

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 5th April 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

Becky Ellery
Gill Ellery
James Goode
Bran Harvey-Chadwick
Brenda Parsons

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1. Apologies

Cllr Eileen Eastwood

2. Announcements from the Chair

There will be no election as eight candidates have been nominated. Cllr Moore further explained as the full complement of candidates required has been met, there is no requirement for an election. This is the procedure and is in order, it also saves the cost incurred with an election.

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

Cllrs K and L Mawson

4. Ratify the previous meeting's Minutes

Proposed by Cllr Moore and seconded by Cllr Graham

5. Matters arising

Summary of actions carried out –

- 6.1 Clerk notified the planning dept
- 6.2 Clerk sent formal response regarding the planning enquiry
- 6.3 Clerk notified the planning dept
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- 7.2 Cllr Harvey reported the xmas light supplier could not provide the Councils preferred option. Search will continue with the help of two other Cllrs
- 7.5 Bowling Green funding – clerk confirmed final requirements for the formal agreement completed

- 7.6 Defibrillator update – Cllr Spokes reported the enquiry is ongoing
- 8.1 Clerk notified Waterplus of change of address
- 9.1 Cllr Moore reported the repair to the library will be carried once it is clear what the refurbishment will involve
- 9.3 Letter sent to fire brigade and response, albeit disappointing, received. Cllr Moore will request support from the police & crime commissioner for a more proactive response regarding crime.
- 9.5 CCTV update – see item 9.5 below
- 9.6 Group asset and SPC insurance update – see item 7.2 below
- 10.1 Cllr K Mawson reported the arch hill mirror continues to deteriorate, although it was understood highways, in response to a complaint received from a resident, will be replacing it
- 10.2 Cllr Mawson reported not only is the cricket field layby reduced to 3 hrs parking it also includes Saturdays.

6. To consider any planning issues

- 6.1 4/22/2475/0F1 - Winscale Club - The Parish continues to fully support this application
- 6.2 4/23/2051/0F1- Scawfell Hall - No Objection
- 6.3 4/22/2343/0F1 - Baileyground Hotel - No Objection

7. Reports from Councillors and Working Groups

- 7.1 **Community Partnership Meeting** – Cllr Moore reported this meeting was focussed on the Government Consultation on how nuclear is categorised and stored – NDA lands/sites. LLWR repositories would like to upgrade to a site and is currently carrying out bore holes searches. Whilst low level waste could be stored near the surface it should be close to the Sellafield site and the Parish Council are aware of the close proximity of LLWR, not just to Seascale but also the surrounding area. Work engaging young people continues with Shackles Off. This is one evening a week for 8 weeks. This has proved successful with them asking lots of good questions. The offshore initial findings should be available by Christmas.
- 7.2 **Insurance** – Cllr Tallentire reported when he assessed the building cover, he found it insufficient. The clerk expressed concern over the increase in the assessments and the impact on the precept as nearly £1000 more. Cllr Moore suggested the excess could be funded out of the general reserve account. Approved by Council and the revaluation will be activated with the insurance renewal in May. Cllr Tallentire also expressed concern that the Charities did not have sufficient liability cover and will be in contact with them in due course.

8. Finance

- 8.1 The reconciled Cash Book Balance for March is £51,725.33 with one outstanding payment of 0.40p underpayment error will be paid in April.

The March payments and receipts are listed below:

Creditor	Credit	Debit (gross)	VAT	Comments
Waterplus (credit)				Toilet block water & wastewater - Jan - Feb
Waterplus (credit 6.14)		71.61	0.74	Library water x 4 charges - Feb
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick		40.00		Foreshore litter bins - February
Octopus Energy		43.24	2.06	Toilet Block Electric - February
Npower		921.05	153.51	Library electric January
PATA		25.80		Payroll service
ICO		40.00		Annual subscription
Designworks		180.00	30.00	Annual website subscription
O'Connor Fencing		34722.94	5787.16	Bowling club refurbishment
Npower (estimate)		900.00		penultimate payment (new supplier April)
EE Ltd		19.67		DAV monthly SIM maintenance
Account 1		18.00		Service Charge
General Reserve Accou	182.21			interest credit

8.2 April payments to date

Catherine Harvey-Chadwick	50.00			Foreshore litter bins March
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick	10.91			Foreshore boat repair
CALC	350.07			Annual subscription
Cumberland Council	242.50	40.43		Play areas inspections Jan - Mar
Waterplus (credit 0.99p)	71.61	0.74		Library water x 4 charges - Mar
O'Connor fencing	0.40			under payment error rectified

8.3 Precept - £23,821.60. Actual precept spend £23,765.04 underspend £56.56 (0.24%)

8.4 2022-2023 Annual Governance Statement agreed and signed

8.5 2022-2023 Annual Accounting Statement agreed and signed

The clerk advised the reason this was being completed now is because the next meeting is not until 10th of next month and that leaves little time to complete one audit and submit to the national audit in June. Cllr Moore noted how quickly this has had been actioned compared to previous years.

8.6 Request from Andy Lee regarding the Cricket field insurance. Council agreed to reimburse the cost.

9. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

9.1 Library – The Council considered the request from the library to have an SPC Trustee. There is no requirement Cllr Graham is the Council representative.

