

Minutes
of the meeting of
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 2nd July 2014 at 7pm
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

Present	Chair	Mr Andrew Woollass
	Councillors	Mr David Halliday Mr David Ritson Mrs Eileen Eastwood Mr Kenneth Mawson Mr Brian Goulding Mr Christopher Taylor Mr David Moore
	Clerk	Mr Ian Turner
	Public	Dr Craig Ashton

Item

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr A Williams, and Mr P Taylor

2 Announcements from the Chair

The Chair announced that he had received some correspondence that he would bring to the council's attention in due course.

3 Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items

The Chair declares an interest in matters pertaining to 15 Whole House Road, as he employs someone related to the owner.

Mr Mawson declares an interest in one of the letters received by the Chair, as the letter from Mrs E Mawson concerns his family's business.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 4th June 2014

The minutes of the previous meeting of 4th June 2014 were **proposed** as fair and accurate by Mr Ritson and seconded by Mr Moore, and there were no objections.

5 Actions arising from the previous meeting of 4th June 2014

5.1 Mr Moore put an enquiry to Copeland Council pertaining to effluent dropped on the car park by the Council Waste Disposal Service vehicle. He is awaiting a response from Janice Carole of that organisation.

5.2 The Clerk reports that there has been no reply into his enquiry to Network Rail regarding extermination of the moles by the Railway Bridge.

- 5.3 Mr Mawson reports that the extirpation of the mole colonies around the Parish may prove difficult, as the measures used on private land are not permitted on public land for safety reasons. He asks other council members to ponder on the matter.

6 Seascale Parish Council

The Clerk reports that an application for membership of the council has been received from Dr Craig Ashton of White Wings, Lingmell, Seascale. The Chair **proposed** that Dr Ashton join the Council with immediate effect, Mr Ritson seconded, and there were no objections. The Chair welcomed Dr Ashton on behalf of all present.

7 Public participation

The Chair had welcomed Dr C Ashton shortly before he had proposed the motion outlined in Item 6, and henceforth there were no longer any members of the public present.

8 Reports from committees and representatives

- 8.1 Mr Halliday states that all that was discussed at the Finance and General Purpose Committee is on the agenda for discussion by the full council.

- 8.2 Mrs Eastwood of the Amenities Committee reports that there had been no progress on matters pertaining to the BMX Track, and Mr Moore asked the Clerk to write a letter to 'Shackles Off' requesting action on the items agreed at the meeting. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

Mrs Eastwood reports that sand is covering the Jetty at the beach, and suggests that something be done to clear it. Mr Mawson suggests that we find someone with a mechanical earth mover to dig it out. Mr Moore objected on the grounds that the natural process that had clogged the Jetty would unclog it in due course.

Mrs Eastwood reports that the signs displayed in the car park are adequate for the deterring of unwanted vehicles.

The Chair is happy to report that his meeting with John Davis had produced action in the matter of the grass-cutting. Mr Mawson said that the work appears to have been completed satisfactorily. Mr Moore reports that the concerns he put to Copeland Council regarding the contract signed by them for these services had received no response as yet. Dr Ashton asked councillors whether the maps pertaining to the contract were accurate. Mr Moore stated that this was an issue, but that if it were left until the asset transfers in the Parish were completed, then the problem would be resolved at that time.

In response to Mr Ritson's enquiry about the Christmas lights, Mrs Eastwood referred to the minutes of the Amenities Committee. Mr Woollass raised the concern that last year the budget for the lights had been exceeded, and that the same thing was being suggested here. Mr Ritson said that the energy saved by fitting LED lighting meant that this was too good an opportunity to miss, as the lights needed to be renewed anyway. Mr Moore asked that the Amenities Committee consider the option of contacting the Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR) for additional funding. Dr Ashton declared an interest, as he works there. Mrs Eastwood, said that she would consider applying to Copeland Community Fund as well.

9 Finance

9.1 Mr Moore reports that as per the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes (F&GP) Committee, the provision of an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) for Mr D Morgan continues apace, with purchase imminent. He added that an additional £20 had been added to the fund which now stood at £3,800. Mrs Eastwood suggested that when the purchase was complete, the Parish should do all it can to publicise the event. The Chair agreed with this.

