

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 2025 ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
SEASCALE PARISH COUNCIL
Held in Seascale Methodist Hall on 9th July 2025 at 7 pm**

Attended:	Lizzie Mawson	LM	(Chair)
	David Moore	DM	(Vice-Chair)
	Bran Harvey-Chadwick	BHC	
	Ken Mawson	KM	
	Zoë O'Hanlon	ZO	
	Louise Pegram	LP	
	Jane Coltman	JC	
	Michael Warmoth		(Clerk/RFO)

JC raised a point of order. The meeting had not been lawfully convened as no notice of the meeting was posted in the noticeboard. LM ruled that the meeting would proceed

1. Apologies for absence: None

2. Announcements from the Chair:

The Chair announced that the Clerk had resigned.

3. Declarations of interest by councillors in respect of agenda items:

DM declared an interest in two of the invoices for approval in item 9.2.

Ratify the minutes of the annual parish council meeting of 14/05/25 (named as AGM)

JC proposed an amendment. "Election of Officers" to be replaced with "Election of Office Holders" or "Election of Chair and Vice-Chair". Amendment agreed. Resolved to approve the minutes as amended.

4. Ratify Minutes of the previous meeting:

JC proposed several amendments to the previous minutes. The amendments were agreed. Amended minutes were proposed by JC and seconded by LP. Resolved to approve the minutes as amended.

5. Matters arising

5.1 The Clerk had written to Cumberland Council and ask them to replace the trade waste bins. No response has been received and he will chase it up.

6. Seascale Parish Council Social Media Policy.

No proposed policy had been received. BHC had something written up. Deferred to a future meeting.

7. Planning

7.1 4/25/2182/0F1 Construction of a single storey outbuilding to the rear of the property; 52 Santon Way, Seascale. No objection was raised to this application.

7.2 4/25/2224/0F1 Removal of existing conservatory, front porch and roof to existing side projection, and the construction of a single storey front and rear extension, first floor side extension, installation of new windows and doors plus internal and external alterations to an existing dwelling; 11 Lingmell Cresnet, Seascale. Resolved to recommend approval of this application.

7.3 4/25/2210/0F1 Prior notification of proposed demolition – Calder Hall Turbine Hall A Building; Sellafield, Seascale (in Ponsonby Parish). No objection was raised to this application. JC proposed that one comment was made that in light of the bat survey they make mitigation to protect the maternity roost. Additional comment agreed.

8. Reports from Councillors and Working Groups

DM reported that he had attended the NDA properties meeting organised by Ponsonby and Calderbridge Parish Council who will be issuing minutes. They would request a further meeting with NDA to discuss the landholdings and the NDA's plans further. DM confirmed that it was the NDA that owned the Cinder Track.

9. Finance

There was £126,462 in the bank account.

JC queried the payment for cleaning and disinfecting of Foreshore bins as she said the quote was for £58 and the actual bill was £84. LM said that more work had been carried out. She would check and get back to JC with the breakdown. LM proposed approval of all of the payments. At the request of JC a recorded vote was taken. For: BHC, CHC, DM, LM, KM, ZO. LP. Against: JC. Motion carried.

10.1 DM reported that he had been in communication with Cumberland Council and CC stated that the 2003 TRO referred to at the last meeting was obsolete. There was a further discussion on the dates and validity of the TROs and it was agreed that ZO would speak to the contact at Cumberland Council responsible. DM to pass their contact details on to ZO.

At this stage due to the late running of the meeting it was decided by the Chair to move items around to give the people invited to speak to the Parish Council opportunity.

10.6 The Parish Council received a report from Dawn Dennett on plans to refurbish the Coniston Avenue Play area. Dawn required the agreement of the Parish Council as the land owner before she could complete her funding application to the GDF. It was resolved to grant permission to Dawn Dennett to proceed with her application.

12.1 Hannah Wright from Growing Well spoke about the mental health charity based in Egremont and how it benefitted the residents of Seascale. They are looking for volunteers as well as anyone who thinks they would benefit from the support Growing Well offers please contact hannah@growingwell.co.uk

12.3 Georgina Boyce from Everyone Here spoke about a Christmas festival in Seascale following on from the success of the Imagin Festival in May. The organisation is currently seeking funding from Mid Copeland and is in discussion with various groups in the village including the churches and the Winscale Club. Dates have to be decided yet, but the organisation is hoping to tie it in with the Carol Service and Christmas Lights.

10.7 Two representatives of the West Lakes Dog Training Group spoke about their plans for the two garages they own by the sports centre that are used for storage of their equipment. They were in a damaged state already. Made perilous by the recent storm. They asked that the

Parish Council support their planning application to replace the garages as well as their funding application to GDF. DM responded that the Parish Council is the freeholder of the land the garages are located on. He said that the Parish Council may have plans at some stage to redevelop that land to provide storage for all users of the SRA field. The Group had been offered one of the storage containers on the site, but this was not suitable for their purposes. They said that as plans had not previously materialised, they were prepared to take the risk that the garages would have to be demolished. JC suggested a MOU or lease agreement. It was resolved that if agreeable a leasehold agreement could be drawn up agreeing that if the Parish Council decided to redevelop the land the Dog Training Group would allow for the demolition of the garages. The Two representatives were asked to discuss this with their committee and come back to the next meeting. JC would try to source a lease agreement.

10.4 ZO presented a report on the last meeting of the Library Committee. They had questions regarding the timeline of events surrounding the refurbishment. More immediate issues were the door to the electric meter cupboard and the issue of hot water supply. Some councillors may have reclaimed doors. ZO would supply measurements and obtain a quote for fitting. DM said that he did not have capacity to write the grant application to the GDF. He did not believe any of the Parish councillors had the time to complete the grant application. There was a grant application writer available, but this would not be cheap, £300 per day, and it would be difficult to obtain three quotes for this work. It may be possible to include their cost in the grant application. ZO would speak to Shackles Off. JC would speak to CALC. DM said that this would not wait until September. JC said no decisions can be made by email, but an extraordinary meeting would need to be called anyway, to agree the details of Clerk recruitment.

10.3 LP presented a report to create a business trail board on the foreshore to encourage visitors to use the other services provided by the village that are not near the foreshore car park. It was resolved that LP should continue to research this project and report back to the Council.

10.5 LP had circulated a draft questionnaire to the Parish Council. The aim of the questionnaire is to gauge local community feeling on refurbishment of the Foreshore play area. It was resolved to approve the questionnaire for distribution on the website, social media and hardcopy in local shops.

10.7 LP had been given a tour of the Toilet Block by Dawn Dennett and reported that they are in a bad state. LP would obtain quotes. LM said that the Council would advertise for a Clerk and call an extraordinary meeting in August to discuss applications. JC said that a committee should be formed to agree the wording of the advertisement and job description etc.

14. A resident and member of the Friends of Seascale School asked if the Parish Council would be able to assist with the grass cutting and tidying up of the hedges along the main road. DM responded that the hedges were Cumberland Council Highways responsibility and there would be a difficulty with the Parish Council cutting the grass as the School grounds were not a parish amenity.

12. It was resolved that no committee would be formed, all councillors would be involved, so an extraordinary meeting would be called to discuss recruitment, but a smaller number of people would be selected to form an interview panel at that meeting.

Date of next meeting 3rd September 2025