9.2 Play areas – Nothing to report

9.3 Toilet block – Council agreed to the gents toilet damaged by arson to be professionally cleaned prior to repair.

9.4 BMX track – Nothing to report

9.5 CCTV – Cllr Spokes submitted a quotation for replacement cameras (still under warranty) and 2 additional cameras. Council agreed to replacement quotation.

10. To consider matters relating to highways and transport

10.1 Cllr K Mawson reported there is still flooding at Blae Wath. Despite the necessary repairs that were carried out, it is not clear where this excess water is coming from.

10.2 Cllr K Mawson reported there still needs to be a dropped kerb by Stanley Villas as mobility scooters and prams are still having accidents at this location.

10.3 Cllr Graham asked when the car park remarking will occur as it has been several months since this was agreed. Cllr Moore reported the delay may be because of the dispute with Mitie. However, it should be taking place after Easter. However, it is possible the way this work is carried out may

be different to originally envisaged. Cllr Graham and Moore will meet with the relevant people prior to the work being carried out.

11. Urgent items raised by Councillors

11.1 Cllr K Mawson reported a large pothole at the entrance of the car park. Cllr Moore advised this will be repaired at the same time the remarking is carried out.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Mr Smith submitted 2 questions to the Council.

1) When will the bushes on the cinder track by the railway bridge be cut back? The Haverigg outreach community team to be contacted. Clerk to action

2) Asked if the Council would support a 20mph speed limit or zone on entry to the village past PJ's nursery and the school? The Council advises all 20mph areas will now not be considered on a piecemeal basis, but collectively across Cumberland.

12.2 Asked if there will be a welcome reception for Mr Angell, who is intending to paddleboard from the Isle of Man to Seascale for Diabetes UK. Members of the public and the Council agreed there should be a welcome committee for such a worthy cause.

13. Members of the public questions submitted to Council

13.1 - B Parson asked the clerk what the DVA payment for £7500 stood for? The clerk advised off the top of her head she could not answer this and would need to check the records. She also advised as this was FOI request to please allow 20 working days as she was rather busy with the end of year accounts. A member of the public kindly checked her phone and advised it stood for Design Services Alliance. Correction Debt Valuation adjustment.

- Asked the clerk for the agreement made with the Stagecoach bus company? The clerk advised there is no agreement with this company. Cllr Moore further confirmed the Council has no agreement with any bus company.

- Asked the clerk why the alternative litter bin emptying would cost £25,000 per annum? The Council advised at present the bins are emptied as soon as they are full, whereas the cost for emptying each bin was £6.00. The annual cost for the bins to be emptied no more than twice a week was between £5000 and 6000 per annum. This was the 2020-21 cost and before the uplift quoted for the following year. Whereas inhouse emptying occurs as soon as they are full, which is generally daily.

- Asked for confirmation how much the trade bin emptying cost? The clerk confirmed this was £750 per quarter.

- Claimed some of the bins are overflowing for days. The Council disputed this. Cllr Harvey-Chadwick again asked B Parsons to contact her directly if there was an overflowing bin.

- Complained the removal of a picnic table in the play area for a large stone.

13.2 B Ellery advised she was approached by a resident aggressively stating she had no right to park in the car park. Yes, she does, as she is not only a resident but has also lived in Seascale most of her life. Further, her mother and grandmother were born in Seascale. This is happening too often, far too many residents are being confronted by this aggressive behaviour. A man was also accused of being a "scrounger". He does not even use the car park; he just happened to be walking across it after he got off the train from Drigg. B Ellery asked B Parsons to speak to her daughter, as she is the one who is behaving like this. She is constantly harassing people who park there, including those who live in Seascale. The behaviour is unacceptable. She was also at a loss to understand why B Parsons keeps making an issue of the car park when neither of them even uses it, except to walk their dogs across it. The Council advised, in the same way the police are contacted over the anti-social behaviour of youngsters, this behaviour can also be reported to the police.

13.3 J Goode asked why the remuneration from Sellafield was so low and surely substantially more

could be claimed? Cllr Moore advised the original figure was £12,000 per annum and is now £15,000. It is also possible a greater amount could be requested when this contract comes to an end. However, if the demand is too great, Sellafield may decline and that means SPC would no longer have any link to Sellafield to control how many of its workers parked there.

14. Dates of forthcoming meetings

Full Council Meeting Wednesday 10th May

APM & AGM 17th May

Summary of Actions

- 6.1 Clerk to notify planning of the parish councils' deliberations on application 4/22/2475/0F1
- 6.2 Clerk to notify planning of the parish councils' deliberations on application 4/23/2051/0F1
- 6.3 Clerk to notify planning of the parish councils' deliberations on application 4/22/2343/0F1
- 7.2 Cllr Tallentire to seek clarification from the charities they have adequate liability cover
- 8.6 Cllr Moore to advise cricket club the council will reimburse them as previously
- 9.1 Library notified Cllr Graham is the dedicated Council presentative clerk to action
- 9.5 CCTV – Cllr Spokes to arrange replacement of the faulty CCTV
- 12.1 Can the Haverigg Community outreach team can cut back the overgrowth on the cinder track by the railway bridge is overgrown? Clerk to contact the requestor and the outreach team leader. Would the council support a 20mph speed limit by the school? Requestor to be contacted on council response. Clerk to action
- 12.2 Would the council support a reception committee for Diabetes UK fund raiser? Requestor to be contacted in the affirmative. Clerk to action