

Minutes
of the meeting of
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 1st July 2015 at 7pm
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

Present	Chair	Cllr David Moore
	Councillors	Cllr Mrs Eileen Eastwood Cllr Kenneth Mawson Cllr David Ritson Cllr Brian Goulding Cllr Dr Craig Ashton Cllr Andrew Williams Cllr David Halliday
	Clerk/RFO	Mr Ian Turner
	Public	Dr Nigel Entwistle Mr David Niven Mr Stephen Reay

Item

1 Apologies

None

2 Announcements from the Chair

None

3 Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items

None

4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 3rd June 2015

These were **proposed** as fair and accurate by Cllr Eastwood and seconded by Cllr Goulding, with no objections.

4.1 Actions arising from that meeting

- a)** The Chair asked the clerk to contact Open Adventure regarding litter left after the cycle event last weekend. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.
- b)** Cllr Mawson asked the Clerk to request a police report from the PCSO. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.
- c)** Cllr Mawson asked the Clerk, to the agreement of all present, to liaise with the Cumbria Rail Users Group and make a complaint about the noisy and polluting trains being used by Northern Rail. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

5 Public Participation

- 5.1** The Chair welcomed Dr Entwistle to the meeting. Dr Entwistle informed the meeting about the work carried out by 'Muncaster Microbus'. He said that since the staffing problems at Seascale Health Centre had caused some GP services in Bootle to cease, his service had had

to increase, so as to allow people to travel up to Seascale to be seen. 'Muncaster Microbus' wished to involve local Parishes in helping to recruit more volunteers with appropriate licenses, and were also looking to expand their services to include community car schemes. The Chair expressed his concern at the diminishing service provided by Seascale Health Centre. Cllr Ashton asked Dr Entwistle to consider approaching the local large employers for support.

5.2 The Chair welcomed Mr Niven to the meeting. Mr Niven was concerned at the uses being made of the car park. He expressed some confusion as to the markings that had appeared there. The Chair explained that the markings were temporary, but that the car park will be properly marked soon. Mr Niven voiced his concern that there appeared to be many more users of the car park who were transferring to minibuses in the area. This was evidently to do with the Sellafield commute. The Chair said that the Council shared Mr Niven's concern and had already taken steps to ask Sellafield to enforce its parking regulations. He **agreed** to raise the issue again at his regular meeting with Sellafield PLC. Cllr Ashton said that he believed that contractors who operated in this manner should be challenged, or even clamped, and that maybe Sellafield PLC would consider proper enforcement with their own staff at certain times of the day. The Chair **agreed** to raise it at his meeting. Mr Niven was concerned at the speed at which cyclists were leaving the cinder track from Sellafield and riding through the children's play area by the beach, without any concern for pedestrians in the area. Cllr Ritson said that the fencing in the area at the exit being used needed to be examined to see whether it could contribute to reducing the speed at which these cyclists were riding. Mr Niven asked the Council why a traffic light scheme had not been installed at the Arch Hill bridge, and whether the increased traffic now made this a priority. Cllr Goulding relayed the main features of his meeting with a representative of the Cumbria County Council Highways Department in May. He explained that the traffic lights scheme had been proposed several times over the years, but that the Department had deemed the scheme to be too cumbersome, and unlikely to improve the situation. In fact, they felt it may make things worse due to the number of junctions in the area, although the Department acknowledged that this situation was problematic.

5.3 The Chair welcomed Mr Reay to the meeting. Mr Reay asked the Council to support his objection to the planning proposal for the area next to his Chemist shop to be used as a large convenience store. He presented the Parish Council with a facsimile of the sizeable petition he had compiled of villagers supporting his objection. After some general discussion, the Council made a decision on its stance (see **Item 9.2**). The Chair thanked Mr Reay for his efforts, and wished him luck in his campaign.

6 Reports from Committees and Councillors

6.1 The meeting received a report from the Finance & General Purpose Committee. Cllr Halliday informed the Council of the on-going problem with NatWest's refusal to co-operate with us in retrieving missing bank statements. The RFO said that this was delaying the audit, and that this may lead to fines. Cllr Halliday said that he planned to resolve this with NatWest through complaint.

