

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held remotely and hosted by David Moore on
Wednesday 6th January 2021

Present:

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

ITEM

1. Apologises

Cllr Eileen Eastwood

2. Announcements from the Chair

The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year, that this Christmas had been the weirdest in his lifetime and hoped this year would be better than the last one.

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

None

4. Ratify the previous meeting's Minutes

Proposed by Cllr D Moore, seconded by Cllr D Halliday

5. Matters arising

(10.4) Cllr K Mawson reported close to where the inspection cover was sitting proud there are 2 boreholes, possibly to measure subsidence, the topsoil has broken down and there are cracks in the pavement and on the road. Highways to be contacted and CC P Turner copied in. Clerk to action. Actioned. Update: Cllr Turner was contacted as the first point of call for an update. He advised the inspection cover repair work was not CCC responsibility and looked as though the repair work had been carried out. The cracks in the pavement and road appeared to be general wear and tear. He further advised photos of the area have been taken.

6. To consider any planning issues

6.1 CH/4/20/2460/ON1 – Silver How Farm, Gosforth/Seascale - building to house cattle adjacent to farm. This was a Consent Order and the reason for no objection to be submitted.

6.2 CCC/4/20/9005 - Sellafield - land preparation for future waste development, including bulk excavation and reprofiling - No Objection.

7. Reports from Councillors and Working Groups

None

8. Finance Report

8.1 RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance for December is £68,330.48. Two payments (£30.03). Two receipts (£15,00.00)

8.2 The payments submitted for approval are:

Waterplus	77.56	Toilet block water & drainage - Nov - Dec	BACS
Corona Energy	40.64	Library Gas supply - Nov 2020	BACS
Npower	21.44	Library Electric supply - Nov 2020	BACS
Copeland BC	388.96	Coniston Avenue play area grass seed	BACS
Copeland BC	3147.10	Coniston Avenue additional groundworks	BACS
Copeland BC	2237.15	Open space & play area inspections Jan - Mar incl	BACS

9. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

9.1 Library

The library (refresher) training has been delayed due the latest lockdown. This has also effectively put the Library Services into 'suspended animation'.

9.2 CCTV

Cllr Savage is checking to establish how many weeks coverage it can store. Also checking to establish what, if any, weather impact there has been. That said, the footage continues to provide excellent recording standard.

9.3 Play Areas

The play areas remain open and remain popular and a request has been made for a replacement bucket for the foreshore play area.

9.4 Toilet Block

Stays open and continue to be cleaned daily.

9.5 BMX Track

SPC has received an apology for the delay in the maintenance work.

9.6 The Haverhill team have done a splendid job in and around the car park, the 3 large heaps of multiple bags of weeds etc have been collected by Copeland, who also cleared around the recycling area. Obviously, at this time of the year there is more than usual recyclable waste and people are reminded to put the recycling in the receptacles and only leave bags of recycling when the receptacles are full. Both teams did an excellent job. Letters of thanks to be sent. Clerk to action. Actioned.

10 To consider matters relating to Highways and Transport

10.1 Cllr K Mawson reported the icy weather has made the continued flooding of the road at Blae Wath treacherous. Even the gritting has not dissipated the ice, all that appears to have occurred is that any standing water is washing the gritting away and still leaving a layer of ice. The Council has already warned the winter weather would make this area dangerous. A letter of disappointment to be sent to Highways. Update: the Highways Copeland manager has been transferred to another department and SPC are waiting for the contact details of the new manager.

10.2 Council has previously extended an invitation to the highways manager to attend one of its meetings. It is unfortunate they have not responded to this, nor to any of the concerns submitted about the continued deterioration of the roads in the Seascale parish. Council further agreed another invitation should be sent out, also with a request for an explanation why they would not

be able to accept the invitation. Update: As item 10.1 above

- 10.3** Cllr K Mawson asked if there had been an update on the dropped kerbs. Cllr Turner/highways to be contacted. Clerk to action. Actioned. Update: CC Cllr Turner advised the “dropped Kerbs will be next financial year as this years’ allotted monies for them has been spent. He has put a bid in for next year’s funds to be used locally”.

11 AOB/Urgent matters raised by Councillors

- 11.1** Cllr Harvey-Chadwick reported residents have asked if the Christmas 2021 display could be more spectacular due to the lockdown restrictions halting the usual celebration. Cllr Moore advised he was making enquiries on replacements lights and suggesting purchasing them late spring/early summer to ensure the preferred options were in stock (to be added to April agenda). He further advised any lights displays the Parish Council was responsible for must be installed and set-up by a qualified electrician. However, that should not deter residents putting up displays in their gardens and, in doing so, would make a lovely display across the village.
- 11.2** Cllr K Mawson reported the day after the December meeting he was subjected to a vicious verbal attack from a resident, who used foul language against him and also the Parish Council. He advised he called the police. He was also advised to carry his phone and record any further hate crime directed at him. The Parish Council is of the opinion the resident who behaves in this anti-social way needs to remember the role of a parish cllr, whilst voted in, works on a voluntary basis and this disgraceful behaviour says more about the resident than it does about the cllr.

12 Questions submitted by members of the public

1 email received containing repeated numerous complaints and 3 questions. As the sender is well aware, section 17.6.c applies and SPC is under no legal obligation to respond. It is required to answer only one of these questions.

Q: “Will SPC be supporting the Modification Order to have the access from The Banks to the Dandy Path returned for use of the public? If not why not?”

A: SPC has not received a formal Modification Order from the relevant local government, so therefore cannot comment until it is in receipt of this.

13 Other Correspondence

- 13.1** Defibrillators with £200 discount but actual cost of item not supplied. Whilst there is a defibrillator by the fire station, the Council agreed another on the foreshore would be useful. Clerk to make further enquiries of the cost less the discount. Actioned. Update: No response @ 12 January.
- 13.2** CALC sent a Community Leaders pack regarding the government placing Cumbria into covid19 Tier 4 restrictions. This is a lengthy document and there has not been sufficient time to digest its contents. The document has been put on the website, under parish news and can be found here: <https://www.seascaleparish.com/>
- 13.3** The Chair reported he had received a correspondence from the editor of the parish magazine Tethera, expressing concern that he was losing advertising business due to the continued lockdowns. Cllr L Mawson suggested the editor contact companies who supply contact village sign companies for advertising revenue. It was also noted that there has not been any Seascale news updates in the magazine and perhaps this could be restarted on a quarterly basis.

14 Dates of forthcoming meetings

Full Council meeting Wednesday 3rd February 2021