

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 6th September 2023
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

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

Members of the Public:

Ian Carney
Linda Carney
Cruella Deville
James Goode
Karen Warmoth

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1. Apologies

Cllrs John Spokes

2. Announcements from the Chair

The Chair welcomed the members of the public.

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

None

4. Ratify the previous meeting's Minutes

Proposed by Cllr Moore and seconded by Cllr Tallentire

5. Matters arising

9.2 Cllr L Mawson reported the reason the play area hammock has still not been replaced is because the delivery is coming from Germany.

11.1 Cllr C Harvey-Chadwick reported delivery of the defib signage, and asked if someone can put these up? Cllr Tallentire has volunteered to do this.

11.4 Cllr L Mawson reported the Arch Hill mirror has been replaced and is a vast improvement. However, the way it has been erected means that whilst vehicles can be seen, there are some blind spots remain for pedestrians.

6. To consider any planning issues

6.1 4/23/2233/0L1- Water Tower installation of a artwork – No Objection - Subject to the condition a stone mason oversees the work, particularly the rectification work on completion.

- 6.2 44/23/2235/0F1 – Manx View – No Objection - SPC would have referred the demolition and a completely new build and is disappointed by the planning departments' lack of vision.

7. Reports from Councillors and working groups

7.1 Cumberland regeneration programme presentation

Cllr Moore reported there was no meeting in August, only a brief on an environmental survey being conducted in October/November. This is to monitor birds, migration and sea life. An aircraft will be used, which will be flying high and is unlikely to be seen. However, Cllr Moore also reported the group were shown examples of these types of surveys and the results were incredibly clear. There will also be a ecological land survey in the Spring. The first results from the offshore survey may be released in December.

Due to work commitments Cllr L Mawson is unable to attend these meetings. Cllr Moore attends as a Cumberland representative but can stand down from this and take on the role as Parish Council representative. The Council was asked if the Council agreed to this proposal. Council unanimously agreed. Cllr L Mawson expressed her thanks.

7.2 Flower Bed regeneration/Wildflowers

Unfortunately the person who volunteered to head this, can no longer do this. This can be picked up next year. It was also recognised that a display of wildflowers is lovely, it has to be maintained, otherwise plants such as brambles and nettles etc can over run the area. If a wildflower display is agreed upon, maintaining it is too much for one person. Whilst trees are recommended, there are few areas they could be safely planted without creating problems, such as lifting paving and growing over telephone wires etc. The school tried a similar project also had problems.

7.3 Water Tower Artwork proposal update

The clerk is waiting the response regarding the Councils refusal to remove any Christmas lights. When this request was made, an amendment to include to remove any Christmas light equipment (except during the Christmas season) was added to the formal agreement. Formal agreement to be circulated to Council, with the proviso Christmas light connectivity excluded.

7.4 Christmas Lights Proposal

Cllr B Harvey Chadwick reported on his search for replacements for the library, the Sports Hall and possibly the Pavilion, as some of the existing ones could be used here, with replacements to be considered again. Penguins' may possibly become available later in the year. However, the ones available at present may need to be ordered as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. He also explained how they can be linked to the mains through one socket per building, because of the way wiring links the lights are linked. The Council agreed with the proposal and set a maximum of £3,000.00. Cllr Moore will contact the electrician who normally carries out the annual installing and removal of the Christmas lights to establish what would be required.

8. Finance

- 8.1 The reconciled Cash Book Balance for June is £95664.46.

Creditor	Credit	Debit (gross)	VAT	Comments
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick		100.00		Foreshore litter bins July
Lise Winterborne		150.00		Foreshore litter bins July
First Image Signs		198.00		Defib signage
Waterplus		81.35	0.76	Library water x 4 charges - June-Jul
Waterplus		103.13		Toilet block water & wastewater - June-Jul
Octopus Energy		34.54	1.64	Toilet block electric - July
Octopus Energy		539.17		Library electric - July
EE Ltd		22.50		DAV monthly SIM maintenance

8.2 To Consider requests for payments

Cumberland Council	884.00	Litter bin trade waste collection Apr-June
Pelleymounters	27.50	Grass seed & Addis bin
Cllr L Mawson	90.00	Fire extinguisher refill
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick	250.00	Foreshore litter bins A August
Waterplus	79.71	Library water x 4 charges - Jul-Aug
Waterplus	106.94	Toilet block water & wastewater - Jul-Aug

8.3 Library electric usage – It was noted by Council that the invoice was £539.17 when the previous month it was less than £70.00. The Clerk is to query this with the energy supplier, will request an investigation and for a single reading meter. The last 2 months of invoices for the library and the toilet block to be forwarded to the Cllrs.

9. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

9.1 Library – The library applied for LLWR and received a grant for a replacement printer and computer equipment. The library refurbishment design has been agreed and the architect paid out of funding received. The funding for the refurbishment will be applied for later this year/next year.

9.2 Play areas – Cllr L Mawson reported the play area had been popular this summer. The picnic area has also been very popular and used by people of all ages. The Chair had a positive meeting with the RoSPA inspector. The missing hammock, the delay in the replacement is very disappointing as this has meant it has been missing all summer. Additional play area gravel organised.

Cllr L Mawson advised despite numerous requests for a bin by the bench in the Coniston Avenue play area, this has not been successful. It was suggested Shackles Off could be asked if a team could clear the litter if litter pickers were provided as an incentive. Cllr L Mawson to speak to Mandy.

9.3 Toilet block – The push down taps are not efficient because of the high-water pressure. Replacements taps will be ordered. These are likely to be the infra-red type and the cost of installing will be researched. Cllr Moore will make enquiries with Screwfix.

9.4 BMX track – Nothing to report

9.5 CCTV – Nothing to report

9.6 Sports Hall – SPC representative – Nothing to report

9.7 Cricket club reported the Pavilion needs new downspouts and the roof has a leak. Cllr Moore proposed the list of materials (likely to include new guttering) is purchased by SPC. Agreed by Council. Cllr Moore to contact Andy for the list.

10. Consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

10.1 Cllr K Mawson reported highways will lay new drains at Wath Brae to the layby because of the continuing floodings. Cllr Moore advised highways will not go into fields, even though the flooding appears to come from here.

11. Urgent items raised by Councillors

11.1 Council reported John Parsons will be the new Flag Officer. He has suggested 3 flags, one each for the Army, Navy and RAF. Clerk has contacted John to enquire about possible suppliers.

11.2 Cllr K Mawson reported the footpath from Drigg Road via the Croft to the beach is very overgrown. Cllr Moore advised this was a highways responsibility.

11.3 It was reported Marble Arch could be closed for 6 months for concrete repair work. A survey has been carried out and the actual work will only take about 2 weeks. However, the area may be closed well before the work commences.

12. Correspondence

12.1 A faulty lamp opposite 4 South Parade has been reported. The light comes on for 29 seconds and goes off for 25seconds, repeating this cycle the entire evening. Cllr Moore advised he will speak

to the electrician.

13. Members of the public questions submitted to Council

- 13.1** Karen Warmoth asked what was happening with the parish magazine? Council advised, the editor, would want to be paid for this work and could not manage this on her own. The Chair proposed each of the parishes provide a representative, agreed by Council. K Warmoth advised Drigg Parish Council would be interested. Clerk to contact Gosforth and Drigg Parish Councils with this proposal.
- 13.2** Brenda Parsons asked why there was no tribute to a parishioner who had died and criticised the Council for not doing so. She was advised by Council it was respecting the family's wishes.
- 13.3** Brenda Parsons read out a statement complaining about the sea front and play area, accusing the Council of ruining it. Complained about lack of a litter bin in a specific location, whilst admitting there are 14 on the foreshore...The Chair asked if she had any questions for the Council, this was ignored...Complained about the car park, accusing the Council of lack of consideration for wheelchair users. Complained about named Cllrs, the clerk, and the Council in general. Complained that despite receiving £300,000 from Sellafeld and other organisations, it had done nothing for the elderly. The Council advised Shackles Off hold various clubs for the elderly.

The Chair, interrupted by Brenda Parsons who was advised she had used the allocated time, and declared the meeting closed

14. Dates of forthcoming meetings

Full Council Meeting Wednesday 4th October 2023

Summary of Actions

- 6.1 - 4/22/2301/OF1 planning department notified
- 6.2 - 4/23/2174/OF1 planning department notified
- 7.4 - Cllr B Harvey Chadwick to place order and advise supplier email address to send invoice
- 7.4 - Cllr Moore to ask electrician to evaluate requirements for new lights
- 8.3 - Clerk to contact Library electricity supplier and send July & August toilet block & library invoices to Cllrs. Actioned
- 9.2 - Cllr L Mawson to contact Mandy re: volunteers for litter picking on Coniston Avenue, litter pickers provided
- 9.3 - Cllr Moore to make infra-red taps enquires
- 9.7 - Cllr Moore to place order for materials
- 11.1 - Clerk to make forces flags enquiries
- 12.1 – Cllr Moore to provide update on faulty light
- 13.1 - Clerk to contact Drigg and Gosforth Parish Councils for parish magazine representatives