

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Sebergham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28 September 2016 in Welton Village Hall

Present:

Chairman Alan Rule
Vice Chairman Peter Pearson
Councillors Christine Tinnion. Michael Stockdale.

Also in attendance: Councillor Duncan Fairbairn and one member of the public.

Due to illness the clerk was unable to be present. Michael Stockdale had agreed to take the minutes and therefore would not take part in any resolutions of the council.

Procedural Items

16/9/40 Apologies Andrew Bell. Maria Chesters-Bouma is on an agreed absence. The chairman reminded councillors and parishioners that there is a vacancy for a councillor through co option.

16/9/41 Declarations of Interest No declarations by elected and co-opted members, of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

16/9/42 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.

16/9/43 Minutes 27 July 2016 Councillors **resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign these minutes as a true record.

16/9/44 Public Participation The chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public an opportunity to ask questions or raise matters of interest.

A parishioner expressed concern over the continued closure of the river edge road in Sebergham. This is having a significant negative impact on the lives and businesses of residents.

Councillor Fairbairn reported on the proposal to review constituency boundaries. Wigton library will be reducing its opening hours. Cumbria CVS have flood resilience funds available.

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

Planning

16/9/45 Planning Applications

2/2016/0490 Ken Graham, Demolish and rebuild existing entrance. 1 The Square, Sebergham.
Responded 9 August 2016 No objections.

2/2016/0332 Mr Colin Bentley. Listed building consent for new sunroom extension and alterations to existing hobby room. Sowerby Mill, Sebergham Castle.
Responded 5/9/2016 No objections.

2/2016/0329 Mr Colin Bentley. New sunroom extension and alterations to existing hobby room. Sowerby Mill, Sebergham Castle.

Responded 5/9/2016 No objections.

PB/2016/0006 Mr Rick Thompson BT payphones. Proposed removal of public payphone, Sebergham.

Responded 18/9/16 No objections.

16/9/46 Planning Decision Notices

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Full plans approved 25/8/2016

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Listed Building Consent approved 9/9/16

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Full plans approved 9/9/16

2/2016/0464 Mr and Mrs Boak. Warnell Foot, Welton. Extension and alterations to dwelling including part change of use of agricultural land.

Full plans approved 26/8/16

Business

16/9/47 Northern Fells Group

Councillor Pearson reported following attendance at the Northern Fells Group AGM. The group thanked the parishes for their continued support with funding. They have received a grant which they hope will give them security for the next five years.

16/9/48 Broadband

The chairman reported on any recent developments regarding Broadband provision in the parish. Connecting Cumbria (CC) is working with BDUK to secure additional funding which will benefit broadband delivery in our parish. They are trying to re-schedule their postponed meeting with the Chief Executive of BDUK and Rory Stewart MP to get agreement on delivery in our parish (and others), and the Chairman has written to our MP asking for his continued support in maintaining the promised delivery date for superfast broadband in the parish by March 2018, as promised by CC.

16/9/49 Bell Bridge and River Edge Road Sebergham

The Chairman gave an update on the current situation regarding Bell Bridge and River Edge Road following flood damage.

A contractor has been appointed to design the new bridge and is awaiting the outcome of ground investigation work to determine foundation requirements. Unfortunately there has been a short delay while Electricity North West (ENW) equipment is diverted. CCC will share their preferred design with the Parish Council and wider community when ready, and estimate the bridge will re-open in Autumn 2017.

Although the river bank has been stabilised, the road remains closed to vehicles due to the failure underlying the carriageway adjacent to the river bank. CCC has reported that design work is progressing and stabilisation works are scheduled to be undertaken in spring 2017. This delay is a matter of great concern to residents, businesses and the Council. This road provides an important access for farming businesses, and its closure is a great inconvenience to residents. It is often used as the default route for vehicles of all sizes during winter months when the busy B5303 becomes blocked at Dr's Brow. It was resolved that the Council should write again to CCC and Rory Stewart MP emphasising the need for repairs to be given the highest priority and completed as speedily as possible

16/9/50 Highways

Re: Water run-off in Churchtown previously reported by a resident. CCC Highways have pressure cleaned the drains on the B5305, and completed a camera survey. They have appointed contractors to clean and survey all drains in Churchtown, following which they will decide how to deal with the