

# SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Sebergham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 January 2016 in Welton Village Hall**

### **Present:**

Chairman Alan Rule  
Vice Chairman Peter Pearson  
Councillors Andrew Bell, Maria Chesters-Bouma, Ken Graham, Michael Stockdale, Christine Tinnion.  
Christine Rule attended to take minutes in the absence of the Clerk.

Also in attendance: Councillor Duncan Fairbairn.

### **Procedural Items**

#### **16/1/81 Apologies:**

No apologies

#### **16/1/82 Declarations of Interest**

None received

#### **16/1/83 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.

#### **16/1/84 Minutes of 25 November 2015**

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

#### **16/1/85 Public Participation**

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

Councillor Fairbairn informed the meeting of possible Council Tax increases currently under consideration to provide for inflation, payment of the Living Wage & the Police budget.

He also commented on the impact lighting at Steadman's factory is having in the area, and this was endorsed by councillors to be an increasing problem. Cllr Fairbairn indicated he would pursue this with Environmental Health.

**The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.**

### **Planning**

#### **16/1/86 Planning Applications**

##### **App'n 2/2016/0003 – Steadman's & Son – Directional Sign on public highway**

Concern was expressed that documents provided with the application showed different locations for the signs, and were inaccurate in the orientation labelling (north/south). Cllrs resolved by majority vote to approve the application in principle subject to clarification of these discrepancies.

#### **16/1/87 Planning Decision Notices**

**2/2015/0661** Mr David Osborne, High Parkhead, Welton. Change of use of land from agricultural to residential cartilage. **Full plans approved** 14/12/2015.

**Tree Preservation Order No. 3 2015** Land at Sebergham Bridge. **Order Confirmed.**

**2/2015/0628** Roundhill Farm, Welton. Wind Turbine. **Full Plans Refused**

## **Business**

### **16/1/88 Queens Birthday Celebrations**

The parish council has received a letter from NALC, circulated to councillors, regarding proposed lighting of beacons across the United Kingdom. Councillors considered it was not practicable to make any arrangements for beacons to be lit in the parish.

### **16/1/89 New Year Honours**

Following consideration of communication regarding nominations for honours, councillors **resolved** not to submit any nomination.

### **16/1/90 Highways**

The collapse of Bell Bridge, Welton earlier in the day was reported to the meeting. The council will make enquiries to the County Council as to what works might be planned for a temporary bridge and restoration and also request that the Council be fully consulted on proposals regarding the type of replacement.

An update was provided on recent communications with Highways regarding the replacement of the parking bollards in Churchtown with new ones more fit for purpose. The Council was informed that the Highways Network Engineer plans to visit in the near future to examine the location of underground services with a view to installing new more permanent bollards. It was agreed that Cllrs Graham & Stockdale should attend this site visit, and that interested local residents would be invited.

Highways have informed the Council that the agreed restoration work at Sebergham Bridge lay-by will be completed in the current financial year.

Cable laying work associated with the proposed Solar Farm near Dalston will continue for some weeks. It was reported that the site at Goose Green will be vacated in the immediate future, and Highways will then install a bund to prevent lorries & other vehicles being parked on the site, and to restrict its use for Highways purposes only. It was agreed that ENW should be contacted regarding the restoration of the verges where pipes have been laid as these have many hollows which are already creating puddles & soft patches.

Councillor Pearson noted a number of general highway maintenance issues which he will report. It was agreed that these should be brought to the attention of the Highways Network Engineer during his visit to Churchtown. Cllrs were reminded to encourage constituents to report all highways defects to the Highways Hotline.

### **16/1/91 Broadband**

The Chairman gave an update on recent communications with Connecting Cumbria regarding the limitations of the current broadband provision in the parish. Cllrs **resolved** that the Chairman & Cllr Stockdale should represent the council at a meeting in March with Connecting Cumbria, BDUK and Solway Communications to discuss local concerns. Cllr Fairbairn was also invited to attend, and an invitation will be extended to a representative of NFBG

### **16/1/92 Annual Parish Meeting**

Councillors gave consideration to the timing and format of the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting, and **resolved** that this should take place at 7.0pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, prior to the next routine meeting of the Council. It was agreed this should be advertised through the usual channels.

## **Donations**

**16/1/93 Councillors gave consideration to applications for grants from the agencies below**

- A. Wigton Baths
- B. Citizens Advice Allerdale

It was **resolved** not to make any donations at this time.

**Accounts**

**16/1/94 Current Accounts and Budget**

Councillors **resolved** to accept the circulated accounts and budget to 31 Dec 2015 as a true record, and authorised the Chairman to sign these.

**16/1/95 Cllrs Resolved** to make the following payment

- i Renewal of Registration with Information Commissioners Office £35

**Next Meeting: 23 March 2016 7.30pm Welton Village Hall**

**Preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 7.00pm**

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