

Minutes
of the meeting of
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 2nd December at 7pm
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

Present	Chair	Cllr David Moore
	Councillors	Cllr Brian Goulding Cllr David Halliday Cllr Mrs Eileen Eastwood Cllr Kenneth Mawson Cllr Dr Craig Ashton Cllr David Ritson
	Clerk/RFO	Mr Ian Turner
	Public	Mr David Niven Mrs Brenda Parsons

Item

1 Apologies

Cllr Andrew Williams

2 Announcements from the Chair

The Chair announced that he was recording the meeting to assist the Clerk in compiling the minutes. He also said that he would be observing a 4 minute rule out-lined in the Standing Orders for public contributions.

3 Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items

Cllr Ashton declared an interest in Item 8.2, as he is an employee of the applicant.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 4th November 2015

These were unanimously **proposed** as a fair and accurate record of the meeting.

4.1 Actions arising from that meeting

Nothing not on the agenda for this meeting.

5 Public participation

5.1 The Chair welcomed Mr Niven to the meeting. Mr Niven asked the Clerk whether he was aware that a 'Google' search for the Parish website on the internet yielded an out-dated link to a March article. The Clerk said he was not. Mr Niven asked if there was anything the Clerk could do about this. The Clerk responded that he had no control over any search engine results, including those of 'Google'.

5.2 Mr Niven asked whether the cardboard recycling for the village would recommence. The Chair responded by relating Copeland Borough Council's (CBC) explanation of why it had been suspended. The Chair added that he believed that the issue had been resolved, and that the Council shared Mr Niven's concern.

5.3 Mr Niven asked the significance of Cllr Eastwood obtaining information on tree ownership

in Ling Mell, that was raised at the last meeting. Cllr Goulding informed the meeting that he had requested the information in order that future disputes between neighbours over tree ownership might be easily settled with the Council's help. He explained that bad weather had recently caused a tree to damage a property in the area.

5.4 The Chair welcomed Mrs Parsons to the meeting. Mrs Parsons was curious to know the whereabouts of the banner advertising the Parish website. The Chair informed the meeting that it was in his safe keeping. Mrs Parsons asked whether the Clerk had sent someone to her door to ask about the banner. The Clerk said he had not. She informed the meeting that someone claiming to be from the Clerk had come to her house. The Clerk said that this was the first he had heard of this. It was public knowledge that he was Clerk, and he could have no control how people might use that information.

5.5 Mrs Parsons said that she disagreed with the minutes of the previous meeting.

5.6 Mrs Parsons asked some questions pertaining to the Seascale Community Beach Park Project (SCBPP). She asked whether the Council had sold land to them. The Chair answered that it hadn't. She asked whether the land had been renamed. The Chair answered that it hadn't. Mrs Parsons asked who SCBPP were. Cllr Goulding explained that they were a group of community volunteers looking to improve the play area by the beach for the benefit of the village, and visitors. He said that he was a member of their Committee. He further explained that the proposals and fund-raising were in an early stage. Mrs Parsons asked to be shown detailed plans by the Council. The Chair replied that we had none, because this was still an independent project yet to be brought before the Council for approval.

6 **Reports from Committees and Councillors**

6.1 The meeting received a report from the Finance & General Purpose Committee. Cllr Halliday announced that Cllr Goulding had agreed to be co-opted on to the Committee.

7 **Finance**

7.1 The meeting received a report from the RFO on the finance of the Parish (attached/available on request).

7.2 The Council approved the RFO's requests for payment.

7.3 **To consider quotes and repairs in the Parish**

7.3a Cllr Eastwood reported that the wiring had been partially repaired in the Sports Hall, but that this would require some more work before it was completed. She also thanked the Mid-Copeland Parish Partnership for their help in this matter.

7.3b The Janitor has reported a broken lock in the male toilets in the car park. The Chair said that he would investigate it.

7.3c The Chair said that he had fixed a leaking tap in the Sports Hall.

7.4 The RFO asked the Council to consider whether they would support the National Association of Local Councils' plans for a collectively bargained audit deal. The Chair asked Cllr Halliday to look closely at the deal, and to make his recommendations at the next meeting. Cllr Halliday **agreed** to do this.

