

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Sebergham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 January 2017 in Welton Village Hall

Present:

Chairman Alan Rule
Vice Chairman Peter Pearson
Councillors Andrew Bell, Ken Graham, Michael Stockdale, Christine Tinnion, Maria Chesters-Bouma.

Also in attendance: Councillor Duncan Fairbairn.

Procedural Items

17/1/69 Apologies Councillor Pearson arriving late as he was attending a Northern Fells Meeting.

17/1/70 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Tinnion Declared an interest in HOU/2017/0003 as the applicant is a neighbour.

17/1/71 Dispensations

No requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

17/1/72 Minutes 23 November 2016

Councillors **resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign these minutes as a true record.

17/1/73 Public Participation

The chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public an opportunity to ask questions or raise matters of interest.

Dave Harrison from Highways and John Slee from Story Contracting Ltd, were in attendance to update the council on developments with the replacement of Bell Bridge and repairs to the River Edge Road Sebergham. The Chairman therefore moved item 17/1/76 forward.

Storys have been awarded the contract to carry out this work and investigatory work is under way. On-site work on these is expected to start in May; timetables for the work may be affected by the guidance of the Environment Agency. Although several options have been considered for the design of the new bridge, Mr Harrison explained that because of the engineering and foundation requirements and giving consideration to a sympathetic visual impact, there was only one design option which was appropriate. This is a metal structure clad in stone recovered from the original bridge. Storys intend to erect an information board at the Bell Bridge site on which the public will be able view the development plans for the work to be carried out.

A local resident expressed a belief that the Parish Council's response to planning application 2/2016/0752 Sebergham Services was unduly negative. The Chairman outlined the content of the response which raised no objection to the application but rightly made mention of concerns expressed by residents over many years.

Mal Hilton outlined updates on the wireless Broadband trial on behalf of the Northern Fells Broadband. Information will be on their website. The Chairman thanked Mr Hilton.

Councillor Fairbairn reported that he had noticed the barriers at the edge of the 'closed' river edge road in Sebergham had been moved. Councillor Fairbairn would like to remind users of the closed road with significant flood damage, they would not be covered for any incident on their insurance.

A resident had spoken to Councillor Fairbairn about the possibility of a weight restriction on Sebergham Bridge. It was explained that this would not be possible on a main route.

Comment has been made that the 40 mile/hour restriction through Sebergham was not being adhered to. Councillor Fairbairn is going to enquire if the Police could occasionally install speed cameras.

It was reported that there were still problems with flooding on the B5305 at Brothy Beck. The Chairman and Councillor Fairbairn will liaise on this issue.

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

Councillor Pearson joined the meeting

Planning

17/1/74 Planning Applications

2/2016/0752 Mr Peter Little, Sebergham Services, Sebergham, Carlisle. Retrospective application to clear site and form off road parking, change of use of agricultural land to parking.

Parish Council **responded 24-12-16** with "*Sebergham Parish Council has no objections to this application which is designed to remove the need for vehicles associated with the applicant's garage from being parked on the adjacent highway as this has been the cause of obstruction and many complaints over the years. If this application is approved, the Parish Council requests that the Local Planning Association include a condition requiring all garage related vehicles to be parked on-site and not on the highway.*"

HOU/2017/0003 Mr and Mrs Smith. Proposed alterations and extensions, Johns Close Park Head Welton Not all councillors had been in a position to view the plans for this application. Following some discussion it was generally agreed that there were no objections. The chairman suggested that if any councillor would like to make further comment tomorrow, they could do so, the clerk would then respond to planning.

2/2017/0034 Mrs L Baldwin. Listed Building Consent for the installation of an oil filled boiler with associated flue and central heating system. Lane Head Farm, Welton. **Resolved No Comment**

17/1/75 Planning Decision Notices

2/2016/0656 Mr B Salisbury. Outline planning application for the erection of agricultural workers dwelling. Beech Farm, Nether Welton, Carlisle. **Application Refused 13/12/16**

Business

17/1/76 Highways

Councillor Pearson continues to report to Highways on all of those issues raised by councillors and residents. Some highways work may be difficult at present due to frost.

17/1/77 Broadband

The Chairman reported that as a direct result of representations and evidence provided by the Parish Council and local residents, Connecting Cumbria has re-categorised a significant number of postcodes and the whole of Sebergham Parish is now eligible for State-Aid funding to allow BT to provide 'superfast broadband'. This news was welcomed by councillors, and thanks were expressed to MP Rory Stewart and Cllr Duncan Fairbairn for their support in achieving this outcome. Modelling of coverage will now commence and deployment will be undertaken within the existing 2017/18 Phase 2 timescales. The surveys in Churchtown have also been completed and installation of the new fibre cabinet is due with deployment in the coming months. Connecting Cumbria have cautioned that for a number of reasons not every property will be able to receive the full 'superfast' broadband initially, but significant improvements in delivery speeds should be achieved.

The Chairman also reported on a local property occupier who had been refused a new telephone installation because of the limited number of lines available into Welton from the Raughton Head exchange. After representations, this has now been resolved with further lines being made available.

The Chairman was thanked for his work on helping to bring about this positive result for the parish.

17/1/78 Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved to hold the parish meeting at 7pm prior to the parish council meeting in March.

Accounts

17/1/79 Current Accounts and Budget

Councillors **resolved** that the circulated accounts and budget are a true record.

17/1/80 Resolved on the following Payments

i Renewal of Registration with Information Commissioners Office £35

Cheques were also issued for donations resolved on in Annual Meeting May 2016.

Next Meeting: 22 March 2017 7.30pm Welton Village Hall.

This will be preceded by the Parish Meeting at 7pm.