6.2 The meeting received a report from the Amenities Committee. Cllr Eastwood outlined a busy meeting, and wished to thank Cllr Goulding and Cllr Ritson for their repainting of the cannon in the fort. Cllr Eastwood was also pleased to inform the Parish Council that Mrs Elizabeth Mawson had agreed to be co-opted on to the Committee. Cllr Eastwood asked that the Council agree to let Cllr Goulding price decking planks for replacing the seating in the fort. This was unanimously **agreed**.

7 Finance

- 7.1 The meeting received a report from the RFO on the finance of the Parish (enclosed).
- 7.2 The meeting agreed the RFO's requests for payments for goods and services (enclosed).

8 To consider quotes and repairs in the Parish

- 8.1 Cllr Mawson asked the Committee to allow him to gather quotes for repairing the leak in the Pavilion toilets. This was unanimously **agreed**.
- 8.2 The RFO asked the Council to approve a quote from Ian Rigg to repair the slide at the Coniston Avenue play area. This was unanimously **agreed**.
- 8.3 The RFO asked the Council to approve a quote from Ian Rigg to repair the coping stones on top of the fort wall. This was unanimously **agreed**.
- 8.4 The RFO asked the Council to approve a quote from O'Connor fencing to replace the fence between the cricket ground and the Sports Hall play area. This was unanimously **rejected**, on the grounds that there was no real need for this.
- 8.5 The RFO asked the Council to approve a quote from O'Connor fencing to erect a 9' fence around the recycling bins. This was unanimously **rejected** on grounds of cost, although the Chair felt that this might be revisited in the future.
- 8.6 The RFO updated the meeting on the confusion surrounding the purchase of the goalposts for Seascale FC. He hoped that the matter would be resolved quickly.

9 To consider any planning issues

- 9.1 On the matter of planning application 4/15/2228, a new garage at Quantock, the Banks, the Council recommended that this be **allowed** without comment.
- 9.2 On the matter of planning application 4/15/2216, a retail development on Gosforth Road, the Council recommended that this be **rejected** for the following reasons. First, the design is not in keeping with the general fabric of the village; second, this will add to the already bad traffic congestion in that area of the village; third, there is no proven need for an outlet of this sort in the village; fourth, the eight parking bays proposed in the plan are inadequate. The Councillors voted on this application and the outcome was 2 in favour, 4 against and 2 abstentions.

10 To receive a report on the Seafront Amenity Area

- 10.1 The Council considered the matter of celebrations for the unveiling of the Coastal Interpretation Board. It was unanimously **agreed** that the Clerk and Cllr Eastwood liaise with Copeland Borough Council (CBC) on this.
- 10.2 The Council unanimously **agreed** that the fort would be a suitable location for the proposed 'sand sculpture'. The Chair asked the Clerk to communicate this to CBC. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

11 Correspondence

- 11.1 Cllr Eastwood said that she had been informed about a meeting with Cumbria County Council (CCC) over proposals for use of the Library on the 15th July 2015. CCC say that the funding and operation of this facility will not continue in its present form.
- 11.2 The Clerk said he had received an email regarding the temporary closure for three weeks, of

The Links road pending large-scale refurbishment of the sewers and infrastructure in the area. The Chair asked the Clerk to complain to CBC about the short notice, and ask CBC whether the plan had provided adequate provision for the residents to access their property, especially those with difficulty around mobility. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

11.3 The Clerk informed the Council about his continuing communications with CBC over their decision to charge the Parish for emptying bins on the foreshore. He said that negotiations continue.

11.4 The Clerk said that 'Designworks' of Kendal had agreed to help redesign the website to his specification. He asked that this be allowed, and reckoned the likely cost to be around £100. This was unanimously **agreed**. Cllr Goulding offered to accompany the Clerk to the meeting, and the Clerk welcomed this.

12 Urgent items raised by councillors

12.1 Cllr Mawson asked about the over-grown vegetation on the Arch Hill bridge. The Clerk said that he had already been in contact with CBC Parks Department about this.

12.2 Cllr Mawson asked about the bins located in front of the Chinese Take-Away. The Clerk said that he had spoken to the owners. The owners said that they had reduced the bin size already, but that access to the rear of their property was blocked by a temporary scaffold for work on an adjacent property. They said that when this was removed, they would be locating the bin at the rear of the premises.

13 Dates of forthcoming meetings

The next full meeting of this Council will be at 7pm on Wednesday 2nd September 2015 in the Methodist Schoolroom.