

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 4th May 2022
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

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

Members of the Public

Ian R Cripps
Dr James Goode
Brenda Parsons
Bob Raywood
Adam Sim

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1. Apologies

Cllrs Eileen Eastwood

2. Announcements from the Chair

Thanked the members of the public for their attendance to the meeting.

Also a public thank you to the knitting group for the splendid decorations they put up around the foreshore for Easter. It is possible they will remain in place for the Jubilee celebrations.

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 Graham and seconded by Cllr Spokes

5. Matters arising

(11.2) The request for a meeting with the NDA regarding Sustrans poor management of the coast cycle path that runs through the Natterjack reserve was submitted. It has been advised NDA/Sellafield will be contacted regarding this matter.

6. To consider any planning issues

- 6.1 4/22/2158/OF1 - Bailey Ground Farm - No Objection
- 6.2 4/22/2165/OF1 - Land adjacent to 13 Green Close – Objection submitted
- 6.3 4/22/2171/OF1 - Seascale Golf Course - No Objection
- 6.4 4/22/2107/OF1 – 4 Highfield Close - No Objection

7 Reports from Councillors and Working Groups

- 7.1 **Community Partnership Meeting** – Cllr Halliday reported the last meeting was a geological, street and marine technical presentation; the marine survey will be conducted this summer (further detail was reported in last month’s minutes under item 7.1). There will be a series of road shows. However, due to the complexities and the variables involved, given this is a 15-year programme is somewhat a challenge to be able to relay this into a road show presentation.
- 7.2 Cllr Moore reported that the Pavilion advised tea has been banned. Apparently, this is due to someone with a peanut allergy had a sandwich. The parish council are nonplussed by this extreme measure as afternoon teas during a cricket match interval has a long tradition.
Update: Seascale cricket club have confirmed it will be providing teas for visiting on a reciprocal basis.
- 7.3 Methodist Church to be contacted to request an invoice covering the period from June 2021 to date, excluding one occasion when it used the library due to a double booking. Actioned.

8 Finance

8.1 The reconciled Cash Book Balance for April is £89,515.96. No outstanding receipts or payments.

8.2 To date the authorised April payments are listed below

Catherine Harvey-Chadwick	60.00	Foreshore litter bins March
Louise Elsom	50.00	Foreshore litter bins March
Octopus Energy	33.72	1.61 Toilet Block Electric - March
Pelleymounters	32.57	5.43 Toilet block supplies
Ian Rigg	120.00	Gents toilet door repair
WF Cascade	11.52	1.92 Toilet block liquid handsoap
Mr Rushworth	85.00	Jubilee tree, stakes and supports
Copeland BC	23821.60	2022/23 Precept
Dav Cumbria Ltd	4202.64	700.44 Car park CCTV upgrade
Npower	52.64	2.51 Library electric - March
EE Ltd	19.67	DAV monthly SIM maintenance
Utiity Warehouse	47.39	2.54 Library gas - March

8.3 Internal Audit completed and signed off with no issues.

9 To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

9.1 **Library** – Cllr Halliday reported the numbers are users is increasing and whilst the opening times is not back to original hours it is open Saturday morning. The result of the grant it has applied is due soon. The Library Trustees and volunteers would like to Thank the Parish Council for continuing to meet the day-to-day running costs of the building and in particular the significant investment in a new heating system.

9.2 Play areas

Cllr L Mawson reported signs have been erected, which are incorrect. The foreshore play area has always excluded dogs. Disappointingly there has been vandalism and littering at the top end. She and Andy Lee had a very inspirational meeting with a strategic developer to consider options in and around the Sports Hall. The Coniston Avenue play and field area, specifically drainage around the field.

9.3 Toilet block

Pending quotes for the replacement of the Gent's toilet door.

9.4 BMX track

The project to refurbish the area is led by Dawn Dennett with support from Cllr L Mawson. The refurbishment consists of tarmacked track, fencing, picnic tables and benches, a large litter bin and CCTV. The work is almost complete. The Council extends grateful thanks to Dawn and Cllr L Mawson for their commitment and sterling effort.

9.5 CCTV

Cllr Spokes reported the upgraded CCTV provides very clear footage covering not just the car park but also the play area. Seascale is experiencing a growing problem with fly tippers dumping their unwanted items in the recycling area or into the trade waste bins, which are only for the litter bin bags. The superior quality of the CCTV has enabled two fly tippers to be reported to enforcement authorities.

10 To consider matters relating to highways and transport

10.1 Although no official notification has been received, it would appear there is a new bus service.

10.2 The Rail arch is still causing problems because there are no give way signs at either end. Whilst some people have not experienced any problems, there are some who have and sadly this is mainly due to impatience and some who leave the car park via the no exit sign, which is very close to the rail arch. This results in a blind spot where the driver can't see who is already coming down until they have entered the arch. It was noted the car park entry – exit signage was faded, following a discussion the council agreed to repaint the signage and the parking spaces. Cllr Moore will make enquiries to find either the previous or another specialist company to carry out this work.

10.3 Cllr K Mawson reported the rail shelter on the beach side has been trashed. All the screens have been broken and given the strength of these; significant force must have been used. The parish council is at a loss to understand the mindset who appear to take pleasure in destroying other people's property or work to improve the area, such as the individuals who trashed the work Shackles Off did on the rail station.

11 Urgent items raised by Councillors

11.1 Cllr L

11.2 With more children using the Coniston Avenue playing field Cllr L Mawson suggested and to consider movable goalposts to help eliminate the risk of grass erosion caused by static goalposts. Council agreed with Cllr Mawson and her proposal to get some quotes.

12 Correspondence

12.1 None

13 Members of the public questions submitted to Council

13.1 Brenda Parsons continued her car park complaints.

The licence to have 2 picnic benches on the foreshore green in front of the ice-cream parlour had expired. The parish council acknowledged the oversight and agreed to renew this licence.

Referred to an unsightly waste dump, that the newly erected fencing around it was encouraging people to use it as a toilet and asked what the parish council was going to do

about it? The parish council advised there is no waste dump, there is only a recycling area on the foreshore, which is popular with the parishioners. Brenda Parsons disagreed and went on at length that it is an unsightly mess and smelt of urine. This was disputed by the parish council who were subsequently accused of calling her a liar. She was asked what she expected it to do about it. Brenda Parsons wants the recycling area removed. she was advised it is outside the parish councils' jurisdiction as it is a Copeland BC recycling area on Copeland owned land. This was not accepted and repeated it was a waste dump which smelt of urine and referred to the number of people going in there. There is no evidence it smells of urine and was pointed out that it is unlikely people going in there are doing so to put recycling items in the receptacles, not to urinate and did she expect the council to operate 24/7 to see if anyone is using it was going in there to urinate?

Brenda Parsons was loud in her condemnation of the parish council including areas outside its jurisdiction and did not accept any responses made by council.

The clerk asked for the paper she was reading from for the minute, but this was declined with the accusation the clerk would be spurious in the responses to her comments.

The Chair advised vexatious behaviour (sections 14 and 17.6) apply and declared the meeting closed.

14 Dates of forthcoming meetings

Full Council Meeting Wednesday 1st June