

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 4th March 2020
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 Julie Savage
Clerk	Jill Bush
Public	L Holman T Holman Z O'Hanlan B Parsons A Pratt (CBC & CALC) P Turner (CCC)

Meeting recorded for minuting purposes

ITEM

1. Apologies

Cllr David Ritson

2. Announcements from the Chair

Procedural notice – if required for reasons of confidentiality there will be a vote for a closed meeting at the end of this session.

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

Cllrs L Mawson

4. Ratify Minutes of the previous meeting of 5th February 2020

Proposed Cllr D Moore and seconded Cllr K Mawson

5. Matters Arising

None

6. CCC Paul Turner

- 6.1** School crossing light coming from Gosforth isn't working because the supply had come from the streetlight close by has been taken out of service and unlikely to be returned. CCC are looking at a solar energy option.

- 6.2 Speeding checks by the school. Speed both ways were within the limit during the week it was there, however, enforcement will continue and further discussions on this will be taking place.
- 6.3 Foot route under the bridge was monitored on 18th December over the 24-hour period. The statistics show conflict between traffic and pedestrians both ways and some of the findings were quite startling. It does show conflict and recognised something has got to be done.
- 6.4 A response from CCC highways to the numerous concerns raised by SPC is expected shortly. CCC Turner has given the exact locations of the problems.
- 6.5 School – the temporary access used by the building and demolition contractors will be manned during working hours.
- 6.6 CCC P Turner praised the library volunteers and will be attending a coffee morning with a PCSO. Cold caller risk has been placed on the Gosforth and Seascale facebook page.
- 6.7 Flooding by Blawath farm – not only will the gulley's be cleared, but also the link pipes leading to it. This is carried out by a specialised machine.

7. Public Participation

- 7.1 Ms Parsons asked where the cycle rack donated by the school will be installed? Council advised it would be by the foreshore, but actual location is still to be decided. Ms Parsons felt this would be adding yet more clutter to the area, wouldn't fit into the area and it wouldn't be used, as "people were not prepared to walk 3 feet".
- 7.2 Criticised the Parish Council for not doing anything about global warming. The Chair commented that this question had been used at a previous meeting as a cover for what he believed to be a scurrilous question. The Cllrs like other residents of the Parish do what they can. A Parish Council as a collective is not able to do much about climate change
- 7.3 Complained again about the amount of traffic going through the village and stated there were 40 buses a day. The Parish Council again advised this was outside its jurisdiction, questioned the number of buses given and advised it was either this, or even more cars going through the village. Ms Parsons disagreed stating the buses were usually empty. Repeated complaints about the carpark.
- 7.4 Ms O'Hanlan and Cllr Pratt both expressed frustration and concern over school admissions policy. Only 6 Seascale pupils due to move to secondary schools have got their preferred placement at the geographically closest school, which is the West Lakes Academy in Egremont. Gosforth pupils similarly disadvantaged. The other pupils who were unsuccessful will have a substantially longer distance to travel to school. Millom for example is over double the distance. Seascale and Gosforth parent groups are of the opinion this is grossly unfair, and the current selection process needs to take account of the fact this is the closest school to Seascale and Gosforth. The alternatives are further away, Whitehaven School is 50% further away, while Millom School is over twice the distance. There is also a problem with 6th formers getting transport, as the seats are not guaranteed. Cllr Pratt also advised there is a meeting with Copeland the following week and a petition will be submitted.
Cllr L Mawson advised the following school year will be largest.
Cllr Moore also questioned this, as the West Lakes Academy receives funding from the Nuclear industry and yet the pupils living closest to Sellafield are not getting fair consideration and will be approached to submit support.
CCC Turner advised the Panel decision went against Seascale and Gosforth. He also advised a letter he had raised and been cleared to send, but an hour before the deadline was advised it needed to be changed and is of the opinion this 'playing games' reflects

badly on them.

SPC agree the process is grossly unfair and will offer any support to this matter. Further details of this will be sent across to SPC and a letter of support will be submitted.

