

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 6th February 2019
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

Chair Cllr David Moore

Councillors Cllr David Halliday
 Cllr Harvey-Chadwick
 Cllr Ken Mawson
 Cllr L Mawson
 Cllr David Ritson
 Cllr J Savage

Clark/ RFO Ms Jill Bush

Public Mr M Blackmore
 Ms B Parsons

ITEM

1. Apologies

Cllr Craig Ashton
Cllr E Eastwood

2. Announcements from the Chair

None

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

None

4. Ratify Minutes of the previous meeting of 2nd January 2019

Proposed Cllr Ritson and seconded Cllr Halliday

5. Matters Arising

(5(6)) Damage to the seafront verge. It was noted when the foreshore lamppost was damaged by a CCC contactor, the parish council was advised by CCC to report any damage straight away and has done so. The Parish Council is disappointed by the delay in a positive response from the CCC. County Cllr P Turner is chasing this on behalf of the Parish Council.

(10.2) Toilet block floor is completed and Cllr K Mawson expressed his approval of the standard of the new floor.

(10.5) The CCTV signage has been erected by the school and a body camera is available to record motorists.

(12.4) The parish council are awaiting a response from Copeland regarding the mole catcher. The previous mole catcher has withdrawn his service. Moles are becoming an increasing problem. Especially at the Sports Hall, the foreshore play area and along various grass verges. Cllr L Mawson has made enquiries with Copeland and has made further enquiries to find a reliable mole catcher at a reasonable price. UPDATE: The Councillors' findings will be reported at the next meeting.

6. County Cllr Mr P Turner

6.1 Cllr Turner would like to speak with the library committee regarding interactive camera and a

portable IT 'tiny tablet' equipment, which could be shared between the different parish run libraries and therefore reducing the costs. Purchase cost is approximately £6,000.00. This could also be hired to those by those who book the meeting room.

6.2 The contractor (Ashcroft) has moved the school access to the corner, where the jubilee seat is. Subsequently, all the HGV's are using the same entrance for the teachers and the grass is being damaged. This was one of the issues the parish council raised in their objection to the application, which was disregarded by the CCCC planning committee. Cllr Turner advised he was given a contact name when the Dunes development was taking place. If any members of the public also have concerns regarding this divergence from the school planning application he advises to contact him, or to contact Trevor Riley direct on 07817 029439.

6.3 CCC have no objections to seating along Viking Way, provided safety requirements are met. The Parish Council have agreed to fund the installation of some seating approximately half way along by a lay-by, ensuring it is set well back to mitigate against any risk and ask if you can put this suggestion to the relevant department, in the hope the seating can be installed before this year's summer season commences.

7. Public Participation

7.1 Mr Blackmore asked if the car park was being extended to accommodate shuttle-bus pick up and drop off point. Cllr Moore advised the bus companies have been told where the bus stops are located and should not be using the car park. CCC are considering yellow lines to stop inconsiderate stopping and parking. 4-hour parking zones are also under consideration, with the traffic warden calling in at Seascale on the way to Millom and again on return. The problem has been caused by the Sellafield to reduce onsite parking to 1000 cars. Sellafield have offered to fund the cost of yellow lines. A parking restriction sign will also be erected at the Co-op. Cllr Savage also advised David Kelly from Sellafield is asking for viable solutions to the problems regarding the car park, the post office and the school.

7.2 Should cyclists use the Viking Way path?

Karl Melville from CCC highways advised they should, however, cyclists cannot legally be forced off the road.

7.3 Ms Parsons stated she counted 50 buses going through Seascale in one day and expressed concern about the blind bend. Cllr Moore and Cllr Savage will follow up concerns raised about the blind bend.

7.4 The coast path is overgrown. GVA have responded to concerns submitted about the state of this path and will be contacting Sustran and enquiring into the availability of 'men at work' signage for the volunteers to carry their work on clearing the overgrown areas. Cllr Moore will liaise with GVA about the structural repairs and also the natterjack run.

7.5 Asked why the £7,500.00 contribution from Sellafield is not listed in the minutes? Only the reconciled cashbook balance is listed. Current year receipts and payments are listed on the website, once the accounts have been signed off.

7.6 What happened to the £5,000.00 from the Copeland fund? Cllr Moore was not aware of this.

7.7 Asked for the parish council to put pressure on Network rail to clear the footpath. Clerk to action. Actioned

7.8 Referred to items in the 2014 and 2015 minutes. The parish council advised it had to move the meeting on, as there were more recent matters to discuss.

8. Reports from the Councillors & Working Groups

- 8.1** - Cllr L Mawson attended the Parish Forum at Sellafield. There was a discussion covered planning applications through to August 2019, to consolidate CNC into the north side of the site and shuttle buses
- Cllr Moore also represented the parish regarding concerns about parking issues and advised there was no plate recognition at the gate.

9. Planning Applications

9.1 CH/4/18/2547/0F1 – Demolition of conservatory & extension to Porch 32 Santon Way – No objection

9.2 CH/4/19/2031/0F1 – Porch to front of property Parkside, Ruberry Drive – No objection

10. Finance

10.1 RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance:

Bank balance £65949.06 Cashbook balance £60,949.06. The variance of £5,000.00 is due to 1 outstanding payment - £5,000.00 for the foreshore play area landscaping.

10.2 Payments submitted approved

10.3 VAT claim submitted to HMRC 5th January remit received 23 January

10.4 Precept £222.29.69 submitted to Copeland BC 28 January

10.5 2 duplicate invoices received. Copeland BC have been advised invoices both have been paid and provided the necessary info.

10.6 Open spaces contract. The parish council will consider this quotation.

10.7 Bank charge changes. The cost of clearing a cheque will rise from .10p to .30p. The parish council believe that is an unreasonable rise and will be looking into ways to reduce the bank charges

11. To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

11.1 Foreshore Play Area

The entire park has been inspected while the team was on site. The seesaw base replaced. The brushes in the swing-hydro replaced, these will be replaced again in the near future with more durable brushes. No cost, as under warranty.

11.2 Toilet Block Refurbishment

The floor has now been fitted and the result is pleasing.

11.3 Library

Clerk to contact solicitor and ask for clarification on the overage. As there is a nil consideration price, therefore shouldn't the % of overage be nil, as this has been the case with other assets transferred at no cost. Also, to instruct property searches as advised by solicitor. Clerk to action. Actioned

Cllr D Ritson to manage the training programme. An article to be submitted to the Parish magazine reporting the library transfer is well advanced and invites the volunteers to come forward. He hopes to be in contact with the volunteers on the original list. However, those interested in becoming a volunteer, can contact any of the councillors or the clerk by email. clerkseascalepc@gmail.com

12 To consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

See 6.2 and 7.2 above

13 Correspondence

13.1 See 6.3 above

13.2 See 7.4 above

13.3 Authorisation to be given to Tethera Clerk to action. Actioned

13.4 Seascale has no historical road signage

14 Urgent items raised by Councillors

14.1 Cllr K Mawson reported there are numerous potholes in the car park and suggested and full repair programme was activated. This is not likely until winter is well over

14.2 Cllr L Mawson reported she has received numerous complaints from those using the car park and waiting for a bus. A local resident is constantly verbally abusive to them. One of the contractors reported dog muck had been smeared over his car wind screen. Ms Parsons volunteered, in the event any councillors thought she had done this, she denied doing so, but admitted she did not like the contractors and had spoken to them.

15 Dates of forthcoming Meeting

Full Council 7.00pm 6th March