

Minutes
of the
Seascale Parish Council Meeting
held on
Wednesday 3rd July 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 Ken Mawson
	Cllr Ian Tallentire
Clerk	Jill Bush

Members of the Public who signed in:

B Parsons – attended but declined to sign in
M Porter

Meeting is recorded for minuting purposes

1. Apologies

2. Announcements from the Chair

Cllr J Spokes has resigned, there are now two vacancies, which will be put on the social media

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

Cllrs L Mawson, K Mawson and C Harvey-Chadwick

4. Ratify the previous meeting's Minutes

Proposed by Cllr Moore and seconded by Cllr C Harvey-Chadwick

5. Matters arising

7.2 There will be a possible formal decision on Friday for the summer sessions of groups of 20 children as this is when purdah ends

9.5 Cllr K Mawson reported a disappointing turnout for the defibrillator demonstration, but the gala event went very well and proved very popular.

11.1 Viking Way has been cut back, with the exception of the hedges, which cannot be cut until the nesting season is over. They will come back after one the season is over.

12. Cumberland Council and Network Rail were both contacted about the footpath, which is a public right of way. However, neither are accepting responsibility for it. The Parish Council will continue to press Cumberland Council on this matter, as it is a public footpath and the potholes down by the marble arch need to be filled and it is a highways responsibility. The mirror kindly donated by Mr J Goode has been erected and the visibility for pedestrians is very much improved. SPC thanks Mr Goode it is much appreciated.

6. Councillor Co-option

There are 2 candidates (one submitted his apologies as he had a previously booked holiday) for 2 vacancies, however one vacancy cannot be considered for co-option until 9th July. The current vacancy is filled by Cllr Mark Porter, who was proposed by Cllr L Mawson and seconded by Cllr K

Mawson. The declaration of interest was signed and witnessed and Cllr Porter was invited to join the Council.

7. To consider any planning issues

- 7.1** 4/24/2210/OF1 - Consultation - Sellafeld - Prior notification of proposed demolition of blower houses - No Objection to the above consultation with the condition that the material is retained on site for future reuse.
- 7.3** 4/24/2213/OF1 - Herding Neb, Drigg Road - Renovation of existing dwelling including raising eaves height of building by 600mm & various external alterations - No Objection
- 7.4** 4/24/2224/OF1 - 9 Highfield Close - Porch/conservatory lean-to extension - No Objection
- 7.2** 4/24/2205/0B1 - 10-11 South Parade - Variation of condition 2 (plans to allow access for bakery customers) & removal of condition 3 of planning application 4/23/2174/OF1 – The clerk advised one objection had been received. , which had been circulated to the Cllrs. Cllr Moore provided a brief explanation that the door would lead to a 20-foot passageway to the bakery so customers would not be standing outside. B Parsons was advised not to interrupt whilst the Cllrs were discussing this application. It was confirmed the door would be closed in the afternoon when the bakery business was finished for the day, and that it would only be selling bakery goods. The Council quorum discussed the application, Cllr Tallentire advised while supports the venture he cannot support this specific application. No other comments from the Council, so it was put to the public. Brenda Parsons asked if the door was 20-foot away from her property and was advised that it was the passageway inside leading to the bakery was 20-foot long. She spoke at length reiterating her written objection, which including people hanging around for 12 hrs a day from 6am and sitting on her wall drinking alcohol and anti-social behaviour until 10pm. she was advised to keep her objections to the application on the table and told, more than once, to refrain making personal comments about the applicant and Cllr Moore. However, Ms Parsons ignored this, kept speaking over explanations and speaking louder.

Based on the objection raised, a No Objection is submitted to the above application with the following condition, the door accessing the bakery is only open between 7.30am - 4.00pm was proposed, it was put to a vote and the motion was carried 3-1. – Throughout this, Ms Parsons continually spoke very loudly over the Council.

8. Reports from Councillors and working groups

8.1 Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership

Cllr Moore reported government policy is being following resulting in two periods of purdah close together, so decisions are being delayed.

