

**Minutes**  
of the  
Seascale Parish Council Meeting  
held on  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 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 John Spokes
	Cllr Ian Tallentire
Clerk	Jill Bush

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

M Franks  
J Goode  
B Parsons – attended but declined to sign in

Meeting is recorded for minuting purposes

**1. Apologies**

None

**2. Announcements from the Chair**

Visitors to Seascale expressed pleasure with the presentation of the foreshore and lack of litter.

**3. Declarations of interest by Councillors in respect to agenda item 6.**

Cllrs K and L Mawson, C Harvey-Chadwick (item 6.2) and Cllr Tallentire (item 12.1)

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

Proposed by Cllr Graham and seconded by Cllr Moore

**5. Summary of Actions**

- 6.1 Planning department to be notified of Council comments – actioned
- 6.2 Planning department to be notified of Councils No Objection – actioned
- 8.3 Clerk to forward library energy bill to be forwarded to Cllr L Mawson – actioned
- 8.3 Cllr Tallentire to read library meter and send it across to the clerk, as all the bills are estimated
- 9.1 Cllr Tallentire will look for the original refurbishment documents, which are understood to be in the library
- 9.5 Cllr Tallentire to contact the library regarding parties interested to join the committee - actioned
- 11.2 Cllr Tallentire to forward the document to the rest of Council for consideration – actioned
- 12.1 Clerk to contact Ponsonby & Calderbridge Parish clerk. Actioned
- 12.2 Clerk to contact dog club and request meeting date and times options. Actioned but meeting now cancelled, further dates and times to be considered

- 12.3 Clerk to complete, sign and return library trade waste bin contract to Cumberland Council - Actioned
- 12.4 Clerk to read, amend as required, sign and return the artwork agreement to Cumberland Council - Actioned

**Matters Arising**

5 (12.2) Cllr Moore reported the meeting had taken place and whilst he had agreed to let the dog club view the Bill of Sale documents, in hindsight on reviewing the documents in more detail this is not possible. This is because these documents contained personal information, such as bank details etc and would therefore contravene GDPR. Clerk to advise the dog club of this information.

**6. To consider any planning issues**

**6.1** 4/23/2318/0F1 - The Cottage Guest House - Objection. SPC received objections from members of the public and on reviewing this amendment agree the original objections submitted have not been addressed. It also recalls that previously access to the highways was also denied.

**6.2** 4/23/2174/0F1 - South Parade – The application before the Council are amendments to change the exterior door to accommodate disabled access, internal ventilation, bakers and bakery counter.

B Parsons raised objections she wanted minuted.

- Objection about an additional external door that is not on the plan
- Objection to knocking down the dividing wall
- Objection to drinks licencing
- Asked how the bakery counter was reached. Advised through the one external door and one internal door
- Was of the opinion the description of the soft play area applied for is inaccurate.
- Asked about the access to this area, located in the basement and was advised it was a door. B Parsons expressed concern about how access could be achieved if a stretcher was required.

The Council considered the application amendments discussed, continue to support this venture and a No Objection was unanimously given.

**6.3** 4/24/2088/0F1 - 49 Wasdale Park – No Objection

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

**7.1 Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership**

Engineering Feasibility studies to assess whether the relevant requirements can be satisfied considering Flexibility, Ability to Characterise, Ability to Design and Construct, Inventory for Disposal, Sustainable Design, Waste Conditions and Packaging, and Retrievability. Also ‘Sub-surface’ facility studies and ‘Surface’ facility studies, including disposal. NWS are developing an understanding of the geology in the accessways corridor. This knowledge will inform assessment of the feasibility of accessways, potential accessways construction alignments and techniques, the potential cost, programme, excavated material types and quantities, and construction material types and quantities. Safety will be a key factor in how NWS characterise a site and how a facility is constructed and operated. Once the facility is closed, NWS need to know that it will remain safe for people and the environment. To protect people and the environment the GDF needs to isolate the wastes, contain the wastes, and protect the engineered and geological barriers. To understand the feasibility of developing a GDF in an area, consideration is given to the rock type and structure, the groundwater behaviour, natural processes such as earthquakes, crustal uplift and glaciation, and natural resources which could affect the potential for inadvertent human intrusion into the GDF.

