

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Sebergham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23 September 2015 in Welton Village Hall

Present:

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

Also in attendance: Councillor Duncan Fairbairn.

Procedural Items

15/7/42 Apologies

None.

15/7/43 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Rule and Pearson declared an interest in item 15/7/47, Planning application 2/2015/0549 as they lived in close proximity to the proposed development.

Councillor Stockdale declared an interest in item 15/7/47, proposed diversion of footpath 251010, as he is currently contracted to carry out work on public rights of way.

15/5/44 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.

15/7/45 Minutes 22 July 2015

Councillors **resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign these minutes as a true record, with the revised statement under item 15/7/31, the 'top' of Churchtown was amended to 'adjacent to the Church'.

15/7/46 Public Participation

No comments from members of the public

Councillor Fairbairn is looking in to which houses in the parish are provided with purple bags for collection of recycling. If councillors have any knowledge to this effect, they will email the information to the clerk who will then forward to Councillor Fairbairn.

A number of council leaders have produced a document on devolution titled 'Cumbria Deal'. The document can be viewed on Cumbria County Council and Allerdale Borough Council websites.

Councillor Fairbairn spoke of concern on the spread of Ragwort and other invasive species such as Himalayan Balsam. Information on the control of invasive species can be found on this website.

<http://www.nonnativespecies.org/index.cfm?pageid=67>

A Chief Inspectors report for North Cumbria Hospital Trust can be viewed on their website.

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

Planning

15/7/47 Planning Applications

Applications which the council have responded to

2/2015/0443 John Lane Charitable Trust. Change of use from woodland to parking area, Caldew House, Sebergham. Parish Council responded to **Support** the application, 31 July 2015.

PB/2015/0051 Mr John Sherlock. Removal of telephone and replace with defibrillator. Kiosk opposite The Royal Oak. (now the oaks guesthouse) Sebergham Parish Council responded to **object** to the removal of the telephone but would not object to a defibrillator being attached to the kiosk, 31 July 2015.

15/0660 Eden District Council Installation of a single medium scale wind turbine measuring 45m to blade tip with associated infrastructure and access track. Southernby Hall, Hesket Newmarket. As consultees, Castle Sowerby Parish Council objected to this application. As a neighbouring parish, it was felt that this development would have a significant impact on residents of Sebergham Parish. Following consultation with councillors, the parish council made a response to planning **objecting** to the proposed development.

Wind Turbine Roundhill Farm. The parish council has received a pre application consultation for The construction of a single medium scale 500kw wind turbine on a 50m monopole mast (77m to blade tip). Land at Roundhill Farm, Welton, Carlisle, Cumbria. This is a re submission of an earlier application ref: 2/2015/0026. The parish council objected to the earlier application and has responded to the agents, T.J. Coats that the parish council would **object** to the revised proposal.

Applications for consideration of the Council

15/0630 Carlisle City Council. Installation of 4.4mw Ground Mounted Solar Panels. Land to the west of Welton Road, Carlisle. Councillors **resolved** that no amendment was required to the previous objections. In addition however, it was **resolved** to express concern over the possibility of extensive roadwork's in the parish should the application be approved which would have a significant impact on local residents. Councillors were disappointed that the parish council had not initially been consulted on this application. It was only after the clerk requested that the council be formally consulted that the planning department added Sebergham Parish Council as formal consultees. It was **resolved** that a formal letter of complaint be sent to Carlisle City planning regarding this issue.

2/2015/0549 Application for a wind turbine, The Ling Lane, Welton. Applicant Mr Bryan Donald. Previously submitted as application **2/2014/0584 Withdrawn, 2/2015/0391 Withdrawn.** Previous applications and responses can be viewed on Allerdale Planning website. Response by 25 Sept 2015. It was **resolved** to re submit the council's objection to this application. In addition, the council will point out that applications for Turbines of this scale have not received support from residents. The proposal has failed to address the planning impacts identified by affected local communities and fails to have their backing contrary to the Written Statement made by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (Greg Clark) on 18 June 2015 and also National Planning Practice Guidance.

PB/2015/0095 Removal of the telephone from kiosk in Sebergham and replace with defibrillator. Applicant Mr John Sherlock. Response by 30 September 2015. **Resolved** to object to the removal of the telephone but no objection to a defibrillator being attached to the kiosk.

Proposed diversion of public footpath 251010. Cumbria County Council. Reply by 25 Sept 2015. **Resolved** to support this application.

15/7/48 Planning Decision Notices

2/2015/0443 Change of use from woodland to car parking turning area. John Laing Charitable trust. **Full Plans Approved**

15/0660 Turbine Southernby Hall (Eden Planning, Castle Sowerby Parish) **Full Refusal.**

Tree Preservation Order. As a statutory requirement Allerdale Borough Council has informed the parish council of a tree preservation order on land at Sebergham Bridge, Order No.3 2015.

Business

15/7/49 Wooden Bench. It was **resolved** that Councillor Graham would carry out repairs on the bench previously situated in the grounds of Welton School. The council would then make a decision on where it should be sited. A possible site could be in the layby at Sebergham Bridge once the reported repairs have been carried out by Highways.

15/7/50 Website Councillor Stockdale will give consideration to revising the website and report to the next meeting.

15/7/51 Broadband The chairman reported that there were no new developments on this and we are currently awaiting clarification on a number of issues.

15/7/52 Lockable Filing Cabinet

There are a number of parish council documents requiring storage but which are not yet appropriate for archive. It was proposed to purchase a lockable filing cabinet and request that it be stored in one of the village halls. **Resolved** that the clerk will look in to purchasing appropriate storage up to a cost of £200. Welton Village Hall Committee members agree that it could be stored in the village hall.

15/7/53 Local Council Administration, Arnold Baker

This book is a valuable guide for parish councils on legal and procedural matters it has been recently updated and the cost is approximately £80. It was **resolved** to purchase this book but also to look in to the possibility of access to the publication electronically.

15/7/54 Recycling Bins

Allerdale Borough Council (ABC) has recently replaced the recycling bins in Welton. ABC say there is the possibility of the bins sinking in to the verge and making collection difficult. They have enquired if the parish council could install a section of hard standing so that the bins could be easily wheeled to the collection vehicle. It was **resolved** that perhaps Allerdale Borough should take responsibility for re surfacing. The council will also look in to ownership of the land referred to.

Accounts

15/7/55 Current Accounts and Budget

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

15/7/56 Authorisation Resolved for the following payments

i. Welton Village Hall, room hire. £85

Next Meeting: Wednesday 25 November 2015 7.30pm Welton Village Hall