

**Draft Minutes**  
of the  
Seascale Parish Council Meeting  
held on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

**Present:**

Chair        Cllr David Halliday  
Vice Chair   Cllr Lizzie Mawson  
Councillors Cllr John Graham  
                 Cllr Ken Mawson  
                 Cllr David Moore  
                 Cllr John Spokes

Clerk        Jill Bush

**Members of the Public**

James Goode  
Brenda Parsons  
Andy Pratt  
Jason Rushworth

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**1. Apologies**

Cllrs Eileen Eastwood, Cllr Catherine Harvey-Chadwick

**2. Announcements from the Chair**

The Chair thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting. He also thanked Vice Chair Cllr L Mawson and Cllr Moore for covering the meeting last month his first absence, it was greatly appreciated.

He also reiterated the only people who can amend the minutes are the Cllrs. Anyone who has an objection to the minutes can raise this under questions from the public. The Council will now check the minutes for accuracy and raise any matters arising.

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

Cllrs Ken & Lizzie Mawson

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

Proposed by Cllr Spokes and seconded by Cllr L Mawson

The Chair advised although he did not attend last months meeting, he can sign the minutes on the strength of the Cllrs acceptance of accuracy of the minutes.

**5. Matters arising**

(11.1) There has been some confusion over the bus stop near Cross Lane. The original report

suggested it was being taken over by only for police speed monitoring. However, CC Cllr P turner has clarified, this is still a designated bus stop. This has been clarified with the school transport provider. Stagecoach is still using it as will Hoban's when their service commences. Some of the Cllrs confirmed they has seen buses using this stop and it is likely the earlier concerns will be eased.

(11.2) The damaged brown tourist sign near the speed signs when entering the village was reported and has been repaired.

(11.5) Disappointment has been expressed that the parking restriction by the cricket field is 2 hours. The original request made by SPC was for 4 hours to allow the locals time to attend church and/or visit the other services in this area. It is hoped at the time of the consultation this 4-hour preference will be considered and adopted for the purpose it was intended for.

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

- 6.1** 4/22/2115/0F1 - Calder House hotel, the Banks – No Objection subject to meeting building regulations
- 6.2** 4/22/2124/0F1 - Sellafield site – No Objection
- 6.3** 4/22/2153/0B1 - Keld Green the Banks – No Objection

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

- 7.1 Community Partnership Meeting** – Cllr Halliday reported the last meeting was predominantly internal governmental and internal matters. However, he was also able to report there will be a large vessel out in the Irish Sea conducting a sonar investigation over the summer months. The vessel will have long streamers behind it, but with no disruption to the seabed or sea life. There will also be a safety boat either side but is likely to be seen from the coast as it will be located approximately 2 kilometres offshore. This is to ascertain the feasibility of an offshore location. A compensation scheme is available for fishermen who are affected by this. There have been 6 drop-in sessions providing information as the relevant groups want to be able to explain what they are doing, in the library. There has also been some at other locations and a further one will take place in the golf club in May. It is worth noting this has been attracting national media and it is possible this may increase. The next partnership meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr K Mawson suggested this information could be put on posters to get the message out. Cllr L Mawson advised there is a website providing this information.

## **8. Finance**

- 8.1** The reconciled Cash Book Balance for March and financial year end is £70,909.61. No outstanding receipts or payments.
- 8.2** To date the authorised March payments are listed below

Creditor	Debit (gross)	VAT	Comments
Waterplus	137.49		Toilet block water & wastewater - Jan - Feb
Waterplus	75.58	0.34	Library water x 4 charges - Feb
Copeland BC	1929.37	224.23	Open space contract Jan - Mar incl & play area inspections
T & C Biggins	35.00		Disabled toilet light replacement
PATA	47.10		Payroll Service
Designworks	156.00	26.00	Annual Website Hosting
ICO	40.00		Annual Data Protection Subscription
WF Cascade	154.80	25.80	Toilet block supplies (12 x 12 mini jumbo toilet rolls)
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick	80.00		Foreshore litter bins February
Octopus Energy	20.48	0.98	Toilet Block Electric - February
Mort Ltd	18053.70	3008.95	BMX track refurbishment 1st payment
Npower	286.63	13.65	Library electric - outstanding invoices received
Jay Halliwell	219.00		CCTV switch fuse spurs & associated work
Npower	49.26	13.65	Library electric - February
Copeland BC			Overcharged maintenance costs
Utility Warehouse	7.27	0.63	Library gas - February
O'Connor Fencing Ltd	10416.01	1736.00	BMX track fencing refurbishment
I&J Garner	335.00		Pavilion exterior lighting
EE Ltd	18.00		DAV monthly SIM maintenance
TRPublishing	250.00		Parish Magazine
Julie Savage	13.50		Toilet block keys
Jay Halliwell	0.21		underpayment error rectified
Waterplus	76.27	0.34	Library water x 4 charges - March

