

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 10th May 2023
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

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

Members of the Public

B Parsons
K Warmoth
L Winterborne

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1. Apologies

None

2. Announcements from the Chair

Thanked all the Cllrs for all their help with the toilet block and the flagpole and keeping 'wheels on the ground'. Also special thanks to Mr John Parsons for his invaluable help with the flagpole ropes and associated equipment. Actioned

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

None

4. Ratify the previous meeting's Minutes

Proposed by Cllr Tallentire and seconded by Cllr Graham

5. Matters arising

13.1 Clerical correction - DVA payment stands for Debit Valuation Adjustment, not Design Services Alliance. Correction made in ratified minutes

Summary of actions carried out –

6.1 Clerk notified planning of the parish councils' deliberation on application

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7.2 Cllr Tallentire reported action completed

8.6 The cricket club have been reimbursed for this years' and next years' cover

9.1 Library notified Cllr Graham is the dedicated Council representative

- 9.5 CCTV – Cllr Spokes reported upgrade 90% complete
- 12.1 Haverigg Community outreach team notified, pending a response. Cllr Moore advised all 20mph areas will now not be considered on a piecemeal basis, but collectively across Cumberland. Requestor notified on both. Update – The clerk has resent the request to the Haverigg team again. Further, a couple of Cllrs advised they could speak to a resident who works at the Haverigg site.
- 12.2 Requestor notified of Council support for Diabetes UK paddleboard from the Isle of Man to Seascale. Update, there was a small reception committee. The quest took Mr Angell 8 hours due to fog and currents, but it was successfully completed. The Parish Council congratulate him for this commendable effort and wish him well.

6. Rifle Club closure threat

The comprehensive letter was received from the club detailing the situation last month – LLWR issued an eviction notice to leave the premises by 30 April, giving only a months' notice. This was circulated to the Council. Cllr Moore reported the club has been existence for over 60 years (since approx. 1957). The building used is outside the fence but does have a building reference. The club had requested a lease renewal when the existing one expired, but LLWR failed to put a new lease in place. The club, which has about 70 members, continued to meet all the legal requirements and also maintained the building with no input from LLWR.

Cllr Moore and the club contacted NDA regarding LLWRs' clumsy behaviour and some embarrassment. Particularly so, as this was reported in the Whitehaven News, which interestingly has led to more members wishing to join. The eviction has now been extended to end of November, which allows some time to find alternative suitable accommodation with support from NDA. The Parish Council wholeheartedly support the club in their endeavour to continue and will continue to support going forward. Clerk to send formal response to the club.

7. To consider any planning issues

None

8. Reports from Councillors and Working Groups

- 8.1 **Community Partnership Meeting** – Cllr Moore reported the next meeting would not be until 18 May and will be held at Whitehaven golf club at 6.00pm and members of the public are welcome.
- 8.2 **Infrastructure Levy** – The consultation received is long, with convoluted jargon and difficult to assess and early June. The clerk advised she had read some but not all of the proposals, was of the opinion it raised more questions than solutions. Whilst Parish Councils may receive a portion of the levy for their work, it is unlikely they would receive the proportional amount for the extra work and responsibility involved. This is exemplified by the attempt a few years ago to offload the maintenance and cost of managing street lighting onto Parish Councils, under the guise claiming it was pathway lighting and financial levy the Parish Council would receive to cover the cost was inadequate. Similarly was a more recent suggestion that Parish Councils have a greater workload regarding planning applications with clerks working substantially more hours. It is unlikely the higher councils will reduce their staff levels accordingly. Update – despite the merging three councils into one, Cumberland Council have advertised 52 further jobs. All of the existing and any new positions will have to be funded by the taxpayer. The clerk will provide a summary of the questions contained in the consultation for the Council to consider.

9. Finance

- 9.1 The reconciled Cash Book Balance for April is £74305.79 with one outstanding payment of 0.40p underpayment error will be paid in May.

The April payments and receipts are listed below:

Creditor	Credit	Debit (gross)	VAT	Comments
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick		50.00		Foreshore litter bins March
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick		10.91		Foreshore boat repair
CALC		350.07		Annual subscription
Cumberland Council		242.60	40.43	Play areas inspections Jan - Mar
Waterplus (credit 0.99p)		70.62	0.74	Library water x 4 charges - Mar
O'Connor fencing				0.40p under payment error to be rectified
Octopus Energy		685.87	114.31	Library down payment
Octopus Energy		49.89	2.38	Toilet block electric - March
Clean as a Whistle		300.00		Professional clean of fire damaged gents toilets
Andy Lee		147.38		SRA field reimbursement
EE Ltd		22.50		DAV monthly SIM maintenance
Copeland/Cumberland	25010.30			2023/24 Precept

