

Minutes
of the meeting of
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 7th January 2015 at 7pm
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

Present	Chair	Mr David Moore
	Councillors	Mrs Eileen Eastwood Mr Kenneth Mawson Mr Philip Taylor (Vice-Chair) Mr David Ritson Dr Craig Ashton Mr David Halliday Mr Brian Goulding
	Clerk/RFO	Mr Ian Turner (Responsible Financial Officer)
	Public	Mr Stuart Rigg Mr Matthew Crayston Mr Alan Case Mr Mitchell Graham

Item

- 1 Apologies**
Christopher Taylor, Andrew Woollass and Andrew Williams
- 2 Announcements from the Chair**
None
- 3 Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items**
Cllrs Eastwood and Mawson declared an interest in Item 8.3, as they were Chairing the Bowling Club and Pavilion Committee respectively.
- 4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 3rd December 2014**
With a minor alteration, the minutes were passed as fair and accurate by a unanimous decision.
- 5 Actions arising from the previous meeting of 3rd December 2014**
The Chair was pleased to inform the Council that all actions agreed at the last meeting had been carried out.
- 6 Public participation**
The Chair was pleased to welcome the four members of the public to the meeting. All four were members of the newly-formed Seascale Football Club, and Mr Rigg was appointed as their spokesman. Mr Rigg asked the Council's permission to use the Coniston Avenue playing field as their home ground. The Council **agreed** unanimously and enthusiastically with this proposal. He stated that the club was in the process of registering with the Football Association (FA), and that this would involve insuring themselves and would be undertaken at their own expense. The Chair informed Mr Rigg that the Parish would continue to maintain the playing field in its current state, and that it would seek to support the team in any way it could. Mr Rigg asked that he be allowed to move the goalposts into alignment. The Council **agreed** to allow any improvements to the playing area deemed necessary by the

team. The Chair asked the Clerk to share contact details with the team, and the Clerk **agreed** to do this. The Chair thanked them and they left the meeting.

7 Reports from committees and representatives

7.1 Cllr Eastwood gave a report from the Amenities Committee. She asked that a decision be made regarding the ongoing use and maintenance of the Coniston Avenue play area. From her enquiries, she believes that it is under-used and run down. She asked the Council to make a decision on it's fate following a report from the Copeland inspection team.

7.2 The Council heard a report from Cllr Ashton on progress regarding the website. He announced that, should no more issues arise, the website should be up and running by the end of the month. He asked Councillors to contribute to populating the website and produced an example of his efforts to date. The Council was very pleased, and thanked Cllr Ashton for his efforts.

8 Finance

8.1 The RFO reported on the finance of the Parish. He informed them that once all the payments had been completed, the balance of the Current account stood at £2,151.07, with the Reserve Account balance being £29,179.44.

8.2 The RFO asked the Council to consider a 'maintenance budget' for repairs to Parish property. It was decided to discuss this at the Finance and General Purpose (F&GP) Committee meeting.

8.3 The RFO asked the Council to consider tenancy agreements for the Cricket and Bowling clubs. He asked that this be done in order to rationalise the relationship with the Parish, and simplify and clarify the areas of responsibility of the various user groups. Cllr Mawson objected on the grounds that the current arrangement had been in place since the assets had been handed over in the 1980s. The Vice-Chair suggested that it was therefore time that the situation was reviewed. The Chair asked the Clerk, Cllr Mawson and Cllr Eastwood to find all the documentation they could regarding the agreement, in order to provide a proper basis for a discussion of the issue. They **agreed** to do this.

8.4 The Chair asked the Council to consider a method of fund-raising for the car park. He informed the Council that following their contact with the Parish via the Clerk, he had been negotiating the use of the car park with the Morgan Sindall Group. They proposed that they be allowed to use 40 spaces for a year, and wondered what conditions would be attached to this. The Chair asked the Council to allow him a free hand in dealing with this issue, and assured the Councillors that this would prove beneficial to the Parish. He stated that the Morgan Sindall Group needed a quick decision on this. The Council **agreed** to let the Chair represent them on this issue.

8.5 The RFO asked the Council to consider payments for work in the Parish. He asked the Council to pass payments owed by the Parish and referred them to a quote given for work he felt to be unreasonable. The payments were unanimously **agreed** and the Chair asked the Clerk to refer the other matter to the F&GP Committee. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

8.6 The RFO asked the Council to appoint an external auditor for the Parish. It was proposed that Mr Graeme Worsnop be approached following his excellent work for the Parish last time. Cllr Eastwood **agreed** to ask him to repeat his exploits.

8.7 On the matter of the level of the precept for next year, the Chair asked the Clerk to refer this

matter to the F&GP Committee. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

12 To consider matters relating to 'Healthwatch'

The Chair brought this Item forward to allow Cllr Mawson to deliver a report on the 'Healthwatch' meeting that had taken place this morning, regarding health care delivery in the Copeland area.

11 To consider the matter of the obstruction to beach pathways

The Chair brought this Item forward for Cllr Mawson's benefit. The Clerk had circulated a proposal from Cumbria County Council (CCC), to include Parish money in their scheme to clear and renovate footpath 426017 on the beach front. After some discussion, the Chair asked the Clerk to draft a letter with a reply informing CCC of this not being part of the existing budget of the Parish. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

Cllr Mawson left the meeting.

*** Extension of meeting**

Cllr Eastwood **proposed** that the meeting be extended by half an hour to complete the remaining business. Cllr Goulding seconded and there were no objections.

9 To consider any planning issues

9.1 The Council advised approval for application 4/14/2505, regarding a change of use at Insievar.

9.2 The Council advised rejection for application 4/14/2509, regarding the erection of a fence, as it was out of keeping with the aspect of the village, and would intrude on neighbouring property.

10 To consider the proposed formal Policy on the use of the Seafront Amenity Area following it's acquisition by the Parish

The Chair asked the Clerk to refer this matter to the F&GP Committee. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

13 To consider allowing NatWest access to the car park for their mobile bank

The Council allowed this, but asked the Clerk to include a proviso that NatWest make a contribution to the upkeep of the car park in the response. The Clerk **agreed** to do this. The agreement will be reviewed annually.

14 Correspondence

The Clerk has kept the Councillors updated on correspondence weekly.

15 Urgent items raised by councillors

15.1 The Chair informed the Council that the Parish was now included in the Sellafield Evacuation Zone, and that the company would be contacting householders effected.

15.2 Cllr Eastwood drew the Council's attention to an unflattering portrayal of the Parish in 'Cumbria' magazine. The Chair **proposed** that a reply be sent to the editor, to unanimous agreement.

16 Dates of forthcoming meetings

The next full meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 4th February at 7 pm in the Methodist School Room.