

**Minutes**  
of the  
Seascale Parish Council Meeting  
held remotely and hosted by David Moore on  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Present:**

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| Chair       | Cllr David Halliday  |
| Vice Chair  | Cllr Lizzie Mawson   |
| Councillors | Cllr Catherine Harvey – Chadwick<br>Cllr Paula Leggett<br>Cllr Ken Mawson<br>Cllr David Moore<br>Cllr Julie Savage |
| Clerk       | Jill Bush  |
| Public      | Andrew<br>Rob Harper<br>Gerard Hughes<br>Brenda Parsons<br>Craig Smith   |
| CCC Rep.    | Cllr Paul Turner   |

Meeting recorded for minuting purposes

**1. Apologies**

Cllr E Eastwood – exemption

**2. Announcements from the Chair**

As per APM announcement - The Chair was pleased to welcome the members of the public and advised the meeting was recorded, purely for minuting purposes. He also advised in June and thereafter the meetings will return to face-to-face meeting, subject to covid restrictions.

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

Cllr C Harvey-Chadwick

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

Proposed by Cllr Savage, seconded by Cllr Moore

**5. Matters arising**

(5)(12.7) Cllr D Halliday submitted a personal response

(11.1) The contractor is Jacobs who kindly volunteered to carry out this work. A letter of thanks to show how much this was appreciated has been sent.

(12.3) Cllr K Mawson asked when the potholes would be repaired? Cllr Moore offered to try and sort this out at the weekend.

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

- 6.1** 4/21/2005/OH1 - Modification of conditions 1 & 3 of existing hazardous substances consent (4/12/2273/OH1) Sellafield: Re-consultation on Additional Information – No Objection - The changes were made to meet Environment Agency requirements
- 6.2** 4/21/2152/OF1 - Sellafield site - Seascale - Erection of a CNC operational unit – Formal response. SPC understands the purpose of this additional installation on the site. However, it does have serious concerns about the extra traffic. Whilst mindful of Sellafield’s decision to reduce on-site parking, it has also been made aware of the problems caused by its staff and contractors indiscriminately parking in the surrounding villages. Therefore, the Parish Council question if the extra vehicles be parked on site? If not, it is of the opinion that a condition should be added ensuring formal parking arrangements are made for the additional staff.
- 6.3** 4/19/2396/OF1 - Land to the rear of 8 Railway Terrace – amended plans – The new flooding report is more concise and acknowledges the risk and the historical evidence of actual flooding in this area. The amendment for slightly raised floors also mitigates against this risk. No concerns have been submitted to the Parish Council regarding changes made to parking. Cllr L Mawson advised she had received no concerns from residents regarding the amended parking facilities this time. The Parish Council formally submit No Objection.

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

- 7.1** The F&GP group met to review the end of year accounts (see finance item below)
- 7.2** Consider and discuss the change of arrangements regarding litter bin emptying. This was submitted to full council and unanimously approved. Resident feedback is positive to the change
- 7.3** Purchase trolley to transport litter bin bags to trade waste receptacles. Proposed by Cllr L Mawson, seconded by K Mawson
- 7.4** A replacement 40’ flagpole needs to be erected as soon as possible and based on the quotes received and discussed, one was proposed by Cllr L Mawson, seconded by Cllr Moore. The contact details of 2 Cllrs to be sent to the supplier once purchase has been made. Update: Actioned
- 7.5** The foreshore play area bucket will be purchased this month
- 7.6** The Welcome Back Fund representative was met onsite. There was positive interaction, the Fund rep. was impressed by the facilities the Parish Council provides and was enthusiastic about the castle location and suggested early evening performing arts on this site, and that it was likely to be very popular. The Fund Group have agreed to supply the following:
- New benches
  - Extra (colourful) wheelie bin in the car park to deal with the additional summer season litter, the emptying will also be funded by Copeland
  - Beach cleaning – Copeland will take part in encouraging people to take their litter home
  - Lamppost flyers
- 7.7** Cllr Moore attended the SRA AGM. The SRA is struggling to find Trustees, there are only 2 at present. The SRA enquired whether SPC would consider taking over the cricket field asset. A management protocol would be required to ensure it remains as is. SPC could pay its transfer legal costs and SRA from the funding they have received would pay for their legal costs. This proposal was put to Council by the Cllrs attending the AGM. Agreed by Council. Cllr Moore to advise SRA of the Council decision to commence the legal transfer.
- 7.8** LLWR is considering taking on additional waste, which is of concern to the adjoining parishes. LLWR is arranging a meeting to discuss this further, Cllr Moore will be attending this meeting.

## 8. Finance Report

8.1 RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance for April £101,357.40. This is due to receipt of the annual precept of £23,354.51 and receipt of £740.00 parking donations

8.2 The payments submitted for approval are:

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|----------------|---------|---|
| Waterplus      | 76.70   | Toilet block water & wastewater - 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                         |
| Octopus Energy | 3.97    | Sports Hall Electric - March                |
| Octopus Energy | 16.84   | Toilet Block Electric - March               |
| Octopus Energy | 136.08  | Sports Hall Electric - March balance        |

8.3 2020-2021 Annual Governance Statement - Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Halliday

8.4 2020-2021 Annual Accounting Statement - Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Halliday

## 9. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

### 9.1 Library

- The library will be opening on the 24<sup>th</sup> and training for the volunteers will commence on the 12<sup>th</sup>
- With the reopening of the library, notices will be placed on cars in the library carpark, reminding owners it is only there for patrons using the library
- The voting for the election for the police crime commissioner will take place at the library

### 9.2 CCTV

Cllr Savage reported the CCTV system holds 5 months of data

### 9.3 Play Areas

- Cllr L Mawson expressed frustration and disappointment at Copeland for the delay of having a bin at the Coniston Avenue play area. She even offered to get the bin in place, however, it is understood Copeland need to conduct a sign survey.
- Also see item 7.5 above

### 9.4 Toilet Block

Nothing to report – no problems

### 9.5 Christmas Lights

The different types were discussed, such as motif style designs. Suggestions were made to consider lights on the foreshore, though this may be problematic due to wind, however a personalised motif on the castle could be considered. It is unlikely there will be a Christmas tree. Cllr Moore will circulate the brochure to the rest of Council to enable to browse and consider replacement options. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

9.6 CC Cllr Paul Turner advised a resident had reported a quad bike on the Coniston Avenue area. Signs clearly stating no unauthorised vehicles allowed will be erected. **Update:** Sadly the selfish quad bike owner is ignoring the signs and when approached by a member of the public, the response is anti-social. This play area is for young children and the field is for sport activities, not for motorised activity. The Parish Council is disappointed the quad bike owner is being so inconsiderate of others.

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

10.1 CC Cllr Turner reported the Haverigg community team has carried out substantial ground clearance on the footpath along Viking Way. Cllr K Mawson agreed the standard of work was praiseworthy. The team also worked on the Cinder path and by the Community gym. All the

work is done to an exceptional standard. Letter of gratitude sent.

- 10.2** Cllr K Mawson suggested the team could return to maybe dealing with the brambles in the Dell. By removing them, it would allow the Bluebells and other wild-flowers to grow through, making a lovely display and the ground could be cut back after flowering.

**11. AOB/Urgent matters raised by Councillors**

- 11.1** Once the litter bin trolley is delivered a key for the toilet block cupboard could be obtained so it could be stored close to where it is required.
- 11.2** Cllr Harvey-Chadwick asked if the facebook page could be used to engage with people on what they would like to see in the village, these could then be part of the formal consultation. However, the purpose can also be misconstrued. The decision will need to lie those responsible to managing the site.
- 11.3** Cllr Halliday had a phone call reporting a blockage, not being able to contact the clerk or other Cllrs he contacted Unblock Cumbria and trusted this was an acceptable action. The Council endorsed his decision to act promptly. Cllr Moore advised this a reoccurring problem, and one which United Utilities is aware of. Therefore, should this occur again it is advisable to contact them in the first instance.

**12. Questions submitted by members of the public**

None

**13. Other Correspondence**

None

**14. Dates of forthcoming meetings**

Full Council 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021