

**Draft Minutes**  
of the  
**Seascale Parish Council Meeting**  
held on  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017**  
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

**Present:**

Chair	Cllr Brian Goulding
Councillors	Cllr David Ritson Cllr Eileen Eastwood Cllr David Halliday Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick Cllr David Moore
Clark/ RFO	Ms Jill Bush
Public	Ms B Parsons Mr B Harvey-Chadwick

The meeting was recorded for minuting purposes

**ITEM**

**1. Apologies** Cllr Craig Ashton

**2. Announcements from the Chair**

**2.1** Code of Conduct - to be discussed later in the meeting

**3. Declarations of Interest by Councillors in respect of Agenda items**

Cllr Mawson

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

Cllr Moore proposed a true record of meeting seconded by Cllr Halliday

**4.1** Congratulations to Seascale Community Park in their successful bid for a grant. They now have the funding to commence in the summer

**4.2** Speedwatch Cllr Goulding to meet with the police Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**4.3** Car park options.

- Stay as is
- Pay and display
- Time Card

Some communications received from Ms Nash, which are acknowledged as very good, but not financially viable. Further, people who rent out the properties close to the car park pay the precept, therefore it is difficult to distinguish between precept and non-precept payers who live in the Parish. There have also been numerous other comments about the car park made by people who have not released their names, therefore these cannot be put to consideration as we don't know who they are, or what area they are from.

An email received from a gentleman and his wife visiting the area and commented favourably on the free car park and toilets. The Parish Council were pleased to receive positive comments from visitors and that parking was available for tourists.

Cllr Goulding read out an email from Ms Parsons regarding the number of people using the car park and who should be allowed to use it. The Council responded to each of the points raised. However, it was also pointed out it was a free car park to the residents and visitors. Coaches are dissuaded from

using the car park because of the low bridge and alternative parking is available near the sports grounds, which is used. No decision has been made over the options mentioned above.

The Parish Council has also received feedback from some residents, asking for it to remain as is.

- 4.4 Previous pay and display resulted in damaged meters
- 4.5 Stay as is – Proposed by Cllr Moore and seconded by Cllr Ritson. Vote was unanimous
- 4.6 Point of Order from Cllr Halliday to remove the car park from the agenda to allow the Council to concentrate on other Parish matters. Proposed by Cllr Moore and seconded by Cllr Ritson
- 4.7 Sign to notify the public if blue bays (permit holders) are vacant after 09.00am they are available for general parking. Cllr Goulding will arrange this.

## 5. Public Participation

Ms Parsons questioned the possible rise to the Council Tax if the PC was not in receipt of the Morgan Sindall (MS) donation mentioned in the previous meeting.

Cllr Halliday did advise at the time, it was a rough estimation, as he did not have the figures in front of him.

Ms Parsons believed last months' Minutes state MS monies cannot be used for the car park.

The Clerk advised the money cannot be used on the day-to-day management of the car park, however it can be used for one-off refurbishments to the car park for eg: resurfacing or repainting the lines etc.

Ms Parsons disputed this, stating this was not clear in the minutes and that the MS monies cannot be used on the car park.

The Clerk advised the Minute Item recorded MS monies can be used for one-off refurbishments.

Ms Parsons was adamant it is not clear, she did not understand it and that other people reading last months' minutes would also not understand it and requested this was recorded into this months' minutes.

Ms Parsons asked who was going to repair the potholes in the car park.

The Chair advised the PC would be repairing them.

Ms Parsons requested copies of all the information the PC was holding on her and all the emails Councillors send to each other.

The Clerk advised Ms Parsons that she write to the PC using the Royal Mail listing in bullet points what she is requesting. To use the post and not emails as the PC is not responding to those. Regarding emails, she has the emails, there are no others.

Ms Parsons asked what about the ones the Councillors send to each other discussing her. The Clerk assured Ms Parsons there are no such emails. The Clerk then assured Ms Parsons she would personally deal with her request, but to accept if she requests something, which does not exist to please accept this is true. Ms Parson acknowledged this.

Ms Parsons asked why should she write using the post and was advised it was in the Vexatious Policy. Ms Parsons responded, oh I ignore that.

The Clerk then advised Ms Parsons there would be no response and urged her to follow the rules of the Policy.

Ms Parsons referred to FOI and asked if a sub-committee been formed from the financial and general purpose working group.

It was explained there were no working group committees, it was merely a typographical error, which would be rectified that evening.