- 8.2** Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick provided a status report on website upgrade following a meeting with WHAMOS last month and provided computers to the Cllrs showing the website prototype. New photos will replace the old ones when the site officially goes live. He advised Cllrs will be issued their own @seascaleparishcouncil.co.uk email addresses due to GDPR. Council feedback was positive. Cllr L Mawson asked if the facebook page could be embedded in the website, Cllr Harvey-Chadwick advised he will ask WHAMOS to do this. He also asked if the balance could be paid as a substantial amount of work had already been done. This was agreed by Council.

Ms Parsons requested to see the prototype and asked if there would be any technical language, she was advised the website would be easy to navigate around for general users.

9. Finance

9.1 June Cashbook reconciled £118,671.31

Creditor	Credit	Debit (gross)	VAT	Comments
Dawn Dennett		230.00		Toilet block cleaning
Staff Expenditure		353.12		Salary
Alicia Gee		30.00		relief cleaner 24 - 26 May
PATA		31.05		Payroll service Apr -June
Quality Cleaning & Contracting Ltd		162.00	27.00	Litter bin emptying
Waterplus		84.49	0.28	Library water x 4 charges - Apr-May
Waterplus (A/C Credited)		0.00		Toilet block water & wastewater
Octopus Energy		27.31	1.30	Toilet block electric - May
Octopus Energy		576.47	96.08	Library electric - May
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick		57.50		Foreshore litter bins May
Drigg Church		150.00		Churchyard donation
DAV		216.00	36.00	System service
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Whamos Ltd		1155.00		Website upgrade
EE Ltd		24.28		DAV monthly SIM maintenance
Account 1		18.00		Service Charge
General Reserve Account	411.09			interest credit

9.2 July payments to date

Staff Expenditure	353.12		Salary
Catherine Harvey-Chadwick	57.50		Foreshore litter bins June
Quality Cleaning & Contracting Ltd	144.00	24.00	Litter bin emptying
Waterplus	91.96	0.78	Library water x 4 charges - May-Jun
Trgardens	416.00		Grass cutting
DAV	904.32	150.72	CCTV camera, base unit, cabling & repairs
Unblock Cumbria	144.00	24.00	Clear blocked manhole - Sports Hall
Octopus Energy	39.98	1.90	Toilet block electric - June
Methodist Church	195.00		Room Hire June 2023 - June 2024
Whamos Ltd	1155.00		Website upgrade balance

10. To consider matters pertaining to Parish Assets

10.1 Library – Cllr Tallentire reported he was waiting for draft plans and quotation. **Update** plans & quote received

10.2 Play areas – Nothing to report

10.3 Toilet block – The gents door handle has been damaged. Cllr Moore will provide a replacement. The clerk to contact the plumber again , as unfortunately none of the Cllrs were available last week.

10.4 CCTV – A system service has been done. However, one camera has been replaced with repairs on the other cameras. Further additional equipment is required, however, the quotation seemed rather high. Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick will make enquiries for another quote. He was also nominated by Council to oversee the CCTV system.

10.5 Sports Hall – Cllr Tallentire reported John Walmsley is stepping down as chair and secretary. The committee urgently need one or two people to pick up these roles.

10.6 Open spaces – the Council along with other parishes were badly let down by Cumberland Council when they cancelled the contract at very short notice, about a week. The replacement contractor is doing a good job with the equipment he has, but other equipment is also required to tackle specific areas.

11. Consider matters relating to the Highways and Transport

- 11.1** Cllr K Mawson reported there were no trains the weekend before the meeting. This also happened the previous month.
- 11.2** Completion of New Mill roadworks have been delayed but they should be finished this evening. The Calderbridge roadworks will close the road at 7pm, this was a condition its parish council insisted on to get the work completed as soon as possible.

