welcomed the participation of Mr C Ashton, who declared his business connection to the Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR), before going on to state his enthusiasm for securing proportional funding for this parish from the Copeland Community Fund (CCF).

**7. Reports from Committees and Representatives**

7.1 Mr Moore declared that he had, as a representative of the F&GP Committee, recently attended a 'stakeholder' meeting hosted by Sellafield plc. regarding its 'socio-economic agenda'. It was announced that there was significant funding to be had by local communities. Mr Moore stressed

- that while this was something which concerned this parish directly, the organisers had said that the project was in an early stage, and that they were still looking at the project parameters. In response to Mr Goulding's query, Mr Moore agreed that too much jargon was used at meetings with Sellafield plc. and that documents should be made more accessible to the lay reader, and that he would raise this issue with them.
- 7.2 Mrs Eastwood is continuing to look into improved lighting along the seafront, and expressed her dismay at the parish not having achieved the blue flag awarded to a clean beach for the second year. The Councillor also stated that her communications with relevant authorities had been frustrating. Mr Mawson reported a 'brown slick' drifting past the jetty two weeks ago. He has attempted to photograph this with a view to presenting the evidence at a future date, should the need arise. He also observed effluent pouring from a council bin lorry in the car park. This occurred during the compacting within the lorry, which had been collecting the organic waste from the village. He reports that the effluent discharged straight into the drain, and left a foul odour. Mr Moore said he would take this up with Copeland Council.
- 7.3 The Chair reports that locals had had to remove grass clippings from the dell, and that the trimming of the verges on the Gosforth Road were below the standard demanded by the contract signed with Copeland Council. Mrs Eastwood stated that grass clippings were being scattered over pathways by both our contractors and local residents, and this was a potential slip hazard for the elderly. Mrs Eastwood requested a copy of the contract for the purpose of making a complaint to the contractors. Chair said that he and Mrs Eastwood would meet personally with the representative of Copeland Council (Mr John Davis) to air these grievances. It was further proposed by Mr Mawson that provision be made for keeping the mirror under the railway bridge free from vegetation, into which he would enquire personally. It was **proposed** by Mrs Eastwood that an exterminator be brought in to destroy the mole colony around the bridge. This was seconded by Mr Mawson. Mr Taylor objected on the grounds that this may be the responsibility of Network Rail. This matter was not resolved.

## **8. Asset Transfer**

- 8.1 On the subject of the foreshore asset transfer, Mr Moore reports little forward momentum. He states that there will have to be an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council when further details become apparent, as this matter is very important to the future of the community.
- 8.2 Mr Moore stated that the matter concerning the transfer of assets at 15 Whole House Road had stalled awaiting certain clarifications. The Chair urged Mr Moore to write back regarding our VAT Registration number, the amended plan excluding the road, and a plea for a swift resolution of the matter.
- 8.3 On the bus-shelter transfer he reports no movement, but is confident of a swift conclusion.

## **9. Consider Information Technology (IT) Provision**

- 9.1 Mr Halliday requested clarification of the budget set at £500 for the provision of IT for the parish. It was advised that this sum was the budget VAT free. Discussion was conducted around getting best value for money.

## **10. Planning**

- 10.1 Planning consent was sought for the demolition of a garage and conservatory, and the erection of a one story extension to the house at 90 Wasdale Park. There was no objections from the Council, however, Mr Moore asked that the clerk raise a potential concern over provision of parking on or near the property.

## **11. Finance**

- 11.1 A report was not submitted, pending the quarterly report.
- 11.2 Comment was made concerning the receipt of public donations totalling £3,694 towards the purchase of an All-Terrain-Vehicle (ATV) for Mr David Morgan of the parish. The money has been entrusted to the Council for safe keeping. Mr Ritson **proposed** that the Council facilitate the purchase of an ATV, and Mr Goulding seconded, with no objections. It was further **proposed** by Mr Halliday that Mr David Morgan be consulted by representatives of the Council, this was seconded by Mr Williams, with no objections. Mrs Eastwood **proposed** that Ms Dawn Dennet of the parish be paid for cleaning services, this was seconded by Mr Halliday, with no objections. Mrs Eastwood further **proposed** the rental payment to Network Rail for the bridge, this was seconded by Mr Taylor, with no objections. Mrs Eastwood asked the clerk to inform Network Rail of the mole issue.

## **12. Crime and Vandalism**

- 12.1 Mr Moore reports that the benches are being removed and scattered from the BMX track. He states that he proposes to remove them to his care in future, pending a Council decision on further action. Mr Mawson expressed concern that enhanced security around the BMX track might be expedient. Mrs Eastwood stated that she had entreated PCs Burgess and Chapman to increase their patrols in the area, and that they agreed to this. Mrs Eastwood remains unconvinced as to their commitment.
- 12.2 Mr Mawson reported some weathering of the BMX track and Mrs Eastwood and the Chair said that they would inspect it themselves.

## **13. Correspondence**

- 13.1 The Chair has been notified by the owners of the Church Hall of St. Cuthbert's that it is for sale. They expressed a preference for the premises to be bought by a community group. The Chair requested that the clerk write to them thanking them for their notification of the Council.

## **14. Urgent Items Raised by Councillors**

- 14.1 Mr Mawson raised a concern over the gabions on footpath 017 being a potential hazard. Mrs Eastwood states that there is some dispute over jurisdiction, with the majority of Councillors agreed that it is Copeland Council's responsibility. Mr Mawson added that the jetty is choked with sand. Mr. Mawson asked if there was any information pertaining to the

opening of the Seacale to Calderbridge road. Mr Moore stated that work was almost completed on the road. Mr Mawson wishes the clerk to write to the Seacale Knitting Circle, expressing the delight of the Councillors at the recent 'Yarn-Bombing' of the seafront. Mr Moore requested that the clerk make himself known to all the relevant personages.

**15. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings**

15.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 02.07.2014

The Meeting was closed at 20:50