

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 5th January 2022
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

Chair Cllr David Halliday
Vice Chair Cllr Lizzie Mawson
Councillors Cllr Catherin Harvey-Chadwick
 Cllr John Graham
 Cllr Ken Mawson
 Cllr David Moore
 Cllr John Spokes
Clerk Jill Bush

1. Apologies

Cllr Eileen Eastwood

2. Announcements from the Chair

The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year

The Chair thanked Cllr Harvey-Chadwick for organising the Christmas tree and Matt Arnold, who secured the Christmas tree to a pallet. This has proved to be a very popular addition to the Christmas display.

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 John Spokes

5. Matters arising

(7.6) The next Community Partnership meeting will be on 17th January and will be a regular event

(10.3) The contractor advised the repairs will be carried out. However, it has been reported whilst the potholes have been filled, they have not been levelled. The Parish Council will monitor this and will contact the contractors if this is not rectified. The alternative footpath through the Natterjack reserve is not a suitable alternative to the original cycle track.

Update: the potholes appear to have been filled with hardcore

6. To consider any planning issues

6.1 4/21/2532/0F1- No issues with the development. However, the access statement contains inaccuracies and there is no provision for adequate parking, which will need to accommodate up to 4 vehicles.

6.2 4/21/2550/0F1 - No Objection

6.3 4/21/9005 – No Objection

7. Reports from Councillors and Working Groups

None

8. Finance Report

- 8.1** The reconciled Cash Book Balance for December is £99,333.47. No outstanding receipts or payments. A quotation for replacements heaters in the library – see item 9.1 below for further information.
- 8.2** There are 5 payments for £341.87. This covers 2 water bills, Payroll service, Stationery and postage, Litter bin emptying
- 8.3** Donations received: £50.00 from an anonymous resident toward the Christmas tree. £435.00 from two separate donors for the BMX track refurbishment, please see item 9.4 further details. Sincere thanks to all.
- 8.4** The clerk advised more than £50,000.00 was required to be transferred to the General Reserve account and a letter signed by two of the signatories is required to formalise this request. Agreed by Council.
- 8.5** Cllr Moore advised up to 4 local parishes may possibly receive extra funding via the special planning agreement, however, this is still in the early stages of enquiry.

9. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

- 9.1 Library** – lack of heating due to the gas boiler being condemned has made it unacceptably cold for the volunteers. Cllr Halliday has made enquiries for suitable interim heating until the library has been refurbished and the community hub is established. The heating quote is £3,008.92. However it is possible this could be reduced, if the Parish Council paid for the heaters and could claim the VAT. The contractor to be contacted, but it was unanimously agreed by Council the work should go ahead, regardless. The contractor has given a 27 January start date and it is anticipated the work will take approximately 2 days.
- 9.2 Play areas**
Copeland have reinstated topsoil and laid turfing. This has put right the damage caused by continuous footfall and vastly improved the overall look of the area. The concreting of bench(es) will be carried out. It has been confirmed Copeland have the new benches, the date to be installed to be confirmed. The type of paint best suited for the slide tower is currently being investigated.
- 9.3 Toilet Block**
Nothing to report
- 9.4 BMX track** – Two further donations received. Retreat Beauty (CU) in Egremont very kindly donated £100. Martin Rigg not only raised £335.00, but also with Adam Cragg organised Father Christmas to visit Seascale. The Parish Seascale extends its grateful thanks to these wonderful community minded people. A letter of thanks to be sent to Martin Rigg for both their efforts. **Clerk to action**
- 9.5 CCTV** – Upgrade quotation £3,492.80 agreed by Council. This upgrade will cover all the carpark, toilet block and some of the play area.

10. To consider matters relating to highways and transport

- 10.1** Cllr K Mawson thanked for his persistence in ensuring the dangerous pothole by the old Post Office were fixed.
- 10.2** Cllr K Mawson and other Cllr noted there has been a blue van in the car park for many weeks, for a time with flat tyres, these have since been repaired, but the van has not moved in all that time. Cllr L Mawson will place a Seascale Parish headed notice to advise if the vehicle is not moved in the next 7 days, Copelands environmental department will be asked

to move the vehicle. It is very likely the cost will be borne by the owner of the vehicle.

11. Urgent items raised by Councillors

- 11.1** Cllr K Mawson reported that several residents are disturbed by inappropriate behaviour. There is someone, or a small group of people knocking on doors in the middle of the night. The police have been notified.

12. Correspondence

None

13. Members of the public questions submitted to Council

None

14. Date of forthcoming meetings

Full Council 2nd February