

**Minutes**  
of the  
Seascale Parish Council Meeting  
held remotely and hosted by David Moore on  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Present:**

Chair	Cllr David Halliday
Vice Chair	Cllr L Mawson
Councillors	Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick Cllr ken Mawson Cllr David Moore Cllr Julie Savage
Clerk	Jill Bush
Public	Emma Mandy Ferguson Gerard Hughes Brenda Parsons Jason Rushworth Rosamund & Tony Smith Enid Winter
Copeland Councillor	Andy Pratt
CC Councillor	Paul Turner

**ITEM**

**1. Apologises**

Cllr Eileen Eastwood

**2. Announcements from the Chair**

The Chair was pleased to welcome so many members of the public. He also advised the meeting was recorded, purely for minuting purposes.

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

L Mawson, K Mawson - and following co-option P Leggett

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

Proposed by Cllr D Moore, seconded by Cllr L Mawson

**5. Matters arising**

(12.3) Change to the litter bin contract. See item 8.4

(12.7) Cllr D Halliday and Cllr D Moore will carry out the formal response to the complex changes proposed, which will affect Parish Councils.

## **6. Co-opting a Parish Councillor**

As per the legal co-opting process, Paula Leggett formally submitted an interest and her reasons why she would like to join the Council. She was proposed by Cllr C Harvey-Chadwick and seconded by Cllr D Moore. The Council welcomed Cllr Leggett. Update: due to lockdown remote meetings, documentation was sent by email, signed, completed, returned and duly filed as per legal requirement.

## **7. To consider any planning issues**

- 7.1** CCC4/20/9005 – Sellafield - Land preparation for future waste development, including bulk excavation and reprofiling. This was a formal NOTIFICATION OF DECISION, no further action required
- 7.2** CH/4/21/2096/OF1 – 19 Wasdale Park - demolish existing garage & erect double garage with 1st floor office for home working. No Objection

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

**8.1** See matters arising item 5 above

**8.2** Fish & Chip Van in the car park update. Following its recent decision the Parish Council has recognised a lot of people would like this facility in the village and has returned to reconsider its initial decision. Cllr D Moore submitted the following for consideration.

- The Council acknowledge parishioners have expressed an interest in having a chip van in the village and it was agreed a trial should run for period of 2 months, to establish the need and the way forward.
- For the van to site itself in the foreshore car park one evening a week after 5.00pm, this is to allow the busy commuter period to clear.
- It will provide litter facilities by its van but recognize some consumers may sit on the foreshore benches thus adding to litter in this area. As the cost of clearing litter is down to the Parish Council, it would expect a donation for clearing litter resulting from their business, though it is accepted the sum of this donation will be unknown at the onset.
- There may be a Tender process following this because this is the second enquiry of this nature, however, this cannot be confirmed at present.

This was discussed by the councillors and agreed this was acceptable and reasonable. Cllr D Moore formally proposed this recommendation, seconded by Cllr Savage. Agreed by Council.

The clerk contacted the interested party confirming what was agreed by Council and if acceptable to indicate what day they would prefer.

**8.3** Request for an Ice cream van to use the car park. This was Whilst there has been interest expressed by residents in having a fish and chip van, there has been no requests for this. It was noted Seascale already two outlets on the foreshore and the Co-op further up Gosforth Road a third. The Parish Council is mindful that the village has already lost local businesses and given the harsh year it has been for these businesses it is reluctant to be in any way instrumental in making this worse for the existing business. Cllr Harvey-Chadwick believed an ice cream van was completely different and would likely be readily welcomed on the estates. Seascale is a long village spreading quite extensively away from the foreshore and Co-op and it was likely to be popular. Cllr D Moore advised these vans have H&S certificates and able to sell on the roadside, but not on private land. Following discussion Cllr D Moore proposed to not allow permission, seconded by Cllr D Halliday. Agreed by Council.

The clerk contacted the interested party confirming the Council decision and its reasoning for this decision.

- 8.4** The 2021/22 litter bin contract has been received and is approximately £6,000. By opting to change this to a trade waste contract it will save £1000's. One trade waste bin will cost £832.00 p.a. and a second bin for the April to September period will be £600 p.a. Catherine will be emptying the litter bins, but it is acknowledged additional help will be required. This change of contract was proposed by Cllr D Halliday and seconded by Cllr Savage.
- 8.5** Whilst information is placed on the parish website, the Parish Council acknowledge it is not a widely used forum and this has resulted in many people not being aware of what is going on in the parish. Younger people tend to use social media webpages. To address this shortfall and the imbalance caused by negative comments through lack of information, Cllr Savage offered to set up a facebook page for the Parish Council. This will enable it to reach a wider audience, which can be updated of what the parish Council are doing. Whilst it is acknowledged there may be the occasional negative feedback, this is recognised as useful. For those who can only make negative comments and continuously criticise what the Parish Council is trying to achieve for the parish, they will have their comment facility turned off. Proposed Cllr D Halliday and seconded by Cllr Savage. This was also agreed by Council.

