

Draft Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 5th June 2019
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

Chair	CLlr David Halliday
Vice- Chair	CLlr Lizzie Mawson
Councillors	CLlr Eileen Eastwood CLlr Catherine Harvey – Chadwick CLlr Ken Mawson CLlr David Moore CLlr David Ritson CLlr Julie Savage
Clerk	Jill Bush
Public	Penelope Cater Vivienne Halliday Lois Holman Tony Holman Brenda Parsons Sheila Ritson Iris Williams
CCC Rep.	CLlr Paul Turner

Meeting recorded for minuting purposes

ITEM

1. Apologies
None

2. Announcements from the Chair

- 2.1** The Chair took this opportunity to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of DD and to remember the sacrifice of the fallen.
- 2.2** A coffee morning was held in the library on 23rd May and £227.00 was raised for Dementia Action week. It was noted how well everyone worked together. It is recognized the coffee mornings are always well supported.
- 2.3** The Parish Council has received a £100.00 donation from a member of the Parish (who has asked to remain anonymous) for flowering bulbs to plant in the foreshore boat and possibly replanted in the grassed area above the Arch or perhaps along Viking Way. The Parish Council take this opportunity to thank them for their generosity and fine community spirit.

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

4. Ratify Minutes of the previous meeting of 8th May 2019

5. Matters Arising

Cllr Savage advised she did attend the meeting last month. The clerk apologised for this omission and would update the minutes

(7.1 & 7.2) The poor state of and sand on the footpath has been reported and actioned. The Council thank Cllr Moore in his prompt action in reporting this to the relevant Business.

(7.3) The litter bin by the boathouse mess was cleared the following morning by Mr Holman. The Parish Council thank him and praise his commendable community spirit.

(April 13.3) The Chair and clerk were able to report the Audit Proposal has been sent to CALC within the defined deadline

(9.!) Cllr Savage provided an update on the CCTV upgrade and advised the lenses facing the front and that is salt residue, which needs to be cleaned.

(14.1) Cllr L Mawson reported on the BMX track refurbishment and arranged with Copeland to carry out the repair.

6. County Cllr Mr P Turner

6.1 The Japanese Knotweed reported along Viking Way has been treated

6.2 Industrial action at Sellafield will be erecting signage; however, this will be temporary.

6.3 The School contractors are again parking on the road and not in the compound. This has resulted in residents unable to drive along the road and in some cases residents not even able to get out of their drives. Cllr Moore and CC Cllr Turner will be contacting the developer to seek assurance this selfish behaviour ceases.

6.4 Concerns have been raised about the poor and rough state of the roads particularly going down the hill. Cllr Turner advised CCC are discussing the implementation of a mobile roadway inspection unit to monitor the state of the roads and report repairs.

6.5 Concern has been raised about overgrown hedges on the highway. It is not clear who is responsible for this maintenance, however this has previously been carried out by CCC.

7. Public Participation

7.1 Ms Parsons complained about the Rail footpath. Cllr Moore advised Sustrans are responsible for this, not the Parish Council. **Update:** Sustrans have been contacted. They confirm they are responsible for the maintenance, but not the repairs. They do acknowledge maintenance is difficult to manage due to the damage caused by the high tides. It is understood they will be consulting with the landowners to resolve these issues.

7.2 Complained one of the litter bins is warped and the lid is stiff. Cllr L Mawson advised the lid has been lubricated.

7.3 Asked what is being done about the Coniston Avenue play area. Council advised this will go to public consultation and be conducted in a separate meeting. Cllr Ashton initiated the process but has had to stand down due to work commitments.

7.4 Ms Parsons believes the Foreshore Play Area, also known locally as the Beach Park should be listed with Land Registry. The Parish Council do not agree as it has always been a recreation area and the names by which it is known is not relevant, as its usage is unchanged. However, should the Land Registry contact the Council, it will respond accordingly. Ms Parson was advised time per person has now been exceeded and the meeting must allow for other members of the public to ask questions.

7.5 Mr Holman was pleased the cut grassed areas and queried who was responsible for clearing the weeds in the gutter. CC Cllr Turner was not sure though Copeland does have a contract with CCC. He will make further enquiries who is responsible.

7.6 Several parishioners expressed concern about the speeding, the general state of the road, the dangerous and selfish parking. Cllr Turner advised the parishioners to go on the CCC website, use the highways dropdown menu – submit complaint. Make a note of the reference number, send it to the clerk, who will forward to Cllr Turner. He will then be able to chase this internally. Please note the more complaints submitted, places the highways department in a position where they will have to respond to the concerns raised.

- 7.7 Cllr further advised a single yellow line must be accompanied by a sign. A no parking sign to be erected by the chemist. However, there is a signage backlog. Parking tickets have been issued to vehicles parked on South Parade. It will not be possible to erect bollards here due to the width of the pavement. Cones along the road require permission from the police. Who will take responsibility for placing them along the road in the morning, removing them in the evening and where would they be stored overnight?
- 7.8 4-hour parking restriction would reduce the number of Sellafield workers parking in the village. Again, this is down to signage and the current backlog as to when this could be implemented.
- 7.9 Blue badge holders can park for 3 hours.
- 7.10 If vehicles are parked on the pavement, on zigzag lines please report to the police as this is a traffic offence.
- 7.11 Cllr K Mawson reported that 2 people were knocked over by the Chapel.

