

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 1st November 2023
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

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

Members of the Public:

Brenda Parsons
Karen Warmoth

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1. Apologies

Cllrs David Moore & John Spokes

2. Announcements from the Chair

None

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 C Harvey-Chadwick

5. Summary of Actions

(5) 9.3 Cllr Moore reported tap fixed, infra-red still under consideration

(5) 12.1 Cllr Moore reported additional light fixed

(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 B Harvey-Chadwick reported the library heaters had been set to 18 degrees, this has been reduced to 10. He will continue to monitor this with Cllr Graham. A copy of the heater manual will be emailed to the clerk for the Council records.

10.2 Cllr Moore to contact Sellafield re: Arnold Clarke bus actioned

12.1 Clerk to forward Cumberland networking email actioned

Matters Arising

- (5) 10.1 Cllr Tallentire reported the white BMW is not parking as regularly in the layby by Pelley Mounters
- (5) 11.3 Cllr K Mawson reported the Marble Arch footpath repair is still outstanding

6. To consider any planning issues

- 6.1 4/23/2290/OF1 - Civil Nuclear Constabulary Training Facility, Sellafield - Change of use of land from landscaped area to memorial garden. No Objection
- 6.2 4/23/2305/OF1 - Sellafield - Prior notification of proposed demolition of Thorp Management centre link bridge. No Objection
- 6.3 4/23/2294/OF1 - 44 Wasdale Park - First floor extension above attached garage. No Objection

7. Reports from Councillors and working groups

7.1 Cumberland regeneration programme presentation

Pending receipt of report

8. Finance

8.1 The reconciled Cash Book Balance for October is £94,166.26

Creditor	Credit	Debit (gross)	VAT Comments
Festive Lights Ltd		2119.26	353.21 Xmas light replacements
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick		150.00	Foreshore litter bins September
Waterplus		103.56	1.28 Library water x 4 charges - Aug-Sept
Waterplus		919.98	Toilet block water & wastewater - Aug-Sept
Avison Young	7500.00		03/04/2023 - 02/10/2023
Octopus Energy		35.83	1.71 Toilet block electric - September
Octopus Energy		560.02	93.34 Library electric - September
WF Cascade		43.49	7.25 Toilet block supplies
T&C Biggins		840.00	Install new sports hall sign, foreshore lighting & defibs
EE Ltd		22.50	DAV monthly SIM maintenance

8.2 To Consider requests for payments

Not yet logged, payment will occur in approximately a weeks' time.

8.3 Remembrance Sunday

Cllr L Mawson reported a wreath has been ordered for the 11th November, cost just under £25.00 receipt to be forwarded to the clerk. This year there will be a P.A. system. The Scouts have done a very good job organising the parade, there will Standard bearers and both the Scouts and Girl Guides will be on parade.

9. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

9.1 Library – See Matters Arising item above

9.2 Play areas – Cllr L Mawson the softwood fittings will be removed as they were only a temporary measure. The hammock will be replaced. It was also discussed that more play equipment should be installed, such as toddler swings and perhaps larger swings. Suppliers could visit and assess the site. Agreed by Council as the funding for this is available. B Parsons kept interrupting this item and was advised by the Chair and the clerk to wait until public participation.

Cllr Tallentire reported he had repaired the Coniston Avenue football nets and asked if any replacements could be ordered. Cllr L Mawson advised they had been purchased and would be fitted in the Spring. Cllr Tallentire was thanked for carrying out the net repairs.

9.3 Toilet block – The gents' toilets has been vandalised again; it is suspected it was the same juveniles. This could have been halted, if the police had acted on the evidence provided. A poster with a request to the public to be vigilant will be created and circulated to the Council for consideration. On approval this will be put on the website and the facebook page.