9.2 The RFO reports that delays in the handover of financial details of the Parish have delayed the report on the quarterly finance of the Parish. This is due to the workload of the previous clerk in her current employment. The Clerk expressed his apologies, and **agreed** to update the Councillors at the earliest opportunity.

9.3 Mr Halliday **proposed** the release of payment to employees of the Parish Council, namely, Mrs D Dennett, and Mr I Turner. This was seconded by Mr Mawson, and there were no objections.

10 Planning

10.1 Mr Moore states that the application for the development of the Viking Way is still delayed by a lack of funding, coupled with a heavy workload on staff in the planning department at Copeland Council.

10.2 Mr Moore says that he received notification via a householder of the Parish, that Persimmon Ltd intended to start work around the Golf Course in the parish. Mr Moore requested a halt to proceedings from Copeland Council, as planning issues had not been resolved. This was successful. Mrs Eastwood stated that there were many construction vehicles parked on the verges, to the consternation of residents. Mr Moore urged Mrs Eastwood to encourage them to complain.

11 Asset Transfer

11.1 Mr Moore reports that the asset transfer at 15 Whole House Road is nearing its conclusion, but was delayed due to an administration error, which has since been resolved.

11.2 Mr Moore reports that on the asset transfer of the Cross Lanes Bus Shelter, he is in receipt of the relevant documentation. These documents were displayed to councillors. The Chair **proposed** that the solicitors be instructed to complete the transfer as soon as possible. This was seconded by Mr Moore, and there were no objections.

11.3 Mr Moore reports that on the matter of the asset transfer of the Beach Front Amenity area, he believes that a statement pertaining to the particulars of the asset, (its condition, boundaries etc.) will be forthcoming before next week. The Chair suggests that councillors walk the boundaries and have a dedicated extraordinary meeting with as much public participation as possible. There was general agreement with this idea, and the Chair **agreed** to call such a meeting in accordance with his powers as Chair.

12 Website and IT

12.1 The Chair informs the council that the Parish Council website provision is expiring in September. Dr Ashton **proposed** that the website be continued with, and Mr Mawson seconded. There were no objections. Dr Ashton **agreed** to look in to a new deal on website

provision and report back to the Council. Mr Moore suggested that it be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the F&GP Committee. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

- 12.2** Mr Halliday is happy to report that he has ordered the Clerk's IT provision, which should arrive by the end of the week. He also states that he has only spent £380 of the £500 budgeted, and asks councillors to advise on whether he should buy supplies with the remaining money. Mr Moore says that should be done, but within reason.

13 Crime and vandalism

- 13.1** The Chair was unhappy to note that there was no representative of Cumbria Constabulary in attendance at the meeting. He asked the Clerk to write to Inspector Weir expressing the council's consternation, and outlining the council's concerns regarding law and order in the Parish. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

- 13.2** The Chair considers that instances of anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Lingmell Lodge have escalated to a point that is unacceptable. In response to a question by Mr Goulding, Mr Moore outlines the situation. He suggests that the Parish host another meeting to try and resolve the issue, inviting representatives of Copeland Council's planning department, the police, as well as residents of the Lingmell area.

14 Correspondence

The Chair says that he received a letter from Mrs Shirley Walmsley, regarding her on-going efforts to make Network Rail install a stock-proof fence near her property. The Chair requested that the Clerk write a letter to Mrs S Walmsley thanking her for her efforts. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

The Chair has received a letter from Mrs Elizabeth Mawson concerning the placement of additional seating on the grass opposite Mawson's Ice Cream Parlour. The Chair asked the Clerk to acknowledge the letter and inform Mrs Mawson that this land is the responsibility of Copeland Council, and must be addressed to Janice Carole. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

15 Urgent items raised by councillors

Mr Mawson expressed his pleasure at seeing so many cyclists taking part in the Coast to Coast Race that started in the Parish at the weekend. However, Mr Halliday expressed his displeasure that the Parish Council had been kept in the dark about the size and nature of the event. He also pointed out that this was a commercial venture, not a charity event, and that under those circumstances the Parish might expect a little more involvement and contribution from the organisers.

Mrs Eastwood notes the worrying disappearance of a large flower tub owned by the council and intends to report it stolen.

16 Dates of forthcoming meetings

The next full meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at 7pm in the Methodist School Room.

The meeting was closed at 9pm