8. Reports from the Councillors & Working Groups

- 8.1 There was no F&GP meeting
- 8.2 Cllr L Mawson Chaired a Cycle Coast 2 Coast event meeting with the Sports Hall and Pavilion on 29th May and reported it was a successful meeting.
- 8.3 Drones Report – Sellafield for security reasons will be implementing a No-Fly Zone from the centre of the site. No licence is required to own a drone and it is hoped these will not be required as no-one wants to restrict peoples’ hobbies and farmers find this equipment very useful.
- 8.4 Sellafield industrial action – Strike is the result of a disagreement with Mitie and Unite, TUC is also involved. There will be a march from both gates, which Cumbria Police have sanctioned.

CC Cllr Turner and Cllr Moore have pointed that this industrial action will affect the residents of the surrounding villages trying to go about their daily business and business at large. Due to this action the Millom School bus was delayed an hour, making all the pupils onboard late for their exams. This subsequently had an impact on the whole school as everything had to be delayed.

9. Planning Applications

- 9.1 CH/4/19/20183/0F1 Sellafield Standby Emergency Generator No Objection
- 9.2 S116 Stopping Up Order to move a public footpath to the parameters of the land attached to 4 Whole House Road. No Objection

10. Finance

- 10.1 RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance is £64,753.78. There is one outstanding credit of £80.00 and one outstanding payment of £7.50
- 10.2 Payments submitted approved
- 10.3 The final invoice for the public toilets from the previous electric supplier has been received.
- 10.4 National Rail took 2 maintenance payments last year. A credit request has been submitted last year and again this year when the next invoice was received. National Rail has been advised the D/D has been cancelled and to send an amended invoice reflecting the outstanding credit. To date, no response has been received.
- 10.5 The initial Accounting and Annual Governance data was submitted to Council at the Annual Parish Meeting on 8th May 2019. See APM 08.05.19 – 4.2 and 4.3. This was further discussed at this evenings meeting, unanimously agreed and signed.
- 10.6 The internal auditor has completed the audit. No issues.

11. To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

- 11.1 Toilet Block – no issues to report

11.2 Play Area – Reports have been received of dogs and bikes in the foreshore play area. Signs to be erected to make it clear neither are allowed in this area: dogs to be kept on the lead and there will be dog control orders as per legislation. A notice will be put on the Notice Board. This is to be added to the next month's agenda

11.3 Library - Volunteer holiday dates rota to be collated

- CCC have provided some data on the type of specification required for the equipment
- The Service Level Agreement (SLA) is basically the 'nuts and bolts' basics of running the library. However, there are some outstanding issues, which need clarification from CCC:
- The telephone is part of a CCC contract, and the PC is still waiting for information on this
- CCC property team are responsible for the current maintenance contract and clarification is required on this
- CCC policies are not suitable for the Parish Council. It is likely the PC's current policies are sufficient and may only require a minor amendment
- A volunteer working policy will be discussed in a separate F&GP meeting
- Therefore, the transfer documents have not been signed due to these issues. The clerk to send the solicitor an explanatory letter for the delay

12 To consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

See 7 above

13 Correspondence

13.1 See 6.1 above

13.2 See 6.2 above

13.3 The Samaritans have asked to meet the Council to request putting up a notice. Its representative has been invited to next month's meeting

13.4 CAB have asked for financial support. The PC has offered them free use of the library once the transfer has been finalized

13.5 Sports Hall needs a new door. Mr McElroy kindly attended the meeting to explain the issues. The Council agreed it should be replaced. Cllr L Mawson will send Mr McElroy contact details so he can get some quotes

14 Urgent items raised by Councillors

14.1 Following the wanton vandalism of the Rail Station name Shackles Off created, the team have put plant pots and a stone and shell display in the station. Letter to be sent to Shackles Off to be congratulated for the magnificent job improving the Rail Station. Actioned

14.2 One of the Sports Hall signs has become much degraded and ideally needs to be replaced

14.3 Cllr L Mawson reported the footpath styles by the golf course need repairing or replacing. CC Cllr Turner to make enquiries

14.4 Cllr K Mawson asked for dropped kerbs to enable wheelchair access. A list of locations to be sent to Cllr Turner. The Disability Forum may also be of assistance. Contact name Anne Bradshaw Copeland

14.5 The Black How Appeal has been thrown out

14.6 Santon Way and Gosforth Road footpaths are uneven. These were originally owned by BNFL. CC Cllr Turner to check the Definitive Map of footpaths to try and establish who is responsible for them

15 Dates of forthcoming Meeting

Full Meeting Wednesday 3rd July