

**Minutes**  
of the  
Seascale Parish Council Meeting  
held on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

**Present:**

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

**Members of the Public who signed in:**

J Goode  
K Warmoth  
B Parsons - attended but declined to sign in

Meeting is recorded for minuting purposes

**1. Apologies**

None

**2. Announcements from the Chair**

The Remembrance Parade was well presented with scouts and guides and the Parish Council was pleased so many numerous membership of the public attending, despite the inclement weather. The Chair thanked the person who had organised it.

The Christmas lights switch on occurs on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. The Cllrs will be at the Pavilion from 4:15pm and mulled wine, mince pies and shortbread will be available from 4:30, with the official switch taking place at 4:45pm. Residents and visitors are welcome.

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

None

**4. Ratify the previous meeting's Minutes**

Proposed by Cllr J Graham and seconded by Cllr Tallentire

**5. Summary of Actions**

- (5) 11.3 Highways to be contacted again about the failure to repair the March Arch footpath
  - 6.1 Planned department notified
  - 6.2 Planned department notified
  - 6.3 Planned department notified
  - 8.3 Wreath receipt to be forwarded to the clerk for reimbursement - pending
  - 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 - actioned
- 11.2 Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick to forward digital upgrade data to clerk for posting on website - pending
- 12.1 Clerk to contact Ponsonby & Calderbridge PC - actioned

#### **Matters Arising**

- 10.2 Cllr K Mawson reported the Whitehaven railway ticket office will remain open and tickets can be bought to cover the stations, such as Seascale, which have no ticket office.

#### **6. To consider any planning issues**

- 6.1** 4/23/9005 - Construction of the Box Encapsulation Plant Product Store 2 (BEPPS2), including a transfer tunnel and link bridge connection to/from BEPPS1, associated plant and infrastructure - No Comment
- 6.2** 4/23/2318/0F1- The Cottage Guest House. Black How – Objection - It was understood the planning department advised no further development in this area would be considered, not least because the sewage storage and septic tank has reached capacity
- 6.3** 4/23/2321/0F1 - Great Gable 3 Links Crescent - Demolition of garage & replacement single storey extension to side to form bedroom & wet room - No Objection
- 6.4** 4/23/2311/0F1 - Manx View, Drigg Road - RESUBMISSION - Extensions to existing bungalow to dormer bungalow by extra 3/4 storey on top of existing bungalow; front storey & 3/4 high porch extension; rear single storey extension in similar footprint of existing conservatory including external alterations & a temporary static caravan & storage container - No Objection
- 6.5** 4/23/2259/0F1 - West Lakeland dog training HQ, Seascale - Replacement storage building for use in connection with existing dog training business - Objection – Application does not appear to contain accurate information. British Rail did not gift this area to the club. The land was bought by SPC. Land Registry to be contacted to establish ownership. Request to planning department for a deferment until legal ownership is established. Email to be sent to club expressing disappointment there was no consultation with SPC or any of the other groups who use this area, before submitting this application for the removal of temporary building to be replaced with a permanent building

#### **7. Reports from Councillors and working groups**

##### **7.1 Cumberland regeneration programme presentation**

Meets on Monday after Council meeting. It is possible meetings will be reduced to quarterly, as initial engagement programme is completed.

#### **8. Finance**

- 8.1** The reconciled Cash Book Balance for November is £90,873.07

<b>Creditor</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Debit (gross)</b>	<b>VAT Comments</b>
SPC		600.00	ICO investigations
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick		150.00	Foreshore litter bins October
Waterplus		61.72	0.25 Library water x 4 charges - Sept-Oct
Waterplus		106.42	Toilet block water & wastewater - Sept-Oct
Moore		378.00	63.00 Annual external audit
Octopus Energy		32.41	1.54 Toilet block electric - October
Octopus Energy		622.14	103.69 Library electric - October
T&C Biggins		820.00	Christmas display electrical installation
EE Ltd		22.50	DAV monthly SIM maintenance

The Council explained the £600.00 on ICO investigations was taxpayers' money, spent on what the ICO has ruled as "frivolous" complaints. It was further explained when the ICO asked for evidence, it also requested evidence of all emails. This has totalled nearly 1000 emails since the record keeping commenced in March 2016. Council requested the Clerk to notify the ICO that because of the cost to the taxpayer, it will not respond to further frivolous complaints submitted from this source. Cllr Moore requested a copy of the completed audit to submit to LLWR for funding.

## 8.2 December payments to date

Creditor	Credit	Debit (gross)	VAT Comments
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick		80.00	Foreshore litter bins November
Waterplus		83.92	0.77 Library water x 4 charges - Oct-Nov
Waterplus		159.61	Toilet block water & wastewater - Oct-Nov
Cumberland Council		884.00	Litter bin trade waste collection
CALC		60	Effective Cllr Training Course
PATA		25.80	Payroll service

## 8.3 Consider Transfer Reserve from library due to refurbishment is on hold

Council agreed to split the general reserve between all the assets

## 9. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

**9.1 Library** – Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick reported the out of hours temperature has been set to 13° and instructions on how to adjust the heating temperature when open have been provided. However, he noted the library door was open with temperature had been set to 19°. The Trustees should consider what they want to spend the remainder of the grant on. This could be used for the purchase of blinds, an alternative heating system – they could perhaps consider a sustainable option such as solar panels. Or upgrade to the kitchen area and/or toilet facility. Cllr Spokes will speak to one of the Trustees about this. The plastering repair will not be carried out until the library has decided how and where this funding will be spent.

**9.2 Play areas** – Cllr L Mawson reported the new hammock has now been fitted but requires a minor height adjustment.

**9.3 Toilet block** – The draft ‘be vigilant’ poster has been agreed and will be put up in prominent places around the village. Local shops will also be asked if they will accommodate this. Cllr L Mawson to laminate posters

**9.4 CCTV** – Nothing to report

**9.5 Sports Hall – SPC representative** – Nothing to report

**9.6 SRA** - Cllr Moore reported it now has 8 Trustees under a new charitable trust

## 10. Consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

**10.1** Cllr K Mawson asked what the recent email about speeds was about. Cllr Moore Cumberland Council are resetting some of the speed limits in different parts of Cumbria, for example the speed limit on the B5344 between Gosforth and Seascale has been set to 50mph. This is the only change which affects Seascale. B Parson was asked not to interrupt when a Cllr is speaking. It is understood a public consultation will be sent out.

**10.2** Cllr Moore will ask at a highways meeting he is attending if a delivery of salt grit can be delivered to Seascale.

**10.3** It was reported whilst Sellafield workers no longer park in the cricket field layby, the locals are getting parking tickets. Discs are available and the Parish Council advise drivers should get one to avoid this. The discs are usually available in shops.

**10.4** Cllr K Mawson reported it would appear the necessary work has now been carried out, as there is no longer flooding at Blae Wath.

**10.5** Cllr K Mawson asked when the streetlights, that were taken down by the school, would be replaced and how many of them? Cllr Moore reported there would be less, but each gives out a brighter light. However, this may not happen until next year.

## 11. Urgent items raised by Councillors

**11.1** Cllr C Harvey-Chadwick advised she was hoping to put the Christmas tree up the day after the meeting and any help would be welcome

**11.2** Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick reported there are still some Christmas lights in a box and asked was it worth checking the installed ones prior to the formal switch on and where were the switches located? Is

there a master switch? Cllr Moore understood all the lights were connected and agreed with a test switch on.

## **12. Correspondence**

**12.1** The Council received an email from the police via CALC about giving a fraud prevention talk. Drigg Council has advised the Committee of the U3A have booked the Police to come and talk about Fraud Prevention at Gosforth Public Hall on Tuesday 27th February 2024 at 10.15 am (refreshments), 10.45 am presentation.

**12.2** The Council received an email from NFLA based in Manchester regarding the Geological disposal facility and if a postal survey will be carried out. Clerk to advise the Parish Council attends regular meetings with GDF and reports back at the Council meeting. GDF will be organising a public consultation.

## **13. Members of the public questions submitted to Council**

**13.1** B Parsons asked SPC are paying for the hammock? She was advised it was not the hammock, only some of the infrastructure not under warranty, that needed to be replaced.

**13.2** Claimed decisions were made outside the meetings, asked why there aren't sub-committee meetings, and was it because the Council didn't want her attending.

**13.3** Claimed cars were speeding on the wrong side of the road along Drigg Road though the village. The buses are driving at more than 20mph.

**13.4** J Goode asked if the footpath along the railway line would be cut back as it is very overgrown. Cllr L Mawson advised Haverigg have been asked if they could cut this back again, but no response has been received. If some of the overgrown area is from gardens on the other side, it is their responsibility to cut this back. Cumberland Council can advise the landowners to carry out this work.

## **14. Dates of forthcoming meetings**

**Full Council Meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

## **Summary of Actions**

- (5) 11.2 Phone digitalisation - Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick is currently collating the information, and will forward this to the Clerk to put on the website
- 6.1 Planning department to be notified of Council comments - actioned
- 6.2 Planning department to be notified of Councils' Objection - actioned
- 6.3 Planning department to be notified of Councils' No Objection - actioned
- 6.4 Planning department to be notified of Councils' No Objection - actioned
- 6.5 Planning department to be notified of Councils' Objection, contact the Land Registry and the applicant - actioned
- 8.3 Clerk to contact ICO and forward signed off accounts to Cllr Moore - actioned
- 9.1 Cllr Spokes to report on conversation with library Trustee
- 9.3 Cllr L Mawson to laminate posters
- 10.2 Cllr Moore to report on request for salt grit
- 12.2 Clerk to provide Councils' response to email received - actioned