9.2 May payments to date

Creditor	Credit	Debit (gross)	VAT	Comments
RWM Community grant	37332.00			
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick		70.00		Foreshore litter bins April
Lise Winterborne		45.00		Foreshore litter bins April
Npower		699.47		Final payment
Waterplus		72.30	0.30	Library water x 4 charges - Apr
London Hearts		2406.00		Defibrillators & cabinets
Henry Armer		10555.20	1759.20	Bowling club rotary roller/mower
Lakes Financial Results		100.00		Internal audit
J W Bush16.74		16.74		Stationery
WF Cascade		68.26	11.38	Litter bin bags
O'Connor Fencing		0.40		Underpayment cleared (see March)

10. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

- 10.1 Library** – More volunteers are needed. Cllr Moore reported the refurbishment assessment/report has been completed but payment for this work will be deferred until the GDM funding has been received. The proposed refurbishment will be submitted to SPC for consideration, if approved the bid for the grant will be submitted.
- 10.2 Play areas** – Nothing to report apart from waiting for the replacement hammock
- 10.3 Toilet block** – To date the cost to repair the gents toilet is as follows £300 for professional clean, the cost of paint and brushes etc, replacement toilet roll holder. The cost to repair the floor will be approx. £300. The council will assess whether it is financially feasible to submit an insurance claim against the possible increase in the cover as a result of the claim. **Clerk to action**
- 10.4 CCTV** – Cllr Spokes reported the work will be completed a week on Monday
- 10.5 Carpark** – the repainting of the car park over a week-end and will very likely take place before the end of the month, subject to weather conditions. One half of the carpark will be closed off on one day and the other half the other day. However, it is also possible it may be completed in one day. The potholes will be repaired at the same time, the materials and contractor to carry out the work have been sourced. Bollards will be provided by the contractor carrying out the painting and the Council will cordon off the car park the evening before.

11. To consider matters relating to highways and transport

- 11.1** Cllr K Mawson reported the Arch Hill mirror has finally been replaced. However, it is so small as to be no use at all.
- 11.2** Cllr K Mawson reported the inspection chamber at neb hill is getting dangerous with rough edges. This inspection chamber has been reported to the relevant people and the continued delay is a safety concern.

11.3 Cllr K Mawson reported a large stone is on the Bla Wath road and potholes are appearing.

Cllr Moore advised the more individual complaints/reports sent to highways the better. Highways is more likely to respond if numerous complaints are received.

11.3 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.

12. Urgent items raised by Councillors

12.1 Cllr L Mawson asked the Council to consider taking the Tethera magazine inhouse, Vivienne has offered to continue the editing. The Council are in agreement, as this has been a popular magazine especially for those without internet access. A local printer needs to be sourced and it was recognised much of the advertising fees, which helped offset the publishing cost have been lost.

Trevor contacted to advise the Council's decision and Gosforth and Drigg Parish Councils to be contacted to establish if they would like to continue contributing to the magazine, or whether it would be just a Seascale magazine.

12.2 Cllr Tallentire submitted a consideration for the Council to create a WhatsApp group. Relevant contact details to be forwarded for him to set this up.

12.3 Cllr K Mawson asked the Council to consider a gift to Cllr Eileen Eastwood for her 40 years of service to the community, both as a Copeland and a Parish Councillor. Agreed by Council. A cut glass vase with a 40-year thankyou to honour her committed service. Cllr K Mawson to source and action.

12.4 Green spaces with wild flowers, not trees, to be added to the June agenda. Done

12.5 Response to the Radioactive Waste consultation, due by 24th May will be submitted on behalf of the Council by Cllr Moore

12.6 The flower bed by the Church is a mess. Cllr L Mawson will contact Alan at Copeland for a quote to remove it and grass the area. However, the work could also be done in-house as a couple of the Cllrs have the necessary vehicles and Cllrs have volunteered to dig the area and sow grass seed.

13. Correspondence

See item 6 above

14. Members of the public questions submitted to Council

14.1 B Parson read out a long statement complaining about Sellafield, the car park, the litter bins and again claimed they are overflowing, the general state of the foreshore and also the Chair. When asked if she had any questions, this was ignored and continued to read. Asked the Chair if her commitment was to Sellafield for the Community? The Chair confirmed her commitment is to the community.

14.2 A member of the public, Ms Winterborne disputed the claim the bins are always overflowing. B Parsons stated she had seen people helping her clean around an overflowing bin. Ms Winterborne said this wasn't the case, the binbag being taking out of the bin had split and some members of the public helped her with the debris.

14.3 Ms Warmoth asked if Cllrs Moore and Pratt had completed the formal response to the Geological Waste Consultation and asked if she could be copied in.

15. Dates of forthcoming meetings

Full Council Meeting Wednesday 7th June

APM 7th June

Summary of Actions

- 2.0 Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Mr Parson for his invaluable help on the flagpole rope and fixtures
- 6.0 Clerk to send a letter of support to the Rifle Club
- 7.2 Clerk to assess the Infrastructure Levy consultation and report back to Council
- 9.1 Cllr Moore to advise cricket club the council will reimburse them as previously
- 10.3 Clerk to provide the total cost of the repair
- 12.1 Clerk to contact Tethera magazine, Gosforth and Drigg Parish Councils