## 6. Reports from Committees and Councillors Finance & general purpose working Group

- 6.1 End of year finance report and external audit are in hand. Submission for the council to consider change to the authorising mandate to the internet banking. Proposed Cllr Mawson, seconded Cllr Ritson
- 6.2 Proposal to use MS money for two day and night CCTV in the car park and possibly a third to cover the recycle bins. To make the car park more secure and deter those who would damage the vehicles

- parked therein. These would be positioned to ensure they only covered the car park and avoided the play area and the houses opposite. To purchase two outright is only £300 more than on a monthly rental basis. The public can request images of themselves at a cost of £10.00 per image. Documents have been prepared under the Data Protection Act. Proposed Cllr Ritson, seconded Cllr Mawson
- 6.3** Litter Pickers to be purchased up to the cost of £250.00. This will be headed by Cllr Harvey-Chadwick who will liaise with Ms Mandy Taylor of Shackles Off over storage etc. Proposed Cllr Halliday, seconded Cllr Moore
- 6.4** Concrete block covered in polystyrene in front of the Seascale Boatyard. Request to Environment Health to have it removed. Clerk to action **Actioned**
- 7. Finance**  
RFO balance read out reconciled Cash Book Balance of £36,441.40. Outstanding payments £1,221.95  
Outstanding receipts £450.00  
VAT reclaim for £1,159.80 (**update reclaim deposited 05/04/17**)  
Payment requests approved.
- 8. Planning Issues**  
2 Planning Applications passed with no objections from the Parish Council  
CH/4/17/2033/OT1 - Telecommunications Installation of 21m Lattice Mast – no objection  
CH/4/17/2051/OF1 - Visibility splay change of variation to CH/4/16/2048/OF1 – no objection  
Clerk to notify Planning **Actioned**
- 9. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets**
- 9.1** Play area equipment repair – pending quotation from Copeland BC
- 9.2** Asset transfer of the library to the PC – on hold pending elections
- 10. To Consider relating to the Highway and Transport**
- 10.1** Irton Hall van was seen speeding through the village. Letter to Irton Hall. Clerk to action **Actioned**
- 10.2** Response received from the County Council regarding the enquiry about street light ownership. It is owned in part by Copeland BC and Cumbria CC, unfortunately the ownership demarcations are complex.
- 10.3** Cllr Goulding is the Seascale representative on the A595 Group will be attending a meeting with the police in Whitehaven regarding speeding through villages. It is understood a representative from Copeland BC and possibly Sellafield may be attending.
- 10.4** The white lines between Fairways and Links Road junction. Whilst two letters have previously been sent and Highways confirmed the repainting will be done, it is now several months since the concern was first raised. A letter to Highways asking when it will be carried out. Clerk to action **Actioned**
- 10.5** Cllr Mawson raised the issue of an increasing number of accidents at Moffets corner and the speed drivers approach this and suggested perhaps this could be mentioned at the meeting.
- 11. Correspondence**
- 11.1** Report received of vehicles driving on the playing field. The gate to field should be kept closed, but not locked to allow footballers to use the field and Copeland access to cut the grass. Cllr Moore to contact Mr Stuart Rigg.
- 11.2** CMWLP Mains Modification Consultation – Cllr Moore explained the mineral waste storage strategy is to use land between Sellafield and Gosforth. The PC objected and Cumbria CC objected to this proposal. Copeland are now also objecting. The PC believe they should hold their position.
- 12. Urgent items raised by Councillors**
- 12.1** Code of Conduct. Cllr Moore explained the PC is already covered under Copeland BC Code of Conduct, however it was sensible to have our own. Proposed Cllr Ritson, seconded Cllr Moore

- 12.2** Cllr Harvey-Chadwick reported on the flag renovation. A high definition picture could be obtained. Whilst all the information has been passed on, the image in the Councillors possession is, a high definition image is required to capture all the detail. The renovation is ongoing.
- 12.3** Cllr Moore reported the Mill demolition proposal has now been stopped. A historical architect has inspected it and whilst the building does not represent any historical value. However, it could be reduced to a safe height and the walls made secure and display boards erected explaining its history and pictures of the original structure. This proposal will now be discussed and Cllr Moore will bring the new proposal to the PC for consideration. The footpath will remain closed because work still needs to be carried out subject to Newton Hall and Gosforth PC and Seascale PC agreement.
- 12.4** Cllr Moore raised his concern about flooding but notes there are elections pending. Copeland BC have agreed to discuss proposals regarding the flooding in Fairways in May and proposals for Santon Way and into the Village in June/July. There are numerous options for both sites and Copeland will consult with the PC on these.
- 12.5** Cllr Moore reported the service provision by the contractor managing the Christmas Lights supplied is excellent. They disassembled the lights, packed them, have stored them and asked when the PC would like them to be re-assembled. They have supplied some brochures, which will be passed onto the amenities group for consideration.
- 12.6** The lamp post is on a 2-month order and why some monies had to be paid in advance to the tradesman who will be installing it and it is anticipated to be completed shortly.
- 12.7** Bushes by the BMX park. There has been substantial work carried out, however still more work required

**13. Dates of forthcoming Meetings**

**Full Meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017**

**AGM Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**APM Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**