

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 2nd January 2019
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

Chair Cllr David Moore

Councillors Cllr Eileen Eastwood
 Cllr David Halliday
 Cllr Ken Mawson
 Cllr David Ritson

Clark/ RFO Ms Jill Bush

Public Ms B Parsons

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes

ITEM

1. Apologies

Cllr Craig Ashton
Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick
Cllr L Mawson
Cllr Julie Savage

2. Announcements from the Chair

Wishing all a Happy New Year

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

None

4. Ratify Minutes of the previous meeting of 5th December 2018

Proposed Cllr Ritson and seconded Cllr Halliday

5. Matters Arising

(6) The clerk contacted Cllr Turner and advised CCC has not responded and asked for his input. He has since taken photographs of the damage to the foreshore green and these are likely to be forwarded onto the relevant department and will also be following up the concerns expressed by the parish.

(7.7) Amendment, the bin, not the rubbish, is being “blown around by the gale force winds”

(8.2) Compliments received that the Christmas lights were a good display and Cllr Ritson expressed thanks to those who organised the event, which was well received.

(12.1) Amendment, it is Northern Rail

6. Public Participation

6.1 Ms Parsons asked who is responsible for the beach area to the right of the entrance as the concrete is breaking and a hazard. Cllr Moore advised he believed it would be Copeland but would seek confirmation. The footpath is getting grassed over, also areas are becoming difficult for wheelchair access. Cllr Moore agreed to look into this and Cllr Eastwood suggested the Parish Council could take a walk around to establish areas of concern. Ms Parsons if she could also attend the walkabout

and be involved and so end the “bickering”.

- 6.2** Stated concern about “pop-up bus stops on the hill” and shuttle buses are making 3-point turns.
- 6.3** Acknowledged Cllr Moore’s concern about the extensive building work due to occur on the Sellafield site and its impact on tourism and then accused the Cllr of supporting Sellafield, because of the licence agreed to use some spaces in the car park and being on the committee which distributes the funds supplied by Sellafield. Cllr Moore advised the funds supplied are used to provide/improve existing facilities in the local communities. Cllr Moore also advised Ms Parsons he has been elected into his position by members of the public. Ms Parsons did not accept this explanation and continued to accuse the Cllr of double standards.
- 6.4** Complained about the play area and other areas in the parish. Cllr Moore reminded Ms Parsons the Parish Council intend to organise a public consultation, so that all parishioners can put forward what they would like to see added or improved in the parish.

7. Reports from the Councillors & Working Groups

- 7.1**
- The F&WG thanked the clerk for the clarity and the detail of the paperwork submitted at the meeting
 - Precept uplift set at 3%, this works out at approximately 0.75p per household per year. This is partly because consideration should be given to the running costs of the library, which is likely to be transferred to the Parish in the next financial year. Cllr Halliday explained the general running costs must come out of the precept and not out of any other funding the Parish Council receives. This funding can only be used on capital expenditure, such as one-off refurbishments. Cllr Halliday proposed a 3% precept submission to Copeland and seconded by Cllr Ritson.
 - A bonus was considered for the cleaner because of all the work and commitment she has put into the refurbishment of the public toilets. However, rather than a one-off bonus it was agreed the rate of pay should rise as an acknowledgement of her commitment to this project and the Parish in general. It was also acknowledged the position of clerk has long been due a pay rise. The detail of these increases are not disclosed in public forum. Cllr Halliday proposed this pay increase for cleaner and clerk and seconded by Cllr K Mawson
 - The VAT reclaim (£4671.32) is substantially larger than usual due to the public toilets, the foreshore play area and the pavilion refurbishments
- 7.2** Cllr Moore stated the Sellafield decision to provide more notice to Parish Councils on its future planning proposals a positive step. He also thanked Cllrs L Mawson and D Ritson, who attend any Sellafield meetings
- 7.3** Cllr K Mawson reported the Sports Hall is doing well and bookings are up. The Council expressed its thanks to Mr McElroy

8. Planning Applications

CH/4/18/2529/0A1 - Erection of Composite Aluminium Fascia sign 13 Gosforth Road
No Objection

9. Finance

- 9.1** RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance:
Bank balance £62,136.26. Cashbook balance £57,120.74. The variance of £5015.52 is due to 2 outstanding payments - £5,000.00 for the foreshore play area landscaping and £15.52 Ryan Air conditioning equipment (toilet block refurbishment). It is noted these cheques have been outstanding for nearly 6 months and are likely to be written off at the end of the tax year if the request for payment is not resubmitted
- 9.2** British Legion wreath invoice £20.00. Council agreed a donation of £20.00. Cheque raised for £40.00
- 9.3** Estimate received for Parish Council election (£1,650.00) The Parish Council will consider this

10. To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

- 10.1 Foreshore Play Area**
Apology from Cllr L Mawson

10.2 Toilet Block Refurbishment

Cllr Moore reported still awaiting the new floor to be fitted. However, due to delay the supplier has offered an upgrade at no extra cost and as it is outside the busy season the wait is at present not an issue. Agreed by Council

10.3 Library

- Solicitor acting on behalf of the Parish Council confirms it has been contacted by CCC
- The self-serve machines have been installed

10 To consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

10.3 Cllr K Mawson reported fast traffic coming up to the blind dip on Drigg Road and expressed concern about the danger of the signs erected are too far away. Should there will people walking along this dip, there is the risk of an accident caused by a speeding car not seeing pedestrians until it is too late.

10.4 The potholes in the rail station car park have been repaired and to a high standard. This was carried out by CC contractor.

10.5 CCTV signs to be placed by the School

10.6 Viking Way has been well used over the Christmas period

10.7 Seating along Viking Way must be approved and installed by CCC, however, requests for this has proved a slow laborious on-going process. If the Parish Council funded the installation of some seating approximately half way along by a layby, ensuring it was set well back to mitigate against any risk would this be approved by CCC. Cllr P Turner to be contacted to have this proposal submitted to the relevant department. Clerk to action. Actioned

11 Correspondence

None

12 Urgent items raised by Councillors

12.3 Cllr Halliday reported the cinder path between the boat shed and the railway bridge is over-grown and needs to be cut back. A group of volunteers have kindly volunteered to carry out this remedial work. However, as this path is regularly used by cyclists and pedestrians it would be sensible to have some 'men at work' signposts to warn people. A further problem with the path at the Sellafield end by the bailey bridge has been eroded by the high tides and needs to be repaired. Cllr Moore proposed GVA to be contacted and ask if they can arrange for a contractor to carry out these repairs. If in the event, there is some reticence on their part regarding cutting back the over grown areas, could they please supply the men at work warnings signs, for the safety of the volunteers and path users. Clerk to action. Actioned

12.4 Cllr K Mawson reported the proliferation of moles in the parish and the unsightly mole holes. Cllr Moore Advised Copeland BC now has a pest control department, including a mole catcher, but it is not a free service. A list of the areas effected could be collated and submitted to Copeland for an estimate, so the Parish Council can assess the cost and arrange for the work to be carried out.

12.5 It was reported there is take away rubbish by the wishing well board, instead of being placed in the bin.

12.6 The Parish Council to conduct a walkaround in the Spring to access the status of the parish and what can be improved upon.

12.7 Following the substantial work carried out in the Dell, the Parish Council has received positive comments about the state of the Dell grass. Copeland to be contacted and complimented. Clerk to action. Actioned

12.8 The contractor working on the Mill has exceeded his remit and demolished the walls to ground level. His contract has been stopped and the Heritage architect to be involved in the reinstatement as per the original proposal.

13 Dates of forthcoming Meeting

Full Council 7.00pm 6th February