## **9. Finance Report**

- 9.1** RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance for March and year end is £80,725.27. There is a £1408.19 credit note for the overbilling of the Coniston Avenue groundworks over held by Copeland. This will be used against the next open space contract invoice.
- 9.2** The payments submitted for approval are:

Waterplus	76.70 Toilet block water & drainage - Feb - Mar
Copeland BC	2095.80 Non-domestic rates - carpark & premises
Copeland BC	532.48 Non-domestic rates - library
Corona Energy	38.40 Library Gas supply - February
WF Cascade	62.11 Litter Bin supplies

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

### **10.1 Library**

The opening date is still on hold. There will be training for the volunteers, pending confirmation of the opening date. Some of the volunteers have resigned because of shielding.

Copeland has requested the use of the library for the police commissioner election on 6<sup>th</sup> May. This has been agreed.

### **10.2 CCTV**

System and storage is working well.

Cllr D Moore advised should an incident occur, or if a member of the public is subjected to anti-social behaviour in the car park this should be reported to the police and CCTV footage is released to the police on demand.

### **10.3 Play Areas**

Coniston Avenue play area is very popular. A request was submitted if it was possible to have additional benches, which Cllr L Mawson confirmed can be done. Also the need for a bin. Cllr L Mawson advised the bin needs to be replaced and moved. Copeland Cllr Andy Pratt will send the contact details of the person now responsible for the litter bins.

Foreshore play area tower needs to be repainted. Requests for quotes have been submitted, but still pending responses.

#### **10.4 Toilet Block**

All the toilet block and guttering repairs have been completed.

#### **10.5 BMX Track**

Nothing to report

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

**11.1** Foreshore streetlamps need repainting and enquiries have been made. **Update:** a contractor has been found and the work has started.

**11.2** A question was raised as to why the lights at Blae Wath were still there, but there does not appear to be any work being carried out. CC Cllr Paul Turner advised whilst these lights are only temporary ones, there has been continued investigation regarding the flooding, which has found a blockage in the pipes. Specialist machinery is required for the work to progress.

#### **12. AOB/Urgent matters raised by Councillors**

**12.1** Cllr Harvey-Chadwick reported on the replacement flagpole. Ideally it needs to be of the same height so it can be seen away from the foreshore. It will probably require a new base as well as the existing one may not be suitable for the new flagpole. A new village flag is required. Council agreed and asked Cllr Harvey-Chadwick to source and order replacements on behalf of the Council.

**12.2** Would the Council consider a 'beach clean board'? General feedback from Council was no. However, litter pickers held by Cllr Harvey-Chadwick and possibly one or two of the foreshore shops could be purchased.

**12.3** Cllr K Mawson reported there were one or two potholes, near the entrance of the car park, which need repairing.

**12.4** Cllr K Mawson advised the Co-op is to support two local charities and commended its commitment to the community. Cllr D Halliday was able to report that the Library has submitted an application to be one of the chosen Charities.

**12.5** Cllr K Mawson reported the coastal path from Seascale to Drigg is lost under sand and all but disappeared. He also reported an Adder on the path and that there should be warning notices. **Update:** CC Cllr Turner has found who is responsible for this and has passed on the concerns raised by Cllr K Mawson.

#### **13. Questions submitted by members of the public**

Questions submitted to Council have been answered above see items 10.3 and 11.1.

The Parish Council also received a letter of praise from a resident. "My family and I along with other regular users of the play area I talk to certainly do appreciate their efforts. It is very easy to criticize and pick fault but unfortunately some people will always do so. The upgrade of Coniston Avenue play area is one of many examples where the parish council should be proud with providing such a facility that others would be envious of. Just take the foreshore and how popular this area is with residents and visitors. I get comments all the time from colleagues not living in Seascale on how lucky we are to have such facilities."

#### **14. Other Correspondence**

None

#### **15. Dates of forthcoming meetings**

**F&GP Working Group 28<sup>th</sup> April  
Full Council 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
APM & AGM 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021**