**Community Investment Funding (CIF) Update - Seascale Gala Week £2,190**

## 8. Finance

8.1 The reconciled Cash Book Balance for March is £107,683.64. This is also the final month of the 2023-24 financial year

Date	Creditor	Credit	Debit (gross)	VAT	Comments
01/03/2024	Avison Young	7500.00			03/10/2023 - 02/04/2024
10/03/2024	Catherine Harvey-Chadwick		23.00		Foreshore litter bins January
10/03/2024	Catherine Harvey-Chadwick		46.00		Foreshore litter bins February
10/03/2024	ICO		40.00		Annual subscription
10/03/2024	Designworks		180.00	30.00	Annual website subscription
10/03/2024	Cllr Moore Toolstation		55.44	9.24	Toolstation - Toilet block taps
10/03/2024	PATA		31.05		Payroll service
10/03/2024	Waterplus		79.71	0.32	Library water x 4 charges - Jan-Feb
10/03/2024	Waterplus		144.56		Toilet block water & wastewater - Jan-Feb
10/03/2024	WF Cascade		68.26	11.38	Toilet block supplies
10/03/2024	Octopus Energy		712.96	118.83	Library electric - February
10/03/2024	Octopus Energy		33.18	1.16	Toilet block electric - February
11/03/2024	Girobank Core Business	166.58			Car park honesty box
26/03/2024	EE Ltd		22.50		DAV monthly SIM maintenance
31/03/2024	Account 1		18.00		Service Charge
31/03/2024	General Reserve Account	239.93			interest credit

## 8.2 Payments for approval

April payments pending authorisation to date

Creditor	Debit (gross)	VAT	Comments
Alicia Gee	37.50		Relief cleaner
Waterplus	92.34	1.67	Library water x 4 charges - Feb-Mar
WF Cascade	172.26	28.71	Toilet block supplies

## 8.3 Precept

The end of year totals, whilst all this information is in the cashbook, this spreadsheet shows the precept spend breakdown.

## 8.4 End of year accounts spreadsheet

Shows the month-by-month income and expenditure. Applying formulas from different parts of the complete cashbook ensures the totals tally. Council agreed accounts and authorised £30,000 from Account 1 be transferred to the General Reserve account. Clerk to action and signatories to authorise transfer.

## 9. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

9.1 **Library** – SPC to invite the library trustees to a further meeting with 3 Cllrs to discuss the way forward. Clerk to send out invitation.

9.2 **Play areas** – Alternative supplier has been found for the open spaces work. Cllr L Mawson to finalise the details with contractor. Council agreed that Cumberland Council would still provide the play area inspections. Cllr L Mawson/Moore to action. The footpath from Drigg Road down to the beach needs maintenance to cutback the overgrowth. Clerk to contact Cumberland C parks and footpaths dept contacted to report the location, from The Croft, Drigg Road footpath leading down to beach.

9.3 **Toilet block** – Dawn reported the taps are working well and are switched off. However there is a continuing problems with the gents and disabled toilets not flushing and she has to unblock each day, also one of the ladies toilet, located on the right, is leaking at the base on the left. There has been an ongoing problem trying to get a plumber to carry out the necessary work. Cllr Moore explained how the toilet system operates, so it is not clear if it is only the flushing mechanism that needs to be replaced. Cllr Spokes offered to investigate.

9.4 **CCTV** – Nothing to report

9.5 **Sports Hall** – AGM 12 April @ 6:00pm in the sports hall. Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick will put this this

detail will be put on the facebook page to advise interest groups and those who would like to join the committee.

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

- 10.1** Cllr Moore reported there is a meeting on 18 April between 10.00am – 12.00pm in Drigg Hall. He is representing Cumberland C, so a couple of Parish Cllrs need to attend on behalf of Seascale. UPDATE Cllr Spokes has confirmed he will be attending.

## **11. Any Other Business**

- 11.1** Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick reported on the public response to the Community Plan. The basic results back are as follows

- Sea front - general refurbishment of play area to include toddler equipment, i.e. swings etc
- More planters and flowers around the parish grounds. Cllr C Harvey-Chadwick reported SPC has another, smaller, boat, and more compost will be used to plant more flowers etc. Location to be confirmed. It was noted other Councils have copied this idea.
- Coniston Avenue Park, outdoor gym equipment, 4g pitch, dog only area
- Toilet block - Changing rooms and shower block

The data is being collated and will be recirculated to achieve an extra level of detail.

- 11.2** Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick reported on his investigation into the website and advised it needed to be updated. He advised a different style of website that also had an email facility with a more formal address and would the Council like one address or one for each Cllr.? Council response was for just one email address. The Cllr also reported in his field of work he has contacts who could provide this type of upgrade and would the Council like enquiries to be made? Council agreed to this. However, this type of facility is usually paid via Paypal and he asked if SPC had a bank card? The clerk confirmed it hasn't. Council agreed with this added facility and advised the clerk to request one. Because of the limited time the clerk has it was also agreed by Council that Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick manage the website and the Clerk email him what needed to be entered onto the website.