8. Planning Applications

CH/4/20/2070/OF1 – No Objection

4/20/9002 – Objection/Refusal – SPC are cynical as to why this application was supported to CCC and not to Copeland. This is illogical as CCC do not have the capacity to understand the complexities of these types of applications. Cllr Moore to provide the clerk with the details to circulate to other Cllrs and submit to planning department. CCC Turner suggested that a Cllr from each Parish attended the planning meeting.

SCR-4/20/16 – Data forwarded to CCC Turner

9. Reports from Councillors and Working Groups

9.1 F&GP WG will be meeting in April.

9.2 Amenities WG Cllr L Mawson reported on the Coniston Avenue playing field refurbishment. Copeland have made a splendid job of clearing the area. Mr Holman was thanked for his help around the beck area, top-soil and turfing. The small play area will cater mainly for little children and toddlers. A 3% discounted quotation of £15,563.35 for play equipment, grasslok surfacing, welfare facilities and installation has been received. With the work already carried out and other costs, for an independent inspection, seating and a litter bin it is estimated the total cost will be approximately £19,000 and submitted this to the Council for consideration. Proposed by Cllr Halliday and seconded by Cllr Savage. Unanimous agreement by Council. Cllr L Mawson will also be able to report the annual funding is being put to good use by improving areas of the parish.

9.3 Repair to the footpath bridge is now with the highways team. Council was able to report now the clear the rubbish tipping in the beck

9.4 Cllr Moore reported the police advice received regarding members of the public who use facebook and to keep the settings at high for pictures and content to stop trolling of their details.

10. Finance

10.1 RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance for February is £84,336.22. No outstanding payments. The library donation has been cleared through the bank.

10.2 Payments for consideration will take place in a closed meeting

10.3 The requirement for a new printer/scanner required for Parish Council use Proposed by Cllr Halliday and seconded by Cllr K Mawson

11. To Consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

11.1 Library –

- Coffee meeting on February
- Attending some very useful courses on how to set up a charity. There are 2 more training sessions to go
- There will be 5 trustees, 2 appointees will be selected by SPC
- Library Services advise the latest footfall statistics shows usage remains healthy.
- There are continuing parking issues in the library carpark and placing flyers on windscreen has triggered a response from the Health Centre.
- A 'gentleman's agreement' was made between CCC and the Health Centre, whereby it

could be used on Tuesday and Thursdays when the library was closed. Sadly, this is not being followed.

- CCC local committee is donating £1,000.00 to the library, which is greatly appreciated.

11.2 Play Area – See item 9.2 above

11.3 Toilet Block – Nothing to Report

11.4 Sports Hall – meter issues

11.5 BMX Track – There are 4 metal prongs sticking out of the ground, this may be the remnants of seating.

11.6 Dog fouling Cllr K Mawson reported and expressed concern about the amount of dog fouling which is still occurring and that a vandal ripped down the notices about this. Cllr Harvey-Chadwick offered to provide dog poo bag dispenser

11.7 Bowling Green – fence has been damaged. This was an accident and not intentional. The person responsible will be paying to repair the damage.

12 To consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

12.1 See item 6 above

13 Correspondence

13.1 The details of the delivery van who damaged the wall by the rail station. The delivery was for the shop in Gosforth. The driver reported he had hit a deer, however, the hub was left by the wall. The details have been forwarded on to the relevant rail group.

14 Urgent items raised by Councillors

14.1 Shackles Off are organising a VE event and all are welcome to attend the meetings.

14.2 Updated Standing Orders previously sent to all the Cllrs prior to the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Moore and seconded by Cllr L Mawson. Show of hands unanimously agreed. The policy has been adopted and ratified.

14.3 The sea defences are not completed, Cllr Moore advised Copeland SPC would reconsider once this has been completed. The Parish Council has no corporate capacity or statutory responsibility to take this on.

15 Consider item in Part 2 - Exclusion of Press and Public - reference Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Commercial and financial

Closed meeting proposed by Cllr Halliday and seconded by Cllr Moore

16 Dates of forthcoming Meeting

F&GP meeting 29th April (considered for cancellation)

Full Council meeting Wednesday 1st April (cancelled)