

**Minutes**  
of the  
Seascale Parish Council Meeting  
held remotely and hosted by David Moore on  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

**Present:**

Chair	Cllr David Halliday
Vice- Chair	Cllr Lizzie Mawson
Councillors	Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick Cllr Ken Mawson Cllr David Moore Cllr David Ritson Cllr Julie Savage
Clerk	Jill Bush
Public	
District Councillors	Andy Pratt (Copeland BC) Paul Turner (Cumbria CC)

**ITEM**

**1. Apologises**

Cllr Eileen Eastwood

**2. Announcements from the Chair**

- 2.1** Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 came into effect on 4<sup>th</sup> April. Underpinned by the Coronavirus Bill 2020 which applies “‘Henry VIII powers’, ... [and] provides that regulations made under this section may disapply or modify any provision of an enactment or subordinate legislation”. “The provisions currently have a ‘sunset clause’, ending on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021”. This law has effectively amended the Standing Orders of all local councils. The Chair proposed the Council take this opportunity to publicly adopt this Law. Unanimously agreed.
- 2.2** The Chair took this opportunity to thank all who have volunteered their time to help the vulnerable members in the community during the covid-19 lockdown. To give special thanks to Gemma Goulding for her outstanding community spirit and sterling work in setting up the Seascale COVID 19 Mutual Aid Support group. Thanks, are also due to Dawn Pennington and Ros Allam for supporting Gemma and to all 60 of the volunteers who stepped forward to make this possible. Special thanks also to Cllr Lizzie Mawson for the food home delivery service in the Seascale area.
- 2.3** The floor was given to Cllr Moore, who proposed that due to the easing of the lockdown measures the public toilets were immediately re-opened. Unanimously agreed.
- 2.4** The floor was given to Cllr L Mawson who advised a mini walk was carried out on the bike track and advised the area was in need of ‘TLC’ and the seats fixing. Also, the bushes, brambles and nettles need to be cut back on Arch Hill. Coniston Avenue play

area refurbishment work continues. Topsoil delivered. A digger is required to remove the remaining tree stump. A £1,093.95 excluding vat quotation has been received to complete the fencing work; refencing the culvert and refencing from the corner to the housing estate. The cost includes materials. Cllr Mawson proposed the acceptance of this and was unanimously agreed by Council. Grass cutting in front of the library carried out FOC. Copeland has received 2 complaints about the state of grass on the foreshore from a member of the public. SPC disagrees with the complainant and are of the opinion the work has been carried to a good standard. A letter to be sent to Copeland confirming SPC satisfaction of the work carried out on the foreshore area and across the parish. Clerk to action. Actioned

- 2.5** The Sports Hall, Pavilion, SRA and the Horticultural Society have each received £10,000 funding from the Covid Support Grant Scheme. This means a total of £40,000 has been given to help Seascale village amenities.

**3. Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items**

None

**4. Proposal Library to apply for Charitable status vote**

Following receipt of confirmation from the Charity Commission that Seascale Community Library has been formally registered as a Charity, the Council resolved that the Charity is permitted to operate the Library and Community Hub on its behalf. It also empowers the Charity to open a separate bank account with the proviso that a report and financial statement must be submitted by the Trustees at the Annual Parish Meeting. Proposed by D Halliday and by seconded D Ritson

The Council expressed its gratitude to Mel Gould for his efforts in obtaining registration for the Charity

**5. Proposal to put Annual Reports on website now, rather than defer to APM meeting vote**

Unanimously agreed by Council

**6. 2019-20 Annual Governance Statement vote**

Proposed by Cllr Savage and seconded by Cllr Ritson

**7. 2019-20 Annual accounting statement vote**

Proposed by Cllr Moore and seconded by Cllr Harvey-Chadwick

**8. To consider any planning issues**

County Cllr Turner joined the meeting and advised the Sellafield extension application was going to full planning meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. (SPC has previously submitted an objection to this application)

**9. Finance Report**

- 9.1** RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance for April is £90,189.92. One outstanding payment of £12.00.

- 9.2** RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance for May is £78,879.30. Two outstanding payments of £12.00 and £39.60

- 9.3** Payments for consideration take place remotely and cheques requiring signature follow government instruction on social distancing.

**10. Written questions submitted by the public**

The Council has received one regarding a motorised vehicle the Coniston Avenue playing fields. SPC has made enquiries and understands a complaint was made to the police regarding a motorised vehicle on the playing field. Further enquiries have revealed a quad bike was on this field. The Council has received conflicting information on the name and address of the owner and because of this it cannot directly contact the individual concerned. The Council intend to erect notices clearly stating the use of unauthorised motor vehicles is prohibited on this playing field. SPC has responded to the parishioner and asked to please allow a reasonable amount of time for the Council to have these notices erected as the lockdown makes acquisition of professional notices difficult. The parishioner expressed pleasure at the response from SPC.

**11. Dates of forthcoming meetings**

**Full Council meeting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**