

Draft Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 4th January 2023
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

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

Members of the Public

A Lee
B Parsons
M Taylor
K Warmoth
Cllr A Pratt

Meeting is recorded for minuting purposes

1. Apologies

Cllrs Eileen Eastwood

2. Announcements from the Chair

The Chair advised on arrival at the meeting, the lighting tripped out, however the fuse board was switched on and would hopefully remain the same throughout the meeting. If not, the meeting will continue with lights from various phones.

Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Welcomed back the clerk following her operation and thanked Ms Warmoth for covering in her absence.

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 Tallentire

5. Matters arising

(5) Cllr K Mawson reported the house for auction has now been sold for £155,000.

Summary of actions carried out –

- (12.1) The clerk has contacted the supplier who has requested a meter reading, although they had been advised at the onset that the gas boiler was condemned over 12 months ago.
- (12.2) Cllr L Mawson liaised with Shackles Off re anti-social behaviour in the play area and Shackles Off will speak to the youngsters.
- (12.3) Cllr L Mawson contacted Mortisport with the financial proposal and is still awaiting a response.
- (12.4) The deterioration of Arch Hill mirror, Bla Wath Corner potholes and the inspection of the chamber neb have been submitted to highways using the online system by the temporary clerk.
- (12.5) Letter of thanks to the WI for the donated bench was signed and hand delivered.
- (12.6) Letter of thanks to Red Bear Forge was sent and Cllr Harvey-Chadwick reported they have responded and were very happy to help such a lovely community.

6. SUP festival August Bank Holiday 2023

The Council was pleased with the detail of the management plan submitted and has agreed to the proposal, with the following considerations

- Whilst there will no water events, due to the tides, there should be a water activities contingency and the coast guard contacted, given the number of people anticipated to attend.
- Market size and where will the stall holders park their vehicles as they are not allowed on the foreshore
- SPC would like continued liaison and would like another face-to-face meeting, possibly on site regarding the numbers attending and the market proposal.

7. To consider any planning issues

- 7.1** 4/22/2474/0F1 – Swang Farm - Whilst the parish council has no objections to the application as a whole, it does acknowledge an objection has been submitted to Copeland regarding the second storey extension and its impact of the possible loss of light to the neighbour. The parish council assumes the planning committee will take this into account in its deliberations.
- 7.2** 4/22/2475/0F1 - Winscale club - Shackles Off conducted a community consultation and no objections were given. Indeed the community is supportive of this proposal. The parish council also fully supports this.
- 7.3** 4/22/2496/0E1 - The Cottage Caravan - The parish council strongly objects to this application for a certificate of lawfulness for a caravan site. At present there is only one caravan, which as been at this location for approximately 20 years and therefore does not constitute the requirement of 'site' status. Additional caravans here are not welcomed or required.

8. Reports from Councillors and Working Groups

- 8.1 Community Partnership Meeting** – Cllrs L Mawson and Moore reported SPC Chair Lizzie Mawson reported the 12 December meeting was cancelled due to bad weather and has been rescheduled for the New Year.
- 8.2 Seascale Bowling Club** – Will receive a grant from GDF to replace the fencing and machinery. However because this is on parish land the parish council has been asked if it will accept accountability. The council have agreed this and will be able to claim the VAT, which is something some institutes/groups are unable to do.

9. Finance

- 9.1** The reconciled Cash Book Balance for December is £93,316.12 with one outstanding payment of £40.00 to the British Legion

The December payments and receipts are listed below:

Creditor	Credit	Debit (gross)	VAT Comments
Waterplus		147.54	Toilet block water & wastewater - Oct - Nov
Waterplus		77.76	0.74 Library water x 4 charges - Nov
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick		40.00	Foreshore litter bins - November
British Legion		40.00	Remembrance Sunday Wreath Invoice required
Npower		102.67	4.89 Library electric September
Npower		360.42	60.07 Library electric October
Cumbria County Council	15913.50		LLWR donation
Account 1		18.00	Service Charge
General Reserve Account	125.43		interest credit

To date the authorised January payments are listed below:

Creditor	Debit (gross)	VAT Comments
Karen Warmoth	44.84	Temporary clerk
LD Mawson	350.00	Wall repair
Npower	639.04	106.51 Library electric November
Waterplus	88.77	Toilet block water & wastewater - Nov - Dec
Waterplus	75.38	0.73 Library water x 4 charges - Dec
Copeland BC	31.85	Library trade waste bins Jan - Mar incl
Copeland BC	785.20	83.20 Trade waste bins Jan - Mar incl
WF Cascade	68.26	11.38 Heavy duty sacks for bin emptying
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick	40.00	Foreshore litter bins - December
Lizzie Mawson	72.45	9.46 Food & drink for Xmas lights switch on event

9.2 Precept

The election cost consideration and the automatic change in the external auditor and the rising cost associated with this, needs to be considered when submitting the 2023-24 precept amount.

Also, in the past a spreadsheet has been sent out, setting out the new council tax property band rates. Therefore the parish council needs to take account of the unknown change to the overall council tax charge under the new higher council, however, it is understood the 2023-24 council tax bill will increase by just under 5%. Last year the parish council was able to remain inside the precept, this was because of the changes to litter bin emptying process. This was apparently the only year it has been able to do this. However, it also needs to consider the unknown but ever-increasing inflationary cost, that may send it over the 6% spend limit. This item will be discussed further at the February meeting.

10. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

10.1 Library – Following the architectural consultation it is understood the library committee is looking at an option 3. With the recent resignation of the Chair it is not known the status of the committees' deliberations. The matter is outside parish council's jurisdiction but requests a status report from the committee.