- 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 K Mawson advised he had seen what appeared to be streetlight bases had been laid near to the school.
- 10.2 Cllr K Mawson reported that the railway ticket offices will remain open. Closing these was considered an ill-ill-advised decision by most of the public.
- 10.3 Cllr L Mawson reported the bus company Stagecoach, would be making a large investment in the Cumbria area to supply more bus services and a service where currently none exist. B Parsons interrupted to complain there were already 40 going into the car park on a daily basis.

11. Urgent items raised by Councillors

- 11.1 Cllr Graham reported the problem trees cause in residential areas. The land is not owned by the Council and the owner cannot be contacted. This has resulted in trees growing so large they are shading properties, upturning paving slabs and a risk to the overhead cables. It appears the only way to deal with this is for residents to pay to have the trees pruned back or removed. The damaged pavements are the responsibility of highways.
- 11.2 Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick reported the telephones will be going digital next year and many people with landlines will lose the ability to use their phones – not everyone can use a mobile phone, ie those with visual or hearing impairments, also mobile phones do not work in all properties. The clerk confirmed this, as she has to go outside because the thickness of the walls restrict the signal. The Cllr believes a further mast is required in the area and he will forward this information to the clerk to put on the website.

12. Correspondence

- 12.1 The Council received an email from another local Parish Council expressing concern about NDA's failure to maintain their properties and allowing to fall into a state of disrepair and have asked all the PC's copied if they will support contacting NDA as a group to express their concerns. SPC fully agree, as it has also seen this happening in the Seascale area and has even resulted in demolition of grade listed buildings, when they could have been placed on the housing market and then preserved. Clerk will notify Ponsonby & Calderbridge PC expressing support.

13. Members of the public questions submitted to Council

- 13.1 B Parsons reported a poster had been put up on the foreshore. Cllr L Mawson advised this will be removed, and the person who put this up will be contacted and advised accordingly. It is understood Seascale is not the only village where these posters have been put up.
- 13.2 Asked why swings were being put up in the play area when the original ones were removed? She was advised they were removed based on RoSPA advice; it would cost as much to repair as it would to replace.
- 13.3 Repeated her complaint the foreshore is an eyesore etc and made derogatory comments about Cllr L Mawson including calling the Cllr a liar - the clerk advised B Parsons to control her language.
- 13.4 Asked when the 2023 RoSPA report would be put on the website. The clerk reported she had been advised the inspection would be taking place that week and once it had been received it would go on the website after it had been circulated to the Cllrs. B Parsons was reminded she was advised of this last month. Complained it should have been done in September. The clerk advised it was only a month or so later and she is the only person who has an issue with this. The clerk further advised it is possible the work involved in the amalgamation of the Councils into Cumberland may have caused this delay.

- 13.5** Claimed Cllr L Mawson should not be involved in play area matters and should declare an interest because she has a business on the foreshore. Cllr Tallentire advised B Parsons all the Council discussed and agreed with the suggested foreshore play area improvements. Cllr Tallentire then proposed the foreshore play area improvement motion agreed by Council and asked for a seconder, which was simultaneously seconded by more than one Cllr.
- 13.6** K Warmoth asked how the Parish Stakeholder meetings were managed. The Council advised there were representatives from each local Parish who were invited to attend.
- 14. Dates of forthcoming meetings**
Full Council Meeting Wednesday 6th December 2023

Summary of Actions

- (5) 11.3 Highways to be contacted again about the failure to repair the March Arch footpath
- 6.1 4/23/2290/0F1 planning department notified
- 6.2 4/23/2305/0F1 planning department notified
- 6.3 4/23/2294/0F1 planning department notified
- 8.3 Wreath receipt to be forwarded to the clerk for reimbursement
- 9.1 Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick to forward heater manual to clerk - actioned
- 9.3 Clerk to create a public awareness poster to be circulated to Council for additions etc prior to posting
- 11.2 Cllr Harvey-Chadwick to forward digital upgrade data to clerk for posting on website
- 12.1 Clerk to contact Ponsonby & Calderbridge PC