

Minutes
of the meeting of
Seascale Parish Council
held on
Wednesday 4th May 2016 at 7pm
in the Methodist School Room, Seascale

Present	Chair	Cllr David Moore
	Councillors	Cllr Brian Goulding Cllr Mrs Eileen Eastwood Cllr Kenneth Mawson Cllr David Ritson Cllr Andrew Williams
	Clerk/RFO	Mr Ian Turner
	Public	Mrs Brenda Parsons

Item

1 Apologies

Cllr Dr Craig Ashton, Cllr David Halliday

2 Announcements from the Chair

The Chair was pleased to inform the meeting that Mrs Catherine Harvey-Chadwick had applied for the role of Flag Officer for the Parish. It was **resolved** unanimously to award the role to Mrs Harvey-Chadwick. The Council expressed its gratitude to Mrs Harvey-Chadwick, and wished her a long and happy tenure.

3 Declarations of interest by councillors in respect to agenda items

None

4 Minutes of the previous meeting of 6th April 2016

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

4.1 Actions arising from that meeting

The Chair asked the Clerk to contact Cumbria County Council Highways Department in conjunction with County Councillors Clarkson and Hitchen in future correspondence to ensure that our concerns were taken seriously. The Clerk **agreed** to do this.

5 Public participation

5.1 The Chair welcomed Mrs Parsons to the meeting. Mrs Parsons protested the accuracy of the minutes.

5.2 Mrs Parsons asked whether the Council had invited representatives of Sellafield PLC to the Annual Parish Meeting. The Chair replied that we had not. The Clerk reminded Mrs Parsons that she may invite anyone she wished to the public meetings of the Parish, but that anyone not residing within the Parish could only speak at the Chair's discretion. Mrs Parsons left the meeting.

6 Reports from Committees and Councillors

6.1 The RFO reported on the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Working Group. The

Group recommended; that SPC act as an 'Accountable Body' to the SCBPP; that SPC adopt the 'Policy on Vexatious Persons, and Meeting Discipline'. Actions agreed at the meeting were as follows; that the Clerk contact a company for cleaning Parish Benches; that the Clerk write a letter of thanks to John Davis of CBC; that the seascaleparish.com banner be re-erected.

7 Finance

7.1 The Council received a report from the RFO, and unanimously passed the **audit** as fit for presentation to the external auditor.

7.2 The Council agreed all requests for payment.

7.3 After a brief explanation of the situation, it was unanimously **resolved** that the Council act as the 'Accountable Body' for Seascale Community Beach Park Project (SCBPP).

8 To consider any planning issues

8.1 The Council considered application 4/16/2120, a Totem outside the new Co-op Store, Gosforth Road. They recommended that it be allowed with no reservations. They note that they will strongly object if the sign becomes illuminated.

9 To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

9.1a The Council considered matters relating to play areas in the parish. Cllr Goulding advised that the Sports Hall Play Area was in need of sand. The Chair agreed to work with Cllr Goulding to rectify this issue.

9.1b Cllr Goulding said that he was currently seeking quotes for re-surfacing the Coniston Avenue Play Area.

9.2 The Chair reported no developments worthy of note on matters concerning the Library.

9.3 The Chair reported that an attempt had been made to force open the 'Honesty Box' in the car park. While the attempt was unsuccessful, a good deal of damage had been done. The Police were informed. The Chair was heartened that the design had thwarted the would-be thieves.

10 To consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

10.1 It has been announced that the Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR) has given £5,000 over two years to help fund a bus service to Whitehaven. The Council welcomed the news, and thanked LLWR for their continued support for community projects.

10.2 The Council is continuing to monitor developments pertaining to waste water in the village. The reconstitution of the damage caused to the BMX Track by United Utilities PLC is progressing. An open meeting has been arranged at the site at 9:30am on 24th June, where the company will address local concerns.

11 To consider the Policy on Vexatious Persons

Cllr Goulding presented a draft Policy to the Council. Should there be no objections, he asked that these be adopted at the Annual General Meeting.

12 Correspondence

The Clerk provided a list of correspondence sent to the Parish.

13 Urgent items raised by councillors

13.1 Cllr Mawson said that Sellafeld PLC were apparently going to demolish the derelict Seascale Mill. He said that this would be a shame.

13.2 Cllr Mawson applauded the increased attention being paid to speeding drivers on Gosforth Road near the school, especially the use of the speed indicator.

13.3 Cllr Mawson was pleased to inform the Council that 'Shackles Off' were now allowing public notices in their window.

13.4 Cllr Goulding announced that the SCBPP is having a Fun-day on the 15th July to raise funds.

13.5 Cllr Eastwood said that the missing seat on the cricket ground would not be replaced by this Council, as it was a matter for the SRA.

13.6 Cllr Eastwood announced that she had been invited to the official opening of the new Co-op on the 2nd June, as a representative of the Council.

14 Dates of forthcoming meetings

The next scheduled meeting of the full Council is 7pm on Wednesday 1st June 2016 in the Methodist School Room.