- 8.3** Total Precept 2021-22 was £23,354.51. **Update:** Actual precept spend £22,961.96. This results in a 1.68% underspend as opposed to an overspend. The Chair believes this is due to the foreshore litter bin emptying now being managed in-house. He also thanked the clerk for her end of year financial work.
- 8.4** 2021-22 Annual Governance Statement Proposed by Cllr Halliday & seconded by Cllr L Mawson
- 8.5** 2021-22 Annual Accounting Statement Proposed by Cllr Halliday & seconded by Cllr L Mawson
- 8.6** Due to the financial year end there were more payments in March, subsequently there will be fewer April payments. These are litter bin emptying invoices, toilet block supplies, gent's toilet door repair. See item 9.3. Also an invoice for a jubilee tree. See item 13.1

## 9. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

- 9.1 Library** – Cllr Halliday was pleased to report positive news. The number of visitors to the library is increasing, not just as a library, but also as a meeting place. The Women's Wellness group today (Wednesday 6 April). There was a very successful childrens' activities group a couple of weeks ago. An enabling grant has been applied for to cover the cost of an architect's assessments of the library upgrade and community hub. The decision for this is taking place today (Wednesday 6 April).

The library has received a non-domestic rates bill, as a registered charity the Chair questioned whether this is correct. Cllr Moore this change would have become active in May last year and asked if the Council would cover the cost of this bill. Agreed by council. The full non-domestic rates were paid by SPC last year, it did not receive a refund. Cllr Moore advised Copeland is contacted and advised it should have received a refund from that date. This bill has been passed to the clerk to follow up. **Update:** Having checked the records the clerk reports SPC paid the reduced rate on behalf of the library last year. The Council questioned

whether the Sports Hall receives a similar bill. Actioned pending a response from the Sports Hall

## **9.2 Play areas**

There is a bin with a broken hinge, and this will be repaired.

Further to the concerns raised by Brenda Parsons about a rat infestation at the last meeting, Cllr L Mawson reported the following: Environmental Health has been contacted, who advised it is not unusual to see rodents in the middle of the day and what we should be aware of is digging, scratching and droppings. This area has been monitored for the last month with no evidence of the above, but the area will continue to be monitored.

## **9.3 Toilet block**

Gent's toilet door repair. This is due to damp, as the door frame has untreated wood. The contractor recommended the door and frame are replaced as this will be a recurring problem. Agreed by Council.

## **9.4 BMX track**

Cllr L Mawson expressed disappointment that the CCTV estimate is higher than the original quote. The fencing is now completed and the work on the track will commence shortly. The track will be closed for approx. 2 weeks during the last week of April-beginning of May whilst the work is carried out. Notices will be displayed on social network and elsewhere to advise those who travel to use the track of this closure. Dawn is organising more benches. Whilst it has been suggested 2 litter bins are installed, this is at a cost of £6.00 emptying each time and Cllr L Mawson suggested 1 larger bin was installed as the cost of emptying is the same. This was agreed by Council.

## **9.5 CCTV**

The car park CCTV upgrade will commence on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April. The delay in this upgrade was due to technological issues.

## **10. To consider matters relating to highways and transport**

**10.1** Cllr Halliday reported that a Parishioner contacted him that the railway arch mirror was silvering and needed to be replaced. This is a highways matter, and it is understood they have been advised accordingly.

Cllr K Mawson advised he would contact CC Cllr Turner directly.

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

**11.1** Cllr L Mawson reported the ongoing problems with secondary school catchment placements, where Seascale children are not getting their 1<sup>st</sup> choice Lakes Academy placements. It would appear placements are based on 'as the crow flies' distance from the school, but this doesn't explain why 2 Seascale children put Millom down as their first choice and were offered Whitehaven, which is even further away! It is unlikely there is a school bus for these pupils. There are also problems with lack of school bus placements. Parents are being advised to apply for empty spaces. Andy Pratt will pass on the contact number. However, without designated transport, parents will have to organise transport for their children, most likely using public transport. It can take up to an hour to transport the children on the school buses and this travel time is likely to be extended using only public transport and unfair on the children involved. It is also possible some or all the associated travel cost will possibly have to be borne by the parents. The whole placement system is unacceptable.

**11.2** Welcome back have supplied 2 benches and a noticeboard. Cllr L Mawson proposed this could be placed outside the library, Cllr Halliday seconded this.

