

**Minutes**  
of the  
Seascale Parish Council Meeting  
held on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

**Present:**

Chair	Cllr David Halliday
Vice- Chair	Cllr Lizzie Mawson
Councillors	Cllr Catherine Harvey – Chadwick Cllr Eileen Eastwood Cllr Ken Mawson Cllr David Moore Cllr David Ritson
Clerk	Jill Bush
Public	L Fleet D J Gray L Holman T Holman J McElroy B Parson M Rigg C Walker

Meeting recorded for minuting purposes

**ITEM**

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Julie Savage

**2. Announcements from the Chair**

The Chair provided a clarification regarding the Minute procedure. Item 4 requires the Cllrs to amend the minutes on a point of factual detail. Once the minutes have been ratified by the Cllrs, they cannot be amended. Queries have been raised why the minutes are not in verbatim? This would not be feasible as this would take hours to write and result in a huge document. Can members of the public change the minutes? No, however, a member of the public can raise a question under the public participation item, but they cannot change the Minutes. The Chair assured all there is no intention of the Council to manipulate the Minutes, misrepresent the public or misdirect in any way. The Chair reaffirmed the Council follows the mandatory procedure. operates on a transparent basis and that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of Minute accuracy.

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

None

#### **4. Ratify Minutes of the previous meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019**

Proposed Cllr Ritson and seconded Cllr Moore

#### **5. Matters Arising**

(8.1) Action on the Chair and clerk to submit a formal response to the further Policy Consultation into Local Government Auditing Commission. The clerk has sent this response.

#### **6. CCC Paul Turner**

Cllr Turner reported:

- 6.1** The rail team have been asked why the footbridge over the rails has been removed and why it has not been replaced
- 6.2** The increased traffic and pedestrians under the bridge is acknowledged and will be monitored
- 6.3** Cllr Turner and Highways manager Cosgrove will be meeting with Sellafield to discuss a viable traffic plan
- 6.4** The new school development continues to have issues
- 6.5** Any highways issues should be logged onto the CCC website <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/WDM/lighting.asp?cg=lighting>

#### **7. Public Participation**

- 7.1** A member of the public made a personal accusation against one of the Councillors. The clerk advised the member of the public the accusation made would not be recorded in the minutes.
- 7.2** Mr Holman confirmed there are potholes on the northbound side of the road by the Post Office. The clerk advised the potholes has been reported to highways.
- 7.3** Mr Gray raised a concern about a current wind farm and the extension of this site from Barrow to Solway. The Chair advised this Council opposed to the original wind farm in the strongest possible terms. Cllr Moore advised that at present there has been no permission granted for extending beyond its current boundary and no exploratory permission has been granted to extend. That is not to say an application may not be submitted in the future, however the Crown has to release tracts of seabed for this use and currently there is nothing 'in the pipeline'. Cllr L Mawson advised on the plus side the Parish is eligible for public project funding from the energy group.
- 7.4** Numerous concerns were raised by members of the public regarding planning application CH/19/2352/0F1 (see below):  
The demolition is not of a joinery workshop, but a building which has been derelict for years and would be an over development of the site. Further, this would lead to increased traffic along this lane, which the applicant does not own. The previous application was turned down because the access was not suitable for further development. It is worth noting this is the third time this applicant has submitted an application to build on the land at the end of this Lane, whilst failing to carry out any assessment or even to consider any of the ecological, drainage, sewage and traffic issues.

#### **8. Planning Applications**

- 8.1** CH/4/19/2352/0F1 – Objection (3<sup>rd</sup> Black How application)
- 8.2** CH/4/19/2372/0F1 – No Objection
- 8.3** CH/4/19/2373/0F1 – No Objection
- 8.4** CH/4/19/2194/0F1 – Permission granted with stringent and time limited conditions. Although the Council objected to this application, it is reasonably satisfied with the time limit and the associated conditions attached to this application
- 8.5** Cllr Moore explained the significance of the Sellafield notifications of impending and future applications. He asked Cllr Turner to relay this to the relevant County level departments

## **9. Reports from Councillors and Working Groups**

**9.1** Cllrs Halliday and Moore met with the County Council to discuss the ongoing flooding problem in Fairways and subsequently also affecting surrounding roads. Proposed solution is 2-pronged

- Realign the culvert in the paddock behind the library is creating part of the problem. The land would also be realigned to facilitate a holding area to hold any flood water.
- Larger drainage underground pipes are required. The surrounding pipes all the way down to the Church Hall also need to be realigned to this and adjust some of the manholes. These culverts also need cleaning out.

The total cost of this is £344,000. The funding for this project is coming from Persimmon Homes, Environment Agency and County. At present this project has an £82,000 funding shortfall. It is not clear where this funding shortfall will come from.

