Seascale Parish Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 3rd June 2026 at 19.00pm, Seascale Methodist School Rooms.

117/26

Present: Lizzie Mawson chair LM, David Mpoore Vice chair DM; Jane Coltman

JC, Zoe

O'Hanlon ZO, Bran Harvey Chadwick BHC; Brenda Parsons BP; Catherine Harvey Chadwick CHC; Ken Mawson KM

and 6 members of the public

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118/26 Requests for dispensations and declarations of interests

There we no declarations of interest

119/26 Exclusion of Press and public

No items were excluded

120/26 Minutes of meetings

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BP asked that her name be recorded that she voted against the nomination of the chair.

Approved; proposed DM seconded JC

Statement of correction relating to March 26 minutes

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JC stated that in the meeting in March 26, an incorrect statement was made and the council should issue an apology and statement of correction. The wording was not agreed at the meeting due to objections to using the word loan. The clerk agreed to investigate further and draft a statement for comment.

121/26 Chair's Announcements

Verbal report – an invoice had arrived today from Cumberland for trade waste bins for the library. This was back dated and no contract is or was in place. LM will follow up.

LM asked who was recording the meeting and JC confirmed that she was.

122/26 Public participation

A member of the public asked for what purpose the meeting was being recorded. JC confirmed she was recording it to check mainly the accuracy of the minutes but not solely. Asked how long she would keep the recording, JC replied as long as was necessary with no specific timescale.

A member of the public reported on the progress of public consultation regarding the proposed mural on the side of the Sports Hall. They now wished to establish a steering group, it was agreed to have this as a July agenda item. MB to provide an outline of what is required for SPC to agree next steps as they own the building.

A member of the public commented on the progress and unhelpful atmosphere of the meeting.

A member of the public reminded that the C2C event (shared on Facebook) was happening at the weekend bringing an influx of cyclists which is a positive event.

123/26 Reports from visiting Councillors & Police – for information

Cumberland Cllr Moore reported that the Combined Authority is now up and running.

The AGM for Cumberland was held and completes the cycle with elections due in May 2027. DM appointed as vice chair of Business and Resources Committee

Passenger usage of the new bus routes had been reviewed. DM encouraged the use of the Seascale section as this could boost tourism as well as local use and ensure continuation. ZO made the point that the bus timetable doesn't match the needs of young people trying to attend college and find or retain employment. DM to report this back to relevant officer.

124/26 Reports from SPC representatives

Cllr Moore reported that the GDF meeting will take place on Monday coming.

The Low Level Waste Depository meeting had taken place with the following noted: NWS report on the future of GDF had been submitted to ministers; GDF are sponsoring the Seascale Golf tournament; safety case review was being undertaken to take account of erosion; Caping was continuing with increased train activity bringing spoil from Shap Seascale residents will soon see the capping; retendering for project costing millions is under way; £85k grant fund has been established, which can be used to trigger other funding opportunities. DM said ZO would be welcomed at future meetings.

125/26 Clerks report/correspondence

Utility Warehouse

–invoice

is now

settled

CALC and NALC information forwarded

Correspondence relating to The Dell regarding using it for a green house and vegetable patch had been responded to as unsuitable.

CCTV requests x 2 had been received and BHC had dealt appropriately with them

Mowing volunteer has come forward. KM suggested there was other work he could support. MB will respond and place on personnel committee file.

126/26 Community Resilience

JC presented a paper she had prepared and circulated the day before regarding a proposal to review the web site

arrangements including

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compliance,

offer and costs to enable agreement on a future

provider and host

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t was agreed to bring this back to council

at a later date

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Motion To Council

A motion signed by 4 councillors was brought to the meeting to reconsider the Whamos paper brought to the previous meeting. MB said that she felt the web site needed to be updated with the correct content before any decision on moving to a new supplier could happen. Once completed, a review as in 126/26 (a) could be a much more informed discussion and a decision on the second part for £1000 considered along with JC proposal. ZO asked that there is transparency of the current contract and what exactly the terms are. BHC as the link to follow this up.

Proposed to pay £500 to Whamos to ensure updating of the web site by LM seconded by BHC

5 approved, 1 against and 2 abstained.

127/26 Play Grounds

Fore shore play park: After an inspection of the broken rope swing, a quote for repairs for

£ 2088.90 plus Vat (

£2,506.68

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had been received.

As the item was not on the agenda,

LM will authorise as an

emergency repair to enable the swing to be ready for the summer holidays.

The work relating to Coniston play park is progressing as scheduled with hopefully the equipment being available in the coming 2 weeks.

Bench delivery expected 10

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June

, Bins still in manufacture.

3 panels

missing are being chased

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MB said it is important to get the list of maintenance required to meet the

guarantee

conditions,

Confirmation that payments have been made

with final payment

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concrete bas

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balance to

Playdale

and replacement swings.