8 **To consider any planning issues**

8.1 The Council advised that on the matter of application 4/15/2459, a change of use for

Calderthwaite, The Banks, that CBC Planning Department allow this with a reservation concerning the provision of off-road parking. The Council were concerned that this area was already crowded with vehicles.

- 8.2** The Council advised that on the matter of application 4/15/9012, a program of construction at LLWR in Drigg, they would prefer a deferment of one month, to allow a site visit. The Clerk **agreed** to contact Cumbria County Council (CCC).

9 To receive a report on Parish Assets

9.1 To consider matters relating to play areas in the Parish

- 9.1a** The Chair asked the Clerk to contact CBC regarding provision of two bins on the BMX track. These had been present but were now missing. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

- 9.1b** Cllr Goulding reported that he was now on the Committee for the SCBPP.

- 9.2** Cllr Eastwood reported that discussions concerning the Library were on-going with CCC. She was concerned that the Library be maintained by as many contributors as possible. Cllr Goulding suggested that 'Age Concern' and similar organisations may be interested. Cllr Eastwood said she was also eager to learn from the 'Hub' at Cleator Moor.

- 9.3** Cllr Eastwood **agreed** to contact the head of CBC Parks Department and tour the Parish with him to highlight the Council's main concerns, sometime in the spring.

10 To consider matters relating to the Highways

Cllr Goulding informed the meeting that pupils at the Primary School had expressed their concern at the dangers involved with the school run. Cllr Mawson suggested that while there was a lack of alternative for many parents, the problems would continue.

10.1 To consider the problem of parking around the village

Cllr Goulding said that he had heard from a parishioner that the PCSO had been monitoring the parking situation around the village, following complaints from residents. Cllr Ritson was concerned that, while the Parish Council had expressed its concern over the developing issue of parking around the Chemist's on Gosforth Road, there appeared to be little prospect of any improvement now that the Post Office was opening an office in the premises. Cllr Eastwood complained that patrons were frequently parking on Santon Way and also blocking the exit to the Fire Station.

10.2 To consider issues pertaining to access, lighting and structural damage

- 10.2a** Cllr Mawson and Cllr Eastwood informed the meeting that they were still seeking information from organisations concerned with dropping kerbs in the village for ease of access.

- 10.2b** Cllr Mawson was dismayed at the lack of action being taken over the faulty street lighting by CCC. The Clerk **agreed** to contact Co. Cllr Clarkson over this issue.

- 10.2c** The Clerk reported that he has informed CCC of the collapsing pathway on Gosforth Road adjacent to the cricket pitch, and was pleased to see that they had been to inspect it.

11 To consider a request from the Seascale Community Beach Park Project to insure them

The Council unanimously **resolved** to defer this decision until January, pending more information.

12 To consider matters relating to the festive celebrations

Cllr Eastwood informed the meeting that preparations continued apace. She was, however, concerned that people were still expecting fireworks. The Clerk **agreed** to publicise the lack of fireworks on the website.

13 Correspondence

The Clerk supplied the Councillors with a copy of the correspondence he had posted on the website.

14 Urgent items raised by councillors

14.1 Cllr Eastwood asked that she be allowed to purchase gifts for three parishioners who would be presented with the gifts at the Christmas Lights Celebration. This was unanimously **agreed**.

14.2 Cllr Goulding **agreed** to look into prices for traffic flow signs for the car park.

14.3 Cllr Goulding asked the Clerk to contact Royal Mail and ask them to repaint their post box outside the Post Office. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

14.4 The Chair **thanked** Cllr Mawson on behalf of the Parish for his efforts to clear the Jetty.

14.5 Cllr Mawson asked that the Parish give a vote of **thanks** to Morgan Sindall for their co-operation with the Parish Council this year. This was unanimously **agreed**.

14.6 The Clerk mentioned that he was still awaiting a decision on whether to adopt the Telephone Box opposite the School.

15 Dates of forthcoming meetings

The next scheduled meeting of the full Council is 7pm on Wednesday 6th January in the Methodist School Room.