

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 4th October 2023
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

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

Members of the Public:

James Goode
Jay Halliwell
Brenda Parsons
Karen Warmoth

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1. Apologies

Cllrs John Graham & Lizzie Mawson

2. Announcements from the Chair

Advised members of the public if they wish to ask the Council any questions, they need to put their name on the Record of Attendance

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

None

4. Ratify the previous meeting's Minutes

Proposed by Cllr Tallentire and seconded by Cllr K Mawson

5. Matters arising/Actions

6.1 Clerk notified Planning of Council decision

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7.4 Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick reported the new Christmas have been ordered. New electrical sockets to be fitted.

9.1 Cllr Moore reported the library refurbishment is on hold. Therefore, it is likely the plastering repair will need to be carried out before any refurbishments are started. He will speak to the library committee to establish what they are proposing to do

9.2 No further update on possible volunteers

9.3 Cllr Moore reported the faulty tap has been fixed and there is no fault with the water pressure. He also advised the infra-red option would require electrical modification work to be carried out, however, an electrician and plumber would need to work together on

this upgrade. For the short-term replacement taps could be considered whilst the availability of the contractors is organised.

- 9.7 Cllr Moore reported the supplies were procured, passed to the cricket club and the repairs have been carried out
- 11.2 Cllr K Mawson reported no action to date
- 11.3 Cllr K Mawson reported the Marble Arch repair has been carried out
- 12.1 Cllr Moore reported 4 lights were repaired, however , it would appear there is another that requires a replacement lamp. He will contact the contractor regarding this
- 13.1 Clerk to contact Gosforth Parish Council

6. To consider any planning issues

- 6.1 4/23/2280 ON1- Seascale Hall - to put their name on the Record of Attendance No Objection

7. Reports from Councillors and working groups

7.1 Cumberland regeneration programme presentation

Cllr Moore reported the meeting in September. The ecological survey will commence this month;

however it has not been well advertised as there was an open day held in the library and only one person attended. It was suggested that perhaps the partnership could provide posters to advertise these events and Cllr Moore will contact the partnership with this proposal. Allerdale has been removed from the south Cumberland group and Cllr Moore reported this exit strategy had not been well handled. However, all the submitted funding requests will be honoured.

7.2 Water Tower Artwork proposal update

Formal Contract agreed and confirmation there will be no Christmas lights on the Water Tower. The Artwork team to be notified accordingly.

8. Finance

- 8.1 The reconciled Cash Book Balance for September is £91960.90

Creditor	Credit	Debit (gross)	VAT	Comments
Cumberland Council		884.00		Litter bin trade waste collection Apr-June
Pelleymounters		27.50	2.08	Grass seed & Addis bin
Cllr L Mawson		90.00	15.00	Fire extinguisher refill
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick		250.00		Foreshore litter bins AAugust
Waterplus		79.71	0.32	Library water x 4 charges - Jul-Aug
Waterplus		106.94		Toilet block water & wastewater - Jul-Aug
Octopus Energy		37.90	1.80	Toilet block electric - August
Octopus Energy		561.34	93.56	Library electric - August
PATA		35.80		Payroll service & Pension Regulator
Cllr David Moore		69.20	11.53	Pavilion downpipe replacement
House of Flags		799.20	133.20	Union flag & 3 x armed services flags
Girobank Core Business	455.70			Car park honesty box
EE Ltd		22.50		DAV monthly SIM maintenence
Account 1		18.00		Service Charge
General Reserve Account	234.33			interest credit

8.2 To Consider requests for payments

Christmas lights, other invoices have been received but not yet logged, payment will occur in approximately a weeks' time.

- 8.3 **Library electric usage** – Cllr Tallentire reported the library heaters are not switched off but set to 15°. This would help explain why the electric bill is so high as during chilly nights the heaters will automatically switch on. Council agreed a smart meter with just one tariff should be requested.

9. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

- 9.1 Library** – Cllr Moore reported there is a concern about the plaster work. He will arrange to meet with committee to ascertain its plan of action regarding the refurbishment. If being placed on hold, the Council will organise a contractor for the plastering repair. Also consider suitable heating alternative which is more cost effective.
- 9.2 Play areas** – Cllr Moore advised it is usually Cllr L Mawson who reports this item. Brenda Parsons interrupted and provided a photo of a bolt that had previously secured one of the recreational logs. Cllr Moore advised, and affirmed, he would check this the following day and view how the repair could be carried out. Brenda Parsons was of the opinion the play area logs should be removed.
- 9.3 Toilet block** – See above
- 9.4 BMX track** – Nothing to report
- 9.5 CCTV** – Nothing to report
- 9.6 Sports Hall – SPC representative** – Nothing to report

10. Consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

- 10.1** Cllr Tallentire reported there appears to be a resident who uses the layby by Pelley Mounters for continual long stay parking, without consideration for other people who use this for accessing the shops resulting in reduced spaces and asked if anything could be done about this. Whilst this behaviour is rather selfish, unfortunately there are no parking restrictions for this layby. Cllr Moore will make enquiries to highways to also have this layby as short stay.
- 10.2** It was also reported that an Arnold Clarke bus is stopping further down the road near the Church. Cllr Moore advised they have been advised not to do this and will contact Sellafield regarding this breach of conditions.
- 10.3** Cllr K Mawson expressed concern about the continued lack of lighting by the school and the flashing school sign is still not working. Cllr Moore advised Cumberland Council are aware of this problem and will be repairing the school sign and replacing the streetlights.

11. Urgent items raised by Councillors

- 11.1** The new signage for the defibrillators have been fitted and Cllr Tallentire thanked for carrying out this work.
- 11.2** The Christmas lights switch on will be on 10th December. This information will be put on the website in November.
- 11.3** The Marble Arch footpath to The Banks is uneven and reported to Cumberland highways.

12. Correspondence

- 12.1** South Cumberland is holding networking events, interest was expressed by Cllrs and the clerk will forward this accordingly.

13. Members of the public questions submitted to Council

- 13.1** Jay Halliwell offered to reset the library heaters back to the reset/switch on position. The Council accepted his offer and thanked him for this help in this matter.
- 13.2** He also suggested the play area would benefit from having fencing installed around to keep dogs out. The Council advised it would make enquiries into this as it did have funding to pay for this.
- 13.3** Brenda Parsons disagreed with fencing the area stating “there will be hell to pay if you do that”.
- 13.4** She asked why the 2023 RoSPA report was not on the website. The clerk advised this was because the Council had not received it. The Chair confirmed once it has been received it will go on the website.
- 13.5** Asked why the hammock has not been replaced and how much will it cost and why was it not reported in the Minutes meeting at the time? While the Chair was trying to answer B Parsons

kept interrupting him. The Chair advised a Cumberland Council monthly inspections are carried out by RoSPA inspector, who reports any issues to the Council. She was also advised it was reported in the Minutes, which she claimed it was not. However a member of the public also confirmed it was reported in meeting Minutes. How much is it going to cost? The Chair advised it is understood will be replaced at no cost as it is still under guarantee. B Parsons continued to claim otherwise and continued to complain.

B Parsons asked if it was alright to sign on the way out, she was advised she to use her own name.

14. Dates of forthcoming meetings

Full Council Meeting Wednesday 1st November 2023

Summary of Actions

- (5) 9.3 Cllr Moore to provide update on toilet block replacement taps/possibility of infra-red
- (5) 12.1 Cllr Moore to contact contractor on additional South Parade faulty light
- (5) 13.1 Clerk to contact Gosforth PC - Update response received via Drigg PC meeting to be organised.
- 6.1 4/23/2280 ON1planning department notified
- 7.2 Clerk to contact Artwork team to confirm SPC agreement to proposals. Actioned
- 8.3 Clerk to contact Library electricity supplier to request new smart meter with one tariff. Actioned and agreed by supplier
- 9.1 Cllr Moore to provide library update
- 10.2 Cllr Moore to contact Sellafeld re: Arnold Clarke bus
- 12.1 Clerk to forward Cumberland networking email actioned