**9.2** The next F&GPWG meeting will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. This is a closed meeting.

## **10. Finance**

**10.1** RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance for September is £61,980.34. There is one outstanding payment of £12.00

**10.2** A new and cheaper contract has been agreed with a different water supplier to the library. This contract will also cover the toilet block and subsequently reduces these water charges too.

The meter charge has been reduced from £40.43 to £19.30

Volumetric charge (£/m<sup>3</sup>) reduced from £1.8973 to £1.7920

Sewerage charge (£/m<sup>3</sup>) reduced from £1.2876 to £1.2020

Surface water charge reduced from £553.01 to £496.82 (library only)

Highway drainage charge reduced £264.00 to £230.17 (library only)

## **11. To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets**

### **11.1 Library –**

- The library group are considering setting up as a charity. The sports hall is also registered as a charity. One plus from this is that a charitable trust would have the benefit of not paying business rates. Other grants are also available to charities.
- Positive news. County Cllrs Hitchen and Turner attended the Consultation day. The CCC Chair also attended and was very impressed in what we have achieved in the library.
- Many thanks to the splendid volunteers and other parishioners who made and donated cakes etc for the public consultation day. It was a fantastic day; it was very well supported and a very worthwhile event. The Chair thanked all those who attended and reported the library received £160.50 donations.
- The Council reports there has been a lot of public feedback from the consultation. Some of the suggestions have been raised before, but there were also some new suggestions. These will be transferred onto a spreadsheet.
- Wrap-up Cumbria – organised by Rotary, is organising a collection of winter coats (children and Adult), these are then distributed to 16 different charities. A box was filled with these donations. Seascale library was the only collection point between Egremont and Millom.
- It is possible the library will be used for the election on 12<sup>th</sup> December. This is because it may disrupt Christmas fairs and nativities.
- At a management meeting the Council reports whilst Morgan Sindall originally offered financial support to carry out the upgrades required, because of the time taken to finalise handover, the funds have been allocated to another worthy local cause. However, Morgan Sindall have kindly offered to conduct a survey of the upgrades and provide the necessary drawings at no cost. The Parish Council have accepted this offer and thank Morgan Sindall for

their support.

- 11.2 Play Area** – Copeland quotation for Clearing the Coniston Avenue play area is £1,654.36 incl VAT. Cllr L Mawson suggested she make enquiries elsewhere as this seemed to be rather high.
- 11.3 Toilet Block** – Wray Bros Ltd quotation for toilet block/Sports Hall floor cleaner/buffer is £592.00 incl VAT. Council agreed to make the purchase
- 11.4 Sports Hall** – John McElroy thanked the Council funding the replacement doors and Cllr L Mawson in particular for all her help and support throughout the process.
- 11.5 BMX track** – Copeland have confirmed there is sufficient aggregate on site to carry out and complete the work

## **12 To consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport**

- 12.1** Highways and transport issues were raised at the consultation day. These concerns have been discussed in this meeting. See item 6 above.
- 12.2** Cllr K Mawson reported a footpath between Croft Head and the golf course is blocked and there is a broken stile and gate won't open on the footpath between Croft Head and Lane Head Farm. County Cllr Turner advised this is a County level responsibility.
- 12.3** Cllr L Mawson reported the rail station camera has been damaged again.
- 12.4** Cllr K Mawson noticed New Mill has a light up speed sign. Cllr Turner reported there has been a speed problem and why this is being monitored.
- 12.5** Cllr L Mawson to email Cllr Turner to request a highways speed assessment by the school.
- 12.6** Cllr Turner asked what the response been to Speedwatch. Cllr K Mawson reported there has a mixed response, whilst people are keen on the idea, very few are able/interested in participating in the process.

## **13 Correspondence**

- 13.1** The sofa and fridge have been removed
- 13.2** ACTion – household emergency plan, only one copy received and be held in the library
- 13.3** See item 11.4 above
- 13.4** All actions carried out
- 13.5** CALC report was passed across to the Chair
- 13.6** Cumbrian Police crime report. Only one for Seascale and this was for problem parking on South Parade and nearby streets, allegedly concerning buses to the nearby site. The nuclear estate team patrolling reported no offences found during their patrols.

## **14 Urgent items raised by Councillors**

- 14.1** Christmas lights switch on will be 15<sup>th</sup> December and
- 14.2** The scouts have asked if they can run a fund-raising event at the same time. The funds will go toward the scouts attending a jamboree in Switzerland next year. Agreed by Council.
- 14.3** Cllr K Mawson reported that Calder House is up for sale and is at risk of closing. It will be a sad loss of another business in the parish.

## **15 Dates of forthcoming Meeting**

**F&GP Working Group (closed meeting) Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Full Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019**