**11.3** Cllr K Mawson reported the Young Farmers club have carried out the beach clean and also along the route. Approximately 30 attended. He also reported they do a great deal for charity

and worthy of recognition. The Parish Council agreed and gave its formal thanks for their commendable efforts.

## 12. Correspondence

- 12.1 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Seascale Beavers came to the Hall above just prior to the meeting and thanked the Parish Council for their kindness by volunteering their time to make our community better. The Parish Council thank the Beavers for their lovely and gesture and appreciate recognition of their efforts.



- 12.2 Cllr Harvey-Chadwick circulated the following link <https://yourcumbria.org/News/2021/canyouhelpimprovewalkingcyclingroutes.aspx> and asked if this will mean that the path between Seascale and Sellafield will get fixed? Frustration was expressed by the fact Sustrans receives NDA funding but consistently fails to carry out any significant work. The funding would be better directed at a contractor to carry out the work. Given it is now moving to the summer season, Avison Young to be contacted and to request a meeting with NDA to discuss that any work carried out by Sustrans has been shoddy and the area has been left in a mess. This track runs through a natterjack reserve and has not been managed sympathetically. This cycle track is part of the coastal route, but due to Sustrans failings this stretch is not available. Actioned. Cllr K Mawson also reported people are being advised not to use the cycle track between Sellafield and Seascale, but to use the train.
- 12.3 The Parish Council received a couple of rather impolite emails from Brenda Parsons accusing the clerk of fabricating the minutes and insisting the draft minutes were changed because she said Santon not Taunton Bridge.

The Councils formal response: This clarification is now confirmed as per para above. The clerk explained it is an easy mistake to make as it is difficult to hear what a person is saying when they are reading off a sheet, as the voice tends to be directed down and not to the room at large. This was not a criticism, but a recognized fact. She further advised if there is a Barbara Scott living in Santon Bridge, that may cause problems, as this is not the Barbara Scott who wrote a letter to CC Cllr Paul Turner and spoke to the police last November, as she does not live in Cumbria. Brenda Parsons insisted they do not sound the same. The clerk advised she was not going to go into pedanticism here. It has been acknowledged in these minutes she said Santon. Brenda Parsons stated she believed she was insisting on accuracy in the minutes. The clerk reiterated this is what she believed she had heard, and this has now

been rectified. This is not a big issue, it may be to you, but it really isn't a big issue to everybody else. The clerk advised she would move on to the next correspondence. **Update:** Brenda Parson is further advised to cease accusing the clerk of making comments about her on facebook: the clerk does not like or use any social networks.

#### False minutes for animosity purposes

Brenda Frances Parsons [REDACTED] 4 April 2022 at 10:11  
Reply-To: Brenda Frances Parsons <parsonsbrend@aol.com>  
To: "clerkseascalepc@gmail.com" <clerkseascalepc@gmail.com>, "clinton.boycie@copeland.gov.uk" <clinton.boycie@copeland.gov.uk>, "da.halliday9@btinternet.com" <da.halliday9@btinternet.com>

Jill Bush.

Will you please desist from making up the minutes to suit your animosity against me. Minutes have to be a true and accurate record not fanciful contents you want included.

I repeat. Get your facts right I did NOT say TAUNTON as you want to insist I did. I said SANTON BRIDGE. On the one hand you say I am inaudible when you want to print an untruth. When I am speaking loudly because you claim you cannot hear me. You then claim I am being aggressive. You are recording for the purpose of everything I say must be kept. And still you make it up. SANTON sounds nothing like TAUNTON.

**This change to your original unratified minutes is every bit as damning as your first attempt.**

**FIRST ATTEMPT Re: "the Barbara Scott episode, it appears she lives in the" (not clear but possibly said SANTON Taunton) YOU KNEW VERY WELL IT WAS NOT TAUNTON "Bridge area running workshops, so why did she need to camp in our Seascale car park. It makes it even more questionable it is genuine." Further comments were made about this member of the public. "As for the police involvement it is not how it was minuted and ask if you could be a little more careful if you don't mind, it is about my reputation." THIS MAKES EVEN LESS SENSE THAN WHEN YOU INDULGED IN THE BARBARA SCOTT EPISODE FIRST TIME ROUND IN NOVEMBER.**

**Note: this is in reference to the December minutes**

• Re: "the Barbara Scott episode, it appears she lives in the" (not clear but possibly said Taunton) "Bridge area running workshops, so why did she need to camp in our Seascale car park. It makes it even more questionable it is genuine." Further comments were made about this member of the public. "As for the police involvement it is not how it was minuted and ask if you could be a little more careful if you don't mind, it is about my reputation." Note: this is in reference to the December minutes.

