

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held remotely and hosted by David Moore on
Wednesday 4th November 2020

Present:

Chair	Cllr David Halliday
Councillors	Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick Cllr ken Mawson Cllr David Moore Cllr Julie Savage
Clerk	Jill Bush
Public CC Councillor	Brenda Parsons Paul Turner

ITEM

1. Apologises

Cllr Eileen Eastwood
Cllr Lizzie Mawson

2. Announcements from the Chair

None

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

None

4. Ratify the previous meeting's Minutes

Amendment to minutes to include dangerous dropped kerbs problems
Amended minutes proposed by Cllr Harvey-Chadwick, seconded by Cllr Savage

5. Matters arising

- 5.1** Cllr K Mawson reported the serious drainage problems by Bleawath have not been resolved. Cllr Turner advised is unable to provide any updates, except highways will be back to continue investigations.

6. To consider any planning issues

No new applications, updates on previous applications:

- 6.1** Sellafeld – Black How application received objections – to mandatory review and vote again, however, this does not mean it will be refused.
- 6.2** Santon Way application – objections raised about it going across a public footpath because of the safety factor. Pending decision, also does not mean it will be refused, it is possible a condition raised regarding vehicles backing along a public footpath. The current lockdown does create problems as it reduces the ability of people being able to see the plan and to talk it through the

issues. Copeland no longer issuing hard copies and social distancing rules are exacerbating the problem.

- 6.2** Copeland Local Plan 2017 – 2035: Cllr Moore has a hard copy of this and Council in line with social distancing will meet next Wednesday to discuss this in advance of the remote meeting with Copeland on 11th.

7. Reports from Councillors and Working Groups

- 7.1** There have been no working group meetings. There will be a F&GP group meeting on 25th November to discuss the precept and other financial meeting.

8. Finance Report

- 8.1** RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance for October is £57,074.65. One payment (£16.79) outstanding since July. One receipt (365.80)

- 8.2** The payments submitted for approval are:

Gosforth Church	150.00	
Waterplus	70.95	
Octopus Energy	27.39	D/D
Octopus Energy	16.16	D/D

A £150.00 donation will also be made to Drigg Church for churchyard maintenance, pending receipt of banking details. Cllr K Mawson has offered provide this.

A £50.00 donation this year for the Remembrance Sunday wreath was agreed by Council, pending receipt of the groups banking details. Cllr Moore will provide this once the local branch set-up completion. There will be a 'walk past' as per government guidelines. This was confirmed by CC Cllr Turner.

- 8.3** CCTV maintenance service quotations

Cllr Savage reported the detail of the 2 quotations received and proposed the CCTV upgrade and the 4 CCTV and service package provided by the DAV appeared to offer the better provision, should the police require footage and submitted this to Council for consideration. Council unanimously agreed with the proposal and to contact DAV accordingly. Cllr Savage was thanked for her time and effort she has put into this.

Cllr Moore reported he was contacted by the police who were looking for footage from the 17th but did not contact regarding an incident in the car park the Cllr until the 29th. If they had contacted SPC 2 days earlier, it would have been able to provide the data requested. Cllr Savage also reported she was advised the signage needs to be updated.

9. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

9.1 Library

As mentioned in the previous meeting the library will be re-opened in partnership with the library services and this will be a phased procedure. In response to this second lockdown the library service will advise when the library can be re-opened. It will also be offering training sessions for the volunteer and public protection. Further, the library service has confirmed the self-issue machine will be reconfigured for public use, removing the need for paperwork. The trustees have also held a meeting and have agreed once the library opened there will be a drop off service on Friday a.m. and Monday p.m., this is to allow the 72 hours isolation required.

Since the library has been closed, it would appear the clinic behind has taken over the library car park. Whilst the library remains closed SPC acknowledge it is being used by people not using the

library. However, once the library is due to re-open the clinic will be notified this practice must cease, as it is unfair on library users.

9.2 Play Areas

Nothing to report

9.3 Toilet Block

Nothing to report

9.4 BMX Track

Cllr K Mawson reported there was a group of people, not from Seascale who have been using this and there has been some damage caused by this group.

9.5 Cricket Club would like CCTV installed, SPC has not issue with this, but will not be able to fund this.

10 To consider matters relating to Highways and Transport

10.1 CC Cllr Turner reported he has received a ling from a group called 'crash map'. You can log in and request how many locations you want to scan and it will provide a map with locations of accidents in categories, serious, slight etc, but only where there has been an injury issue. No names or car reg are given. Cllr Turner has used it and found it very useful, accurate and up to date. It costs approximately £1.00 per enquiry.

10.2 Speeding concerns raised by a resident are being addressed by CCC. Cllr Moore suggested perhaps could be directed to this website. However, as mentioned above this site will only report accidents, that said, it is a site that can be used by the Parish.

10.3 CC Cllr Turner thanked Cllr K Mawson for his map and report on the dropped kerb and dangerous footpaths issue and is in communication with the person responsible for getting the funding for this. Cllr K Mawson also reported there has been a lot of response to this on facebook. He also asked if a parish representative could attend, CC Cllr Turner advised he would make enquires on his behalf but could not guarantee the outcome to this request.

11 Urgent matters raised by Councillors

Cllr Halliday reported that there have been concerns raised by the volunteers distributing the parish magazine in Gosforth.

12 Questions submitted by the public

1 email received containing complaints about the minutes and the foreshore play area again. No further response is required as these are just repeating of what has been previously sent.

13 Other Correspondence

13.1 Rural Copeland are organising a mobile food pantry. CC Cllr Turner was invited to comment, he confirmed was also aware the mobile pantry would provide approximately £20 worth of produce for a £3.50 subscription (with discretion). Cllr Moore suggested it would be helpful if a member of CCC could attend the next meeting and explain exactly what this is. Cllr Savage reported the school has sent a communication on this to the parents. It was felt this could be useful to help families who need to apply for free school meals and understand the criteria is for getting this help. CC Cllr Turner reported that he uptake on free school meals has been really low. However, a Cllr referred to an example that relying on Universal Credit (UC) but can still have their application for free school meals refused. Further, the process for applying for this is not straight forward and it overly bureaucratic and longwinded and probably why the uptake has been really low. Whilst some families claiming, at a pitch, can manage, there are others who are really struggling, but are still denied free school meals. CC Cllr Turner expressed concern about this and

would be reporting these issues back to the relevant department.

- 13.2** Cllr Moore receive a correspondence from a local expressing concern about flooding on the Viking Way path by Bleawath and the hedges and verge is overgrown. CC Cllr Turner also received this email and reported following investigation, the flooding on the path is not the road, it is coming from the field on the left coming into Gosforth and has been an ongoing problem for a while. The field is flooded. A suggestion that perhaps the farmer could be approached and asked if he could dig a ditch. Cllr Moore suspected this may not help and invited Cllr K Mawson to comment as he may have more knowledge on this matter. He reported the farmer has retired and it has been taken over by someone else. He was also of the opinion that the drains from the road go through that field and feed into the stream on the other side of the woods. It is possible the drainage pipe is blocked, as it never used to flood like this. CC Cllr Turner thanked him for his information.

14 Dates of forthcoming meetings

General Purpose meeting - Copeland Local Plan Wednesday 11th November (closed meeting)

F&GP Wednesday 25th November (closed meeting)

Full Council meeting Wednesday 2nd December