

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 7th November 2018
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

Chair Cllr David Moore

Councillors Cllr Eileen Eastwood
 Cllr David Halliday
 Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick
 Cllr Ken Mawson
 Cllr L Mawson
 Cllr David Ritson
 Cllr Julie Savage

Clark/ RFO Ms Jill Bush

Public Ms B Parsons

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes

ITEM

1. Apologies
 Cllr Craig Ashton

2. **Announcements from the Chair**

The Parish Council has received the LLWR payment. This is to cover a 2-year period £30,900.00, thereafter there will be annual payments of £15,000.00 + any uplift.

3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda items**

Cllr Savage with no pecuniary or business interest

4. **Ratify Minutes of the previous meeting of 3rd October 2018**

Proposed Cllr Ritson and seconded Cllr Eastwood

5. **Matters Arising**

(5) Cllr Moore confirmed the schools were to be given priority regarding the commemoration soldier silhouettes, therefore there will be a (disappointing but understandable) delay before Seascale Parish have these allocated

(10.1) Bridging loan payment clarified

(11.1) Cllr L Mawson reported on the grass cutting schedule status

(12.1) Amendment – it was Cllr K Mawson who reported no feedback regarding the bridge arch mirror

(12.4) Sellafield will not get involved with off-site PNC checks, illegal (contact police) or inconsiderate parking (PC to consider getting parking attendants). Despite the reasons for the parking problems created by the cricket field and elsewhere in the village is the result of Sellafield's on-site parking restrictions. Cllr Savage expressed concern if there are charges for using the buses, this problem may well increase. The Chair advised the vehicles should be leafleted and the Cllrs to forward parking concerns to him and he would contact Sellafield.

(13.8) Cllr L Mawson asked for the email regarding the complaint about the slide to be forwarded to her. The clerk advised she did forward it but would resend it. Clerk to action. Actioned email resent.

6. County Councillor Paul Turner

Unable to attend

The following concerns have been raised to pass onto Cllr Turner:

- 6.1** Flooding adjacent to Persimmon housing estate. Persimmon gave £158 million to CCC to manage and maintain the flood defence, this was a condition of the planning application. The PC is increasingly frustrated by the CCC failure to follow through this prerequisite and press for an explanation for the delay and when this is finally going to be implemented?
- 6.2** Safety concerns have been raised by the hedges along Viking Way are now impeding safe access to the pathway. The PC ask when are they going to be cut?
- 6.3** There is flooding along Gosforth Road (in the Birker area) and the PC ask Cllr Turner to contact the relevant highways department to have this problem resolved.
- 6.4** Blind Dip signs have been erected. One at the Drigg end of the road, but the other sign is by the Seascale Bridge and a substantial distance from the blind dip in the road. Cllr K Mawson expressed concern at the distance this was from the actual blind dip. Cllr Moore advised he will investigate this matter.

UPDATE: Cllr Turner has responded please see corresponding item references below

6.1) Cllr Turner had a meeting with the flood resilience manager a few weeks ago and asked the question about the Persimmon site. The solution to the flooding issue has changed and is being planned by consultants. The monies aspect was not the figure quoted. The allocated funds will be used for flood solutions. There is going to be a public meeting on flooding in the whole of Seascale and Gosforth in the near future, which will be publicised. This will take place when all the consultants reports have been compiled. Funding is available to fund these solutions

6.2) The hedges on the Viking way will be cut back, possible by Sustrans, there is no date for this yet.

6.3) The flooding between Gosforth and Seascale needs reporting on the reporting system on the County Website, that way all can be kept aware of updates and will have a reference number to refer to. The problem has been in existence for years and is only at times of extreme rain. Cllr Turner has spoken to engineers but reporting via "HIMS" is advisable, now there is a viable system in place.

6.4) The blind dip warning signs are in the correct location at both sides of the Dips, there is not just one dip but more, the signs both say "Hidden Dips for 1 mile" therefore cover a good length of road and not just one dip. Placing of signs must meet strict criteria which these do. A lot of research goes into placing of signs to ensure that the maximum effect is gained.

7. Public Participation

- 7.1** Ms Parsons asked to be treated with respect. The Chair accepted this was always the case.
- 7.2** Remembrance Sunday is just over a week away and asked when the flag would be put up. Cllr Harvey-Chadwick assured her it would be raised in plenty of time.
- 7.3** Asked when the potholes in the car park and the 3 street lights which are not working would be fixed. The Chair advised this would be passed on to the contractor to rectify. Ms Parsons was advised the PC are only responsible for the Victorian lights.
- 7.4** When is the baby changing room going to be open? Cllr L Mawson advised it will be open between 6.00am – 9.00pm. Should it be locked, there is a baby changing area in the ice-cream parlour that is free and available for the public to use.

- 7.5 Asked for an explanation of what a Letter of Comfort is. The Chair explained this covers the landscaping and seating.
- 7.6 Ms Parsons understood the Foreshore Play Area Charity received £300,000. The PC believed it was that not much.
- 7.7 Asked if the accounts are open to the public. The Chair advised they are, once the audit was completed and signed off.