10.2 Play areas – Nothing to report

10.3 Toilet block – The disabled toilet seat needs to be replaced/fitted. Cllr L Mawson will purchase one and have it fitted

10.4 BMX track – See item 5 above

10.5 CCTV – Nothing to report

11. To consider matters relating to highways and transport

11.1 Cllr K Mawson reported a large pothole at the entrance to Tarn How Farm. This is under Gosport parish.

11.2 A growing number of complaints have been received over the continued deterioration of the Arch Hill mirror. Despite numerous reports submitted to highways it has not been replaced and is now a hazard.

12. Urgent items raised by Councillors

12.1 Cllrs Moore and Graham reported the car park being repainted and understood this would be done before Christmas, however it is likely bad weather and contractor availability are the cause of the delay. The whole car park will be repainted including a designated bus stop for the shuttle bus, with directional arrows and clearly marked entrance and exit. Sellafield will be notifying SPC in advance of the works being carried out as SPC will need to cordon off the relevant areas the day before. It is understood the work is likely to be done over two days, half the car park each day.

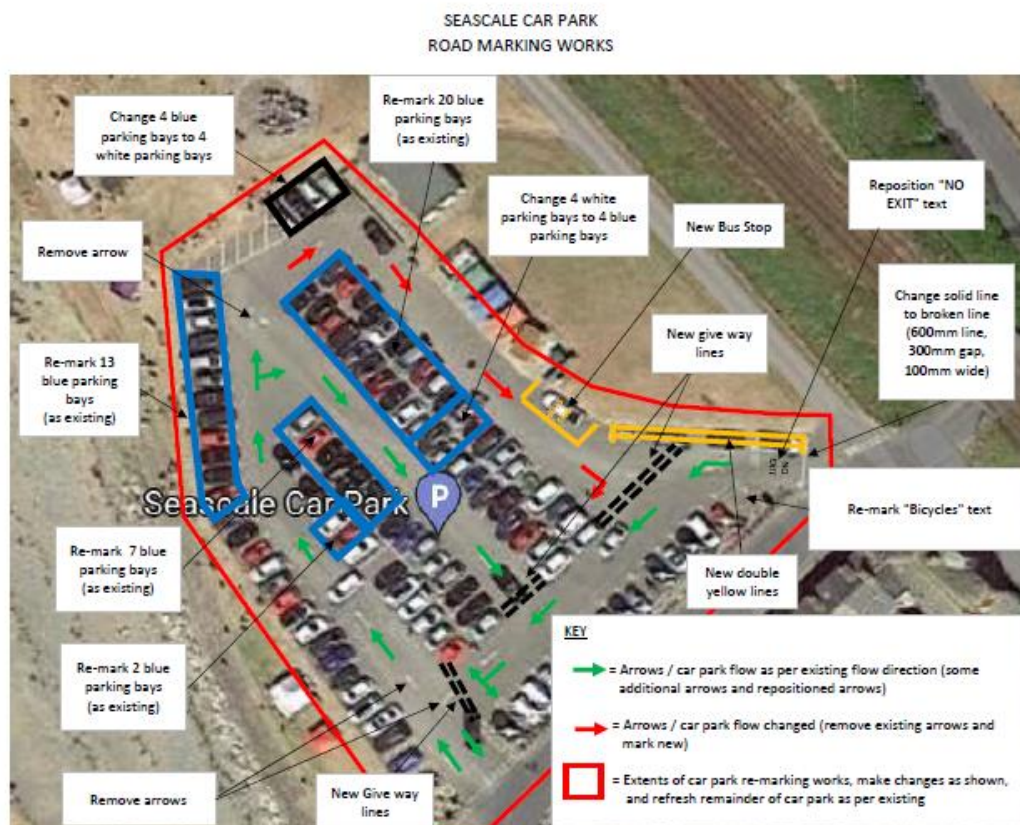
12.2 The Christmas lights will be switched off on Thursday 5th January. Cllr Harvey-Chadwick advised she will be making enquiries for replacements as soon as possible. Some of the suppliers will carry out onsite visits and advise on alternative options as the current decorations are showing their age. It was suggested a photo was taken while the lights are still switched on so a comparison can be made with the current and options for the new display.

13. Correspondence

13.1 None

14. Members of the public questions submitted to Council

14.1 Brenda Parsons repeated her complaints and questions about the car park that were answered in the September and October 2022 minutes. These can be found here under 'Ratified Meeting Minutes' here: <https://www.seascaleparish.com/meeting-archives/>
She also asked if the car park repainting plan was available to the public and if the walkway along South Parade would remain and advised it was on both counts



14.2 Cllr A Pratt advised a recent email about EV charging spaces in car parks had been sent out to parish councils. Cllr Moore suggested two spaces could be allocated for this facility.

15. Dates of forthcoming meetings

Full Council Meeting Wednesday 7th December

Summary of Actions

- 5. (12.1) Cllr Moore to take a meter reading of the library gas meter
- 6. Clerk to advise Mr Colin Fox of the parish councils' decision
- 7.1 Clerk to notify planning of the parish councils' deliberations on application 4/22/2474/0F1
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- 8.2 Cllr Moore to advise the Bowling Club of the parish councils' decision
- 9.1 Cllr L Mawson to request a receipt for the wreath from the British Legion
- 10.1 Cllr Graham to request a status report from the library committee
- 10.3 Cllr L Mawson to provide and update on the replacement seat in the disabled toilet
- 11.1 Clerk to contact Gosport parish council of the pothole and also submit this to highways
- 11.2 Clerk to submit the continuing problem with the Arch Hill mirror which has deteriorated badly and is now a hazard
- 12.1 Cllr Moore to contact Sellafield to establish when car park repainting will be carried out
- 12.2 Cllr Harvey-Chadwick to provide an update on new Christmas lights
- 14.2 Clerk forwarded email to referred to by Cllr Pratt