MB said that she was still collating information relating to the

car park and

foreshore play

area and

suggested a special meeting to discuss to be held – Agreed

128/26 Parish Council Assets

Sports Hall –

BHC reported that the solar panels were proving useful and a

self-defence

group were looking to hold sessions

Library re

furbishment information collection is progressing, but Trustees/Volunteers have asked for reconsideration of the plans. The request to instruct Day

Cummins to

review this was accepted.

Asset registers for 2025/26 and for 26/27 were presented and with one minor amendment were agreed.

129/26 Parish Maintenance and Highways

JC gave an update on the mowing contract and helpful discussions with the contractor.

DM raised the issue relating to the grass verge cutting which had been undertaken by a subcontractor using an inappropriate machine. JC said she had followed this up and it was a one off because of the Cumberland mowing timing.

MB was requested to review the tender/contract with the contractor.

Re-siting of Coniston benches is to be progressed but safely stored by LM.

130/26 Planning and Licencing applications

Currently no new applications

131/26 Planning and Licencing decisions

Currently nothing to note

132/26 Governance, Support Structures and Staffing

Training proposal agreed, MB to arrange this for a Wednesday evening

JC reported that

updating policies and p

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is progressing and

need to go on to the web site.

133/26 To receive the IA report – this was received at April meeting.

134/26 AGAR report 25/26

Form 3 – this has been reviewed

a number of

times and is now accurate. LM/

MW

signed.

Reserves and variances – these have been reviewed

a number of

times and can be signed off by LM/M

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These will now be submitted and displayed

135/26 Finance and accounts

RFO Report 25th May 2026

For Seascale Parish Council Meeting 3rd June 2026

Bank Balances as of 27th May 2026:

General Reserves Account:	£138,955.38
Current Account:	£51,588.44
Unity Card:	£100.00
	£190,643.82

Payments made in May 2026:

Date	Creditor	Credit	Debit (gross)	VAT	Comments
01/05/26	Starting Balance	**206243.31**			
05/05/26	Dawn Dennett		230.00		Toilet block cleaning
12/05/26	Waterplus		107.19		Library water
12/05/26	Quality Cleaning		144.00	24.00	Litter bin emptying
12/05/26	NBB Recycled Furniture		3915.00	652.50	Picnic table and seats*
12/05/26	Aborscape		2785.03	464.17	Grass cutting
12/05/26	Vortex Security		339.60	56.60	Maintenance of CCTV
12/05/26	Rachael Kelly		75.00		Internal Audit
12/05/26	Gosforth Church		300.00		Graveyard donation
12/05/26	MIL Collections		1000.00		Library gas standing charge
12/05/26	WF Cascade		118.06	19.68	Rubbish sacks

14/05/26	Octopus Energy		39.40		Electricity- Toilet block
14/05/26	Octopus Energy		526.90		Electricity – Library
15/05/26	Seascale Sports Hall		55.00		Christmas lights
15/05/26	AS Design		972.60	162.10	Notice boards*
20/05/26	Kingfisher Direct		750.89	125.15	Litter Bins*
26/05/26	EE Limited		27.71		DAV monthly SIM maintenance
27/05/26	Zurich		4213.11		Insurance policy
		206243.31	**15599.49**	**1504.20**	

* denotes payments made for Coniston Park refurbishment

Payments for authorisation at June Parish Meeting:

1.	Michael Warmoth Regular RFO work and AGAR preparation	£333.90
2.	Mary Bradley Supporting Clerk	£1,431.00
3.	Addition at meeting - Whamos (B/f from April meeting)	£500
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Acceptance of finance proposed by DM seconded by ZO

136/26 Councillors matters

The trade waste bins lids have not arrived – LM to follow up

There had been positive comments regarding the seafront.

Change of Fish and chip shop packaging has reduced the amount of litter.

Concern regarding the health and safety of others by the thoughtless actions of 5 older children riding bikes – BP asked to report to the police/community policing.

Problem with accessibility along footpaths – these need to be reported on HIMS

The volunteer who opens the public toilets has moved away and someone needs to take on the role.

Car park honesty box has been emptied by LM/DM following the protocol but after accusations on social media think it appropriate for 2 other people to do this.

KM raised issue of parking on the road with a Blue Badge in relation to BP feeling it is inappropriate. It is allowable.

DM reported he now had a solution to the regalvanising of the jetty gates but needs to assess the weight in order to have a quote.

The issue of the flagpole was raised -this is to go back on the agenda for July. CHC asked that MB find out where the Seascale flag was purchased from.

137/26 Date of Next meetings

All at 7pm in the Methodist School Rooms, Seascale

EOM TBA, 1st July 2026, 2nd Sept 2026, 7th Oct 2026.

Meeting closed at 20.55