PARSONS or as you have had me described and put on facebook Crazy old Lady.

- 12.4** Cllr Harvey-Chadwick in her apology email, advised she has contacted the North-Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority regarding cars speeding along the beach and the installation of nets. The initial response asked for more information, which was supplied and is now waiting a further response. It was also reported to County Cllr Turner, who appeared disinterested that not only are there cars weaving through families on the beach, but this is also this and the nets are a problem for dog walkers as well. The Council agreed this was irresponsible and unacceptable behaviour.

### **13. Members of the public questions submitted to Council**

#### **13.1** Justin Rushworth

- Kindy gave the following Jubilee presentation:

This June as a Nation, we will celebrate the Platinum Jubilee with what I hope will be the biggest "Thank You" party in history from 54 countries, across all inhabited continents. With a combined population of 2.4 billion people, almost a third of the world population.

Locally this is a regular routine for Jubilee Green in central Santon Way. Neighbours will be gathering with food to share for a Big Jubilee Lunch and combining kids' games and entertainment. We have equipment on loan from the school and the scouts for the children's races and even a tug of war, sac race, relay, 3-legged race; all with specially minted Jubilee medals to be won. We have contracted West Coast entertainment to supply these inflatables along with an entertainer/DJ.

The group has insured this event through Events Insurance Ltd of Ringwood in Hampshire – Policy No SP00271200. With further insurance built into the hire of two bouncy castles and an inflatable gladiators jousting game. Further information can be found our new Facebook page called "the Santon Way Jubilee Street party page".

Additionally an application is in the advanced stages of going through Copeland borough Council to close a small section of the street off for 4 hours (the farm entrance will not be affected).

A tree has already been planted to mark the occasion, as part for the Queen Platinum Jubilee Canopy. Which will leave a lasting legacy from this year's celebrations. A plaque is being ordered for the tree from the Royal British Legion Industries who use injured and former service personnel to manufacture them.

However, to achieve all this we find the kitty is short and ask if the Parish Council can help.

The Council had to advise the precept it receives is for the maintenance of the Parish assets and whilst it does have capital (via donations and grants) this is to enable the refurbishment of specific assets. It expressed concern that if it gave an open donation this would probably result in other groups seeking donations too and this would detract from the funding it receives for asset refurbishment. However, it could pay for an additional asset, such as the Jubilee Tree. It was proposed the cost of the tree including its associated stakes (£85.00) is funded by the Parish Council. Agreed by Council. Mr Rushworth was asked to provide the invoice as this would be needed for auditing purposes and also the banking details so the jubilee tree donation could be made.

### **13.2 Brenda Parsons**

- Asked confirmation the reference to (possible Taunton location) would be amended to state it was Santon Bridge she referred to and went on at length about this and that the correction would be made in the minutes. She was adamant this must be rectified as it was inaccurate. The clerk reiterated the clarification would be made in these minutes under item 12.3.
- Howard Rooms sent a letter to her daughter regarding the car park advising all their supply chains have been told not to use it, or the shuttle buses to use it. She asked the Council why it continued to be used, given the residents are paying £5.00 p.a.? She continued at length and referred to Morgan Sindall who hadn't had an agreement since 2017. Cllr Moore pointed out Mr Rooms had written to you, so therefore it could not comment on the as it had not received it.

- Buses are still coming into the carpark, which is extremely dangerous and asked if the Council know that she as a resident should be allowed to know. The Council advised it was aware the contractors have been told they cannot use the car park and have stopped the buses coming in and out of the car park. Brenda Parsons stated but that is not happening and was asked if the car park was still full and she stated, "it is still full of contractors". She stated they are no longer entering the car park every ¼ hour but are ½ hourly. Cllr Moore understood it was previously agreed they would pick up inside the car park as it was safer than outside the butchers. Brenda Parsons asked "safer for who" as it is right next to the play area and again continued complaining at length and at times speaking over Cllr Moore as he tried to respond. Cllr Moore was eventually able to say regarding the letter you received the Council would try to do something about it.
- Referred to a letter from Avison Young regarding Sellafield seeking parking south of the site and asked if the Parish Council had received. The clerk confirmed it had. Asked if it had been responded to, the clerk confirmed it had in the strongest terms that the selfish and indiscriminate parking in Seascale was not acceptable and the Council and residents were dissatisfied with what they were doing. She asked for this to be forwarded to her. The clerk advised she would do so. Actioned
- Asked if one of the benches from the amenities area had been moved to The Banks. The Council advised no it hadn't.

#### **14. Dates of forthcoming meetings**

**Full Council Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**APM & AGM Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022**