8. Reports from the Councillors & Working Groups

- 8.1 The next F&WG meeting to take place later this month to agree next year's precept. Cllr Moore will arrange meeting venue.
- 8.2 Payment for the repair of the Victorian street light damaged has been submitted to the contractor Metcalfe on several occasions. The PC expressed disappointment at the contractor's intransigence in refusal to pay for the damage they did. It is unfortunate, because of the time lapse CCC are unable to do anything now. Cllr L Mawson suggested she could use facebook to raise public awareness.
- 8.3 Cllr K Mawson reported the Pavilion Committee are very pleased to receive the funding for the fire extinguishers.
- 8.4 An order for the Hand dryers in the Pavilion has also been placed.
- 8.5 The PC will arrange for the contractor who puts up the Christmas lights to also look at emergency lighting in the Pavilion and also install the hand dryers in the toilets.

9. Planning Applications

CH/4/18/2353/0F1 - Sellafield Re-treatment plant.

SPC will submit a strong objection because it believes this application and the response made by Sellafield does not take any account of any of the detrimental impacts and visual blight this will have on the local community, particularly Seascale which lives in its shadow. It also takes little account of the actual detrimental impact this additional traffic will have. Clerk to action. Actioned

10. Finance

10.1 RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance

- Bank balance £61,552.15. Cashbook balance £56,161.03. The variance of £5,391.12 is due to 4 outstanding payments - £5,000.00 for the foreshore play area landscaping, £15.52 Ryan Air conditioning equipment (toilet block refurbishment), £195.60 for the Pavilion Fire extinguishers & £180.00 Seascale Methodist Hall for Annual Room Hire.
- The clerk advised the invoice for the audit last year has still not been paid and asked the PC what it would like to do regarding this. The PC agreed to pay and close the matter.
- Variation of the foreshore Charity planning application £117.00
- Pavilion hand dryers
- Toilet refurbishment invoice
- Requests for Payments agreed
Council agreed

11. To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets Foreshore Play Area

- 11.1 Inspections - Clerk referred to an email previously sent from Copeland BC regarding a rope ladder at the Bowling Green which is no longer safe. Cllr L Mawson advised she had spoken to Copeland RoSPA Inspector regarding who was of the opinion it is not worth repairing and that it should be taken down. Cllr L Mawson said she would speak to Copeland for their recommendations and report back. She further suggested the PC could consider the range of replacement options. Cllr L Mawson suggested she speak to Shackles Off and the Sports Hall and further suggested a multi-use games area that would suit teenagers. The Chair advised Cllr L Mawson to make the necessary enquiries and report back to the PC and look at the various options.
- 11.2 Maintenance Contract – Clerk advised Cllr L Mawson has been involved in this. Cllr L Mawson

reported Copeland had been extremely stretched over the summer months but acknowledged Seascale were on the schedule of work.

Toilet Block Refurbishment

- 11.3** A cheque has been submitted for the latest work carried out. See 10 above.

Library

- 11.4** The transfer is now going through the legal process and need a representation of volunteers. A meeting date agreed and CCC to be notified. Actioned. The Chair will be contacting Morgan Sindell regarding their offer to fund the refurbishment, the PC is to arrange the necessary local contractor to carry out this work.
- 11.5** The documentation from the PC's legal representative in this asset transfer matter was signed by Cllrs Moore and Halliday and to be posted back. Clerk to action. Actioned

Litter Bins

- 11.6** Additional bins to be added to the contract. Cllr L Mawson advised she has a map listing all the bins. The Clerk will contact the Cllr early next year to request the updated details. The Clerk will forward the amended details to Copeland for the commencement of the new contract. **Clerk to action**

12. To consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

13. Correspondence

CALC docs, other correspondences are referred to in the items above

14 Urgent items raised by Councillors

- 14.1** Upgrading the website. Cllr Harvey-Chadwick noticed there was a lot of documentation on the site and the Chair agreed minutes etc are constantly being added to it. Cllr Ashton was involved in setting up the existing website and this is something he could do to revamp it. However, a student may find this a useful project for their coursework. The Chair suggested this be kept on the agenda.
- 14.2** Cllr L Mawson reported the cost of 2 metal double new bin liners £135.95 + VAT and take the order on credit and advised she had agreed this.
- 14.3** Cllr Eastwood reported the rail will be using machines instead of conductors for fares and people will have to use cards for the minimum ticket price.
- 14.4** Cllr Harvey Chadwick suggested the boats could be installed on the foreshore and fill them with plants, as she is likely to be able to get the compost at a reasonable cost. Cllrs Ritson and Moore agreed with this proposal.
Cllr K Mawson raised the following:
- 14.5** The seaward side of the car park next to the rail station needs urgent repair due to potholes. GVA to be contacted. Clerk to action. Actioned
- 14.6** Sun clock instructions badly eroded.
- 14.7** The Victorian street lamps need to be painted. The Cllr was advised the Council is still awaiting the quote
- 14.8** Has the wreath for Sunday been organised? Cllr Moore understood this was an ongoing agreement with the British Legion but will make the necessary enquiries.

15 Dates of forthcoming Meeting

F&WG 28th November
Full Council 5th December