12. Any Other Business

- 12.1** There have been numerous complaints from people who parked their campervans overnight in the car park. There have been '6 o'clock wake up calls', banging on the windows and abusive language. One family were parked there as they had attended a funeral. Drivers are being shouted at, a tradesman working on the corner premises had a camera pushed about an inch from his face. The Council advise all it allows an short overnight stop. All it asks that you leave it as clean or better than you found it. Those behaving in behaving anti-socially have no Parish Council authority, their claims can be ignored, and their behaviour should be reported to the police. This advice also applies to residents, all car park users and anyone else who is subject to this disgusting behaviour. Police non-emergency line 101, or to the police online <https://www.cumbria.police.uk/ro/report/> This sort of behaviour is not acceptable and reporting every incident to the police will provide the evidence the extent of this behaviour. The Council to invite the police to meet the Cllrs regarding this behaviour. Council agreed the car park signage should be updated clearly stating short stay overnight stops are allowed.
- 12.2** Cllr Moore reported the nearest outreach CAB is Egremont and proposed a Cumberland representative could also use the library.
- 12.3** Cllr K Mawson reported the Gala week has been a tremendous success and all credit to Jason Rushworth. Council to send a letter of this brilliantly success endeavour.
- 12.4** The Christmas tree and decorations to be added to the September agenda

13. Correspondence

- 13.1** The Chair received a letter from the clerk submitting her resignation. The clerk has been in this position for 8 years and is leaving for personal reasons. The Council thanked the clerk for the hours and commitment she has put into this role.
- 13.2** Cllr Moore reported the obstacle near the near was on NDA land and has been removed.
- 13.3** Cllr Moore also reported a contractor will be fixing the foreshore lampposts.
- 13.4** 8 emails containing derogatory comments about and allegations against members of the Council, also an odd blackmail tactic for a document that does not exist, were received in the 8 days following the last meeting from the resident whose complaint submitted to the ICO and thrown out as frivolous. It was the evidence from this complainant that was used to prove another complainant was not working alone. The others complaint to the ICO was investigated, but not upheld.
<https://icosearch.ico.org.uk/s/search.html?collection=ico-meta&query=IC-243484-T0Q4&profile=decisions>
- 13.4** Multiple emails received from another resident requesting a Notice of Vacancy and was advised to contact Cumberland Council.

14. Members of the public questions submitted to Council

- 14.1** B Parsons complained about the Council and named members at length and was asked more than once if she had any questions. She accused Cllr K Mawson of putting notes on cars, which he vehemently denied.
- 14.2** Claimed Sellafeld considered the car park theirs and referred to the Sellafeld park n' ride scheme. Cllr Moore advised that was not claiming this. Ms Parsons did not believe this. Cllr Moore again advised it was correct that Sellafeld had a park n' ride scheme that ran to and from Seascale. That is not a claim Sellafeld considers the car park belongs to them, only the park n' ride scheme.

14.3 Asked why haven't the parishioners received any money collected from the honesty box as £3,000.00 has been collected, as the car park belongs to them? And where has it all gone? Council advised this money is listed in the accounts. Asked again why the parishioners have not received any money for their car park and where has it been spent. Council advised it has been spent on complaints.

15. The Chair advised Ms Parson had exceeded the allotted time and declared the meeting closed
Dates of forthcoming meetings

Full Council Meeting Wednesday 4th September

Summary of April Actions

- 5(12) Clerk to recontact highways regarding repair to the footpath down to marble arch - actioned
- 7.1 Planning department to be notified of Councils No Objection with condition – actioned
- 7.2 Planning department to be notified of Councils No Objection with condition – actioned
- 7.3 Planning department to be notified of Councils No Objection – actioned
- 7.4 Planning department to be notified of Councils No Objection – actioned
- 8.2 Cllr B Harvey-Chadwick to contact WHAMOS for facebook to be embedded into website
- 10.3 Cllr Moore to replace gents' door handle
- 10.3 Clerk to contact plumber - actioned
- 12.1 Clerk to contact police to request a meeting with Cllrs regarding the anti-social behaviour in the car park - actioned
- 12.1 Cllr L Mawson to circulate signage content and on agreement to place order
- 12.3 Letter of congratulation to Mr Jason Rushworth for all his effort making the Gala week a tremendous success - actioned