

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 3rd January 2024
In the Methodist School Room Seascale

Present:

Chair Cllr Lizzie Mawson
Vice Chair Cllr David Moore
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 who signed in:

B Parsons - attended but declined to sign in
J Rushworth

Meeting is recorded for minuting purposes

1. Apologies

Cllr John Spokes

2. Announcements from the Chair

Thanked the Cllrs for attending the lights switch on and was pleased so many members of the public also came. She also suggested this could be extended to a community event and asked the Council to consider inviting the scouts, who could set up a stall and perhaps raise some funding for themselves.

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 Graham

5. 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

Matters Arising

None

6. To consider any planning issues

- 6.1** 4/23/2361/OF1 - 5 The Fairways - Single storey extension to rear and alteration & conversion of conservatory to form permanent room – No Objection

7. Reports from Councillors and working groups

- 7.1 Cumberland regeneration programme presentation** – The last meeting was held at the Baileyground hotel on 11 December and advertised it was open to the public. Finland has the most developed nuclear disposal site in the World and a couple of British representatives were assigned to visit the site. Cllr Moore was one of the fortunate delegates chosen. He reported whilst small in scale it is large in scope and was given a tour around the site and impressed by what Finland is achieving.

A sub-group will discuss the exit strategy as the geological surveys are all but completed pending release of the data. Presentations will also be held outside the survey area, at Egremont and Cleator Moor. Cllr Moore also reported the funding will continue and year 3 has commenced and the year 2 funding (£1 Million) has been spent. The next meeting will be on 16 January.

7.2 Foreshore Litter Bins

The emptying of the litter bins during high season is too much for one person and unfortunately the advert for others has not been successful. Fly tipping continues to be a problem and it was also noted that some of the locals have been using the recycling area trade waste bins for their household rubbish and this is resulting in the trade waste bins overflowing and nowhere to deposit the litter bin bags. The Council was asked if it will consider a lockable trade waste compound, perhaps using one of the car park spaces by the toilet block. A secure compound would avoid this indiscriminate tipping. At peak time some, but not all, of the foreshore bins need emptying daily and litter bin contract would result in some bins overflowing and others being emptied when they are only half full. It was also noted there has been no beach cleans/seasonal cleaner. Cllrs L Mawson and Moore will organise meeting with Cumberland Council to discuss the high and low importance litter bin emptying and other options to manage the litter bin emptying. It was also noted the fish & chip shop needs a larger bin to accommodate their cardboard cartons they use, as this is resulting in the foreshore bins being filled with these and more litter on the foreshore generally. The Council question why the shop is using these containers. Whilst this can be understood for those taking the food home, but not if it is being eaten straightaway. Throughout the Council discussion B Parsons loudly and continually interrupted, despite being asked on numerous occasions to wait for the public participation agenda item, to allow the clerk to take minutes of this debate – to which B Parsons stated the minutes were always inaccurate anyway.

8. Finance

- 8.1** The reconciled Cash Book Balance for December is £99,663.51

Date	Creditor	Credit	Debit (gross)	VAT Comments
05/12/2023	Catherine Harvey-Chadwick		80.00	Foreshore litter bins November
05/12/2023	Waterplus		83.92	0.77 Library water x 4 charges - Oct-Nov
05/12/2023	Waterplus		159.61	Toilet block water & wastewater - Oct-Nov
05/12/2023	Cumberland Council		884.00	Litter bin trade waste collection
05/12/2023	CALC		60.00	Effective Cllr Training Course
05/12/2023	PATA		25.80	Payroll service
16/12/2023	Pelleymounters		92.50	20.00 Xmas Tree (includes credit)
16/12/2023	Cumberland Council		436.92	72.82 Play Area Repairs
16/12/2023	Octopus Energy		32.77	3.36 Toilet block electric - November
16/12/2023	Octopus Energy		751.61	125.27 Library electric - November
29/12/2023	HMRC	11697.18		VAT claim
31/12/2024	EE Ltd		22.50	DAV monthly SIM maintenance
31/12/2024	Account 1		18.00	Service Charge
31/12/2024	General Reserve Account	240.89		interest credit

8.2 Payments for approval

Catherine Harvey-Chadwick	50.00	Foreshore litter bins December
Waterplus	81.35	Library water x 4 charges - Nov-Dec
Waterplus	140.75	Toilet block water & wastewater - Nov-Dec

8.3 Precept

The clerk reported it was likely there would be a precept overspend, this would likely be due to 4 areas. 1 – whilst the overall cost of the trade waste bins has not gone up Cumberland Council (CC) has removed the VAT, this effectively means a 20% rise in the overall cost to SPC. Whilst it is acknowledged this should have VAT applied the invoices do not show this so it cannot be reclaimed. This will be queried next week along with the breakdown of the open spaces and inspection invoice, as this invoice does not list the time period each cost covers.

2 – the insurance cost

3 – the ICO investigations cost

4 – inflation impact

CC has also requested SPC submit its precept figure later this month. This will be deferred until next month when just over 10 months of precept spend has occurred, and the Council can assess the overspend against the above.

9. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

9.1 Library – Nothing to report

9.2 Play areas – Nothing to report

9.3 Toilet block – Nothing to report

9.4 CCTV – An arm to one of the cameras overlooking the recycling area may be useful, Unfortunately the last time flying tipping was reported, and CCTV footage provided CC did not take the matter further.

9.5 Sports Hall – SPC representative – Nothing to report

9.6 Sports Hall and surrounding area Title Deeds – Cllr Moore reported the Title Deeds evidence the land was purchased from the British Rail Board by SPC. A £20,000 mortgage was required to achieve this. They clearly show the land including the 2 garages belong to SPC. These garages were built by SPC to replace those which were removed from the bowling green area. This was because two residents still wanted use of these. Whilst a resident may no longer had use for it and 'gifted' it to the dog club, the Title Deeds clearly evidence this was not gifted by British Rail and that the land it is on is owned by SPC. Permission from SPC is required to build on this land. Failure to do so, would only result in the club having no road access to the building. Clerk to write to dog club and advise accordingly and that the club should contact SPC to discuss their planning application. It is noted some of the legal documentation is held at more than one location, much of the stored documentation is not required, such as old planning applications and will be removed and destroyed. Cllr Tallentire proposed a fire-proof safe to store the important legal documentation and that he could carry out a search for a suitable safe. Agreed by Council for him to circulate this and on

agreement by Council the safe is purchased.

10. Consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

- 10.1** Cllr K Mawson reported a resident parked in the cricket field layby to collect a prescription from the chemist, he was served straightaway and returned within 15 minutes of parking the car to find he has a £50.00 parking ticket. SPC strongly advise everyone gets a parking disc to avoid this happening. Cllr Moore reported that new signs have been ordered but pending receipt and installation.
- 10.2** Cllr Moore reported £14 million will be spent on substantial road works on the A595 affecting Whicham Valley for 5 weeks.

Further details are on the website. The clerk reported that the roadworks will also affect many of the surrounding towns and villages and will result in significant detours. For example Ennerdale Bridge and Kirland cannot be accessed via the A5086. A helpline number is in the PDF to register queries.

11. Urgent items raised by Councillors

- 11.1** Cllr K Mawson asked when the Nat West van will be in Seascale. He was advised it would be in the car park on, Tuesdays 10:45 – 11:30am
- 11.2** Cllr Tallentire noted whilst children use the football field, could it be upgraded? The Chair advised the problem with upgrading it would be parking issues and it is not in the best location to accommodate matches. He also asked if GDF funding available could be applied for to upgrade the Water Tower. This will be added to next month's agenda for discussion along with the library (meeting rooms are no longer a consideration as Shackles Off will be providing these) and a further location for a football pitch.

12. Correspondence

- 12.1** Mr Rushworth is organising a Seascale Gala week later this year but cannot the advance funding for bouncy castles and asked if SPC could supply the funding. It advised it is unable to provide this sort of funding because of the protocols it must follow. However, it suggested if there was a charge to use this – which is standard, it would meet a lot of the cost. It also asked if he could enquire what the deposit is and when the end date payment needs to be paid and if the latter is on completion of use and deposit is reasonable, it may be able to provide funding for the deposit. It further suggested inviting St Johns ambulance (for first aid cover rather than paying a private first aid entity) the fire station and CNC, both provide a good presentations. It also advised if the 'parade' is mobile, a road closure is not necessary. Mr Rushworth is to be commended for his efforts. as he has been organising on his own but hopes to have volunteers during the Gala.

13. Members of the public questions submitted to Council

- 13.1** B Parsons repeated her complaints about buses and speeding, despite being previously advised speeding is a police matter. Disagreed at length with the proposals being considered under item 7.2 above. Did not agree to having so many litter bins on the foreshore and did not believe there needed to be so many. Repeated complaints about the recycling area despite being previously advised this is on Cumberland, not Parish, Council land. Accused SPC of making a mess of the foreshore, complained about rubbish on the foreshore and that residents on South Parade were fed up with the state of it. It was pointed out not all the people on South Parade were of that opinion. Accused the Council of not speaking to her, Cllr C Harvey-Chadwick reminded her she had stated she didn't to be spoken to. B Parsons responded by telling her to "shut up".

At the close of the meeting B Parsons approached the Chair and stated, in front of numerous witnesses, she looked forward to and "would enjoy witnessing her demise".

14. Dates of forthcoming meetings

Full Council Meeting Wednesday 7th February

Summary of Actions

- 6.1 Planning department to be notified of Council comments – actioned
- 7.2 Cllrs L Mawson and Moore to organise meeting with Cumberland Council
- 8.3 Clerk to provide update precept spend for February meeting
- 9.6 Clerk to send a formal response to dog club and Cllr Tallentire to source a suitable fire-proof safe – actioned – Council to consider proposal - outstanding
- 11.2 Refurbishment of Parish assets to be added to following months meeting agenda