

**Minutes**  
of the  
Seascale Parish Council Meeting  
held remotely and hosted by David Moore on  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 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
Clerk	Jill Bush
Public	
District Councillors	

**ITEM**

**1. Apologises**

Cllr Eileen Eastwood and Cllr Julie Savage

**2. Announcements from the Chair**

**2.1** The Chair thanked David Moore for setting up this meeting

**2.2** Reaffirmed the social distancing will continue as per Government guidance

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

None

**4. Ratify the previous meeting's Minutes**

Proposed by Cllr Harvey-Chadwick, seconded by Cllr L Mawson

**5. Matters arising**

None

**6. To consider any planning issues**

CH/4/20/2204/0F1 No Objection

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CCC/4/20/9002 SPC, along with other parishes bordering the Sellafield site submitted an Objection to the removal of 5 conditions contained in this application. It is with disappointment SPC reports that at the recent County planning meeting, the County Councillor for these parishes did not appear to consider the opinion of these parishes and voted in favour of the removal of these conditions.

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

A remote meeting is to be organised with the charity run parish assets to discuss funding parameters and emergency repair procedure.

## **8. Finance Report**

**8.1** RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance for June is £77,813.94. Three outstanding payments of £12.00, £40.49 and £354.76

**8.2** Due to social distancing SPC has set up and will now make payments via the banks online system. These will be by S/O or BACS. The payments submitted for approval are for:

Salaries

Stationery and postage

Library electric supply

Library gas supply

Bowling Green auto rotorake

Open space grass cutting & play area inspections

## **9. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets**

### **9.1 Library**

- SPC have to report the Library will at present remain closed at and acknowledges this is very disappointing for the many parishioners who have made enquiries when it will open. The reason it has not yet opened is because the Government guidelines for indoor amenities are far stricter and along with social distancing requirements, which the library would need to implement is, at present, effectively restricting the purpose of a library. Further, our library collection and supply service is via the Whitehaven Library, which is also closed. The Cumbrian Library Service are currently looking into the detail of the guidelines which also include a very extensive risk assessment, on behalf of all libraries.

### **9.2 Play Areas**

- The Coniston Avenue play area refurbishment is due to re-commence shortly
- June 30 marked the 2-year anniversary of the foreshore play area refurbishment and it has been successful 2 years
- With the relaxation of the lockdown rules the foreshore play area will re-open on 4 July
- In order to ensure locals councils follow the required Government guidelines CALC has provided an approved risk assessment document. This has been submitted to Council. Proposed by Cllr Ritson, seconded by Cllr Halliday and approved by Council. New signage will be put up setting out the guideline's users need to follow and a copy of the risk assessment will be put on the notice board.

### **9.3 Toilet Block**

- A compliment on the cleanliness of the toilets was received, also a report that the Ladies and Gents toilets do not have signage. This has now been rectified.
- The disabled toilet is not flushing efficiently. Cllr L Mawson will contact a contractor to carry out the necessary work. Council agreed.

### **9.4 BMX Track**

- With the relaxation of the lockdown it is hoped the outstanding work on the track will be able to commence. SPC has been advised this work will be carried out at no extra cost to the Parish.

## **10. To consider matters relating to Highways and Transport**

- 10.1** A resident living by the rail station carpark has expressed concern about the people parking in the Railway carpark as their wall has been damaged twice. Sadly, the Rail Companies she has contacted have been less than helpful. The advice from the CCC representative is “to report the damage with in 24hrs to Transport Police as a fail to stop accident”. Unfortunately, unless you can provide the vehicle registration number, it would appear the repair is down to the householder. Perhaps the Rail Company in the interest of good community relations could erect CCTV or install something along the lines of motorway crash barriers.
- 10.2** Cllr K Mawson asked for an update on the Arch Hill entrance to the station car park, where the corner of the wall was damaged by a delivery lorry. Cllr L Mawson advised witness statements, included contact details and photo evidence have been submitted. Gosforth shop has submitted the invoice details of the delivery. At present SPC is waited to hear from the supplier. Cllr L Mawson also confirmed this was the same vehicle that also ran into the back of vehicle.
- 10.3** Cllr K Mawson reported the dyke hedges along the Seascale-Gosforth Road and the part of the bike track they could reach have been trimmed by CCC and they have made a particularly good job of this. However the track by the fields have not been cut yet and asked who was responsible for this? Cllr Moore believed it was still the responsibility of CCC to keep the footway clear and they have a responsibility to cut back a metre from the road. Last year they used a special machine they use on grassed roundabouts to carry out this work. This work should also be carried out on the areas that cannot be seen from the road as someone could have an accident and would not be seen. Highways to be contacted. Clerk to Action **Update:** hedges are now cut back
- 10.4** Cllr K Mawson also reported in Blawath Wood several trees have died next to the path and questioned whether this was the result of tarmac.

## **11. Urgent matters raised by Councillors**

- 11.1** Cllr K Mawson reported a Seascale resident (local) contacted him because a nastily worded note had been left on her car in the foreshore carpark stating only locals could park there. SPC assured her this was not true and to ignore it. He further confirmed the existing fixed carpark signage is clear. It is a free carpark and any available blue bays can also be used from 9.00am. The note also claimed to be from SPC. No, it was not and anyone finding one on their vehicle should ignore it. It would appear these are being put there by someone does not like people using this carpark and by making a defamatory claim who it is from, probably does not like SPC either. By putting vindictive notes on locals’ cars telling them only locals can park there, suggests the individual is of an anti-social disposition. Should other members of the public wish to report finding these nasty little notes on their vehicles, please email [clerkseascalepc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkseascalepc@gmail.com) with the day and approximate time as soon as possible after the event.

## **12. Questions submitted by the public**

- 12.1** Dead sheep on the beach. SPC reported this to environment health the same day.

## **13. Dates of forthcoming meetings**

**Finance Meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Full Council meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**