- 11.3** Cllr Tallentire submitted the asset management plan for Council approval. Council agreed with the proposal, with one small amendment in the text. This will be used for the 2024-25 financial year and will be considered in February, following receipt from Cumberland C requesting the precept amount. The current draft plan will be displayed on the website following completion of 2023-24 audits.

## **12. Correspondence**

- 12.1** Cllr Moore reported Cumberland C refused to issue a refund for the trade waste bins that were not emptied in February despite admitting the fly tipping is not the Parish Councils responsibility. Following the onsite meeting Cumberland C have also despite more than one email have failed to respond to what was discussed. SPC has since found an alternative contractor who will empty the litter bins twice a week. The trade waste bins contract will be the only element of the discussion to be renewed.
- 12.2** Ponsonby and Calderbridge PC reported NDA has not responded to the letter sent signed by the local parish councils over its neglect of local properties and subsequently demolishing them, when they could provide home and business premises for local people. A further formal letter will be sent. The Chair and Council endorse this. Clerk to notify Ponsonby and Calderbridge PC accordingly.

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

- 13.1** M Franks expressed concern about the dog waste around the village is getting worse, particularly on the Coniston Avenue fields, on the beach, along the BMX track area and elsewhere around the village. He asked if notices could be put up. The Chair advised this has been done before and they were removed within hours and given the cost £500.00 for 5 or 6 it would prove an expensive exercise for nothing. However, it was noted by all that the poppies on lampposts have remained and perhaps if the posters were put on lampposts, it would be more successful? The Chair advised at a recent meeting with new Headmistress she expressed an interest in the school becoming more

involved in community matters. Cllr L Mawson will contact the Headmistress to ask if the children would like to create posters about picking up dog waste and the impact it has on children when it has not been picked up. The Chair also has the facility to laminate the chosen posters and they could then be put up on lampposts. Perhaps with the local school written on it may shame the dog owners to pick up their dog's waste.

- 13.2** B Parsons stated she had reported a broken post in the car park claiming it was caused by Sellafield traffic and asked had the clerk bothered to tell the Cllrs? Numerous Cllrs confirmed the clerk had circulated this, and Cllr Moore advised on inspection a repair was not necessary and the element of the post which had broken away would be removed. Asked if the CCTV had been checked and advised this occurred on Saturday.
- 13.3** B Parsons claimed there were potholes in the car park and usually caused by the buses turning in the car park. Council advised this work was actioned last month. When Cllr C Harvey-Chadwick spoke, B Parson stated she didn't want the Cllr to speak and was advised this behaviour was really rude.
- 13.4** B Parsons commented about the website and the survey, but for minuting purposes the question to the Council was not clear.

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

**Full Council Meeting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
APM & AGM 15<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **Summary of Actions**

- 5 (12.2) Clerk to contact dog club regarding GDPR restrictions and advise the offer must now be declined.  
Actioned
- 6.1 Planning department to be notified of Councils Objection – actioned
- 6.2 Planning department to be notified of Councils No Objection – actioned
- 6.3 Planning department to be notified of Councils No Objection – actioned
- 8.4 Clerk to transfer £30,000 from Account 1 into the General reserve account to action
- 8.4 Two banking signatories required to authorise transfer
- 8.3 Cllr Tallentire to read library meter and send it across to the clerk, as all the bills are estimated
- 9.2 Alternative supplier has been found for the open spaces work. Cllr L Mawson to finalise the details with contractor. Cllr L Mawson to action
- 9.2 Cllr L Mawson/Moore to contact Cumberland C to confirm the continuation of the play area inspections
- 9.2 The footpath from Drigg Road down to the beach needs maintenance to cutback the overgrowth. Cumberland C parks and footpaths dept contacted to report, the location from The Croft, Drigg Road footpath leading down to beach. Reported to Highways reference EI/200332
- 9.3 Cllr Spokes to investigate the toilet block flushing and leak problems. Actioned
- 9.5 Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick to put details of Sports Hall AGM on the facebook page to encourage those interested to attend
- 11.1 Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick to collate the data received from the response to the community plan to recirculate to get an extra level of detail.
- 11.2 Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick to make enquiries for an upgraded website
- 11.2 Clerk to make banker card enquiries. Actioned and information forwarded to Council.
- 11.3 Cllr Tallentire to edit the asset management plan and recirculate
- 12.1 Clerk to complete, sign and return foreshore trade waste bin contract to Cumberland Council.  
Actioned
- 12.2 NDA have not responded to the letter signed by multiple Parish Councils regarding its long-term neglect of local properties and a further one will be sent. Ponsonby and Calderbridge PC to be contacted and advised SPC Chair signatory to be added to this further letter. – actioned