

**Minutes**  
of the  
Seascale Parish Council Meeting  
held on

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

**Present:**

Chair	Cllr David Halliday
Vice Chair	Cllr Lizzie Mawson
Councillors	Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick
	Cllr John Graham
	Cllr Ken Mawson
	Cllr David Moore
Clerk	Jill Bush
Public	John Graham
	Brenda Parsons

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Eileen Eastwood  
CCC Cllr Paul Turner

**2. Announcements from the Chair**

- Cllr Lizzie Mawson has been awarded the British Empire Medal - for meritorious civil service worthy of recognition by the Crown. The Council congratulates Cllr Mawson on receiving this well-deserved recognition.
- The cycle C2C took place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June and was again a very successful event. The Parish Council extends its thanks to the following organisations who were instrumental in achieving this,
  - The Sports Hall. The Parish Council also takes this opportunity to make a special mention and thanks to John Mcelroy, who has very recently resigned from the committee, but has been pivotal in organising this event each year. He been involved with the Sports Hall since the start and has been instrumental in making the Sports Hall the successful it is today. It also takes this opportunity to wish a well-deserved and happy retirement.
  - The Bowling Club for providing additional facilities
  - The Churches for providing food

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

None

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

Proposed by Cllr Moore and seconded by Cllr Harvey-Chadwick

**5. Matters arising**

- 5.1** (5.2) The flagpole, which was delivered with a yard rigging arm and allows 4 flags to be flown

is now fully erected. With special thanks to Tony Holman and Tyler Moore for their help.

**5.2** (7.6) The Chair and other Cllrs attended to the Bowling Club open day on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June and pleased to report it was well attended by locals and holiday makers throughout the day. The youngsters enjoyed learning how to target bowl. Cllr K Mawson further reported it has 7 new members and others expressing interest.

**5.3** (10.2) An explanation and apology was received from highways regarding the problems created by the utility companies closing of access at Drigg to Seascale.

## **6. Co-option**

**6.1** John Spokes -

**6.2** John Graham – proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr L Mawson and invited to join the Council

**6.3** Brenda Parsons –

**6.4** Cllr Savage has resigned, this has been acknowledged with sadness. This vacancy will be advertised. Firstly as a vacancy notification leading to a possible by-election. If this does not occur, then it will be advertised as a co-option vacancy.

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

**7.1** 4/21/2261/OH1 – Sellafield - relocation of diesel fuel into new tanks onsite No Objection

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

There has been no F&GP or Amenities group meetings

**8.1** Cllr Moore reported he had spoken with Captain John Kidd from Trinity House and also the coastguard regarding the green navigation sign which had fallen into disrepair. Both parties advised the rocks make this an un-navigational route and therefore the sign was not required. Cllr L Mawson will arrange disposal.

## **9. Finance Report**

**9.1** RFO balance of the reconciled Cash Book Balance for May is £90,869.30. No outstanding receipts or payments

**9.2** The payments submitted for approval are:

Corona Energy	77.03	Library gas transfer delayed into April - extortionate charge
Npower	21.57	Library Electric supply - Apri
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Copeland BC	210.31	Foreshore play area roundabout repair
WF Cascade	80.37	Litter bin refuse sacks
Waterplus	155.52	Toilet block water & wastewater - May - Jun
Zoom (D Moore)	28.78	Remote meetings (May - Jul)
Litter bins (C Harvey-Chadwick)	200.00	June emptying
Copeland BC	31.85	Library waste collection Jul - Sept incl
Copeland BC	2270.63	Open space contract Jul - Sept incl
Pelleyounters	26.93	Cleaning Supplies

**9.3** One quote has been received to install a concrete plinth and re-install a wobbly bench £340.56. The Welcome Back Fund is still to be activated; however the Council is aware that summer is moving on and would prefer to repair now, rather than wait for the replacement benches. Cllr L Mawson will contact and advise Copeland to go-ahead with the repair.

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

### **10.1 Library**

The Chair reported there are 3 new volunteers, bringing the total to 15. The library hopes in the near future to open 3 days a week. Monday and Wednesday in the morning and on

Friday afternoon. There has also been an enquiry from Radioactive Waste Management (RWM) to run a consultation roadshow on from 10:00 – 3.00 on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August. The hire cost would be approx. £50.00. Update: booking confirmed.

#### **10.2 CCTV**

Stores 3 months of data. Another Cllr will need to be GPR registered. Whilst Cllr Moore is registered, he would prefer not to take up this additional role.

#### **10.3 Play Areas**

Foreshore play area – the roundabout was repaired last month. The mats need to be replaced, but spares are stored. Painting is required, but this is pending the contractor's availability

Coniston Avenue play area – Matting has been replaced, but the quality is not as good as the foreshore matting. Still pending Copeland's response to additional bin. The seating is pending the Welcome Back funding when a seat can be transferred to this site.

#### **10.4 Toilet Block**

The cisterns need to be replaced with a vacuum flush, which uses less water. The clerk advised this would help reduce the extortionate invoices Waterplus send out. Since the transfer of business water from United Utilities to Waterplus, even taking into account the summer usage, the invoices have gone from approx. £30.00 to £200.00p.m. Work agreed by Council.

#### **10.5 Christmas Lights**

Cllr Moore will forward the brochures to the Cllrs.

#### **10.6 BMX track**

Cllr Harvey-Chadwick provided a report and proposal from the BMX track management team. The dilapidated fencing is the main problem, which needs to be replaced, preferably up to ten foot high by the cricket field to mitigate the risk of balls hitting people, due to previous near misses. Six foot fencing up to the railway. United Utilities agreed to supply locks for the three drop down locking bollards. Move signs to the front and an additional litter bin is required. Ms Dennett has approached LLWR who have offered funding for picnic tables and benches and the Cricket club may donate possibly up to £1,000 for replacement fencing. Resurfacing the track. The group are looking for up to £15,000 from the Parish Council to carry out all the additional work. Cllr Moore suggested Copeland Community Fund should be contacted as they provide this sort of funding. They may not cover the whole amount required, but a significant amount and the Parish Council could provide the balance. Cllr Harvey-Chadwick will contact Ms Dennett and Cllr Moore will liaise with Copeland.

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

**11.1** Cllr K Mawson expressed continued disappointment that highways did not involve the Parish Council in its dropped kerb decision making. This resulted in dropped kerbs at several locations taken off the list. The inclusion of these would have been of great benefit to the residents.

**11.2** The waste ground by the Tinker hill lay-by, which is located between Seascale and Gosforth, has been an overgrown, unsightly mess for a few years. However, recently someone has cut back the thistles and grass. It is not known who carried out this work, but the Parish Council take this opportunity to thank the person/people responsible for the vast improvement they have made.

### **12. Urgent items raised by Councillors**

**12.1** The Parish Council praise and thank a Seascale couple for planting and maintaining the foreshore boat. Through their efforts, it looks stunning.

It is noted the original idea came from Cllr Harvey-Chadwick when she proposed to renovate

a boat rescued from the Irish Sea, place it on the foreshore and plant it and agreed by Council has proved popular and also been copied by other parishes.

**12.2** Cllr K Mawson cut back the grass by the railway arch, because it had become so overgrown it was covering the mirror and creating a road safety hazard. The Council thank him for this work.

**12.3** The Council also thank Cllr K Mawson for fixing the uneven and loose step in the Dell.

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

**13.1** One email received - Brenda Parson Thu 01/07/2021 10:52  
Mobile Homes

For Seascale Parish Council

These questions and concerns are NOT a hate Crime. The clerk was totally out of order to minute her false opinion as a fact, that my concerns and activity of Cllrs is a hate crime.

Her actions have been referred to the police and the Monitoring Officer.

For the attention of the Cllrs.

This is a matter to be answered by the Cllrs and not the clerk and a decision made and voted on.

Cllr Harvey-Chadwick had said David Moore was looking into the matter of the Mobile Homes using the car park as a camp site. . So it would be good if he residents of Seascale could know what is to be done.

This photo is three of the four already on July 1st using the car park as a camp site.

After the shambolic scenes last July there has been time to put in place the intentions of the council to reduce the use of the car park for any more reasons than its intended use.

If the Council intend to have the car park used as a campsite, particularly from July 19th. Will the toilets be open 24/7 to stop the occupants of vehicles from urinating and defecating in the area?

Will there be a warning put at the Welcome to Seascale sign when the car park is full ?

This is a matter that needs to be addressed at the next meeting July 7th 2021. After that there isn't a meeting until September 1st 2021.

I will be attending the Full Council meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>



Regards  
Brenda Parsons

**Parish Council formal response**

Firstly, the Council advise the minutes record the content of the meeting, specifically what was said and can only be amended by Cllrs.

The clerk on behalf of the Council answered the points Ms Parsons submitted at last month's meeting. The Council clarify whilst Ms Parsons was able to give the correct address when referring to one Cllr, she failed to do so with two others, the implication being the remarks were personal. Even discounting this, it further points out she named and criticized a member of the public, who is not on the Council. Subsequently, the advice the clerk gave was appropriate.

Regarding the campervans in the carpark. This is recognized to be a problem for all the other parish car parks because there are no bylaws covering this situation. This was the formal CCC Cllr Turner gave to her earlier email on the same issue. The Council remind Ms Parsons under Sections 16 and 17.6.c, it is under no legal obligation to respond to repeated questions or variations of the same.

Ms Parsons requested a copy of the Parish Council's response and was advised it would be in the minutes of this meeting.

The content of the conversation between Cllr Harvey-Chadwick and Ms Parson has been disputed. Ms Parsons stated the conversation was between the Cllr and her daughter, which is still disputed as taking place. Ms Parsons asked if the Cllr was calling her daughter a liar? The Cllr stated no, only that her daughter was mistaken.

**14. Other Correspondence**  
None

**15. Dates of forthcoming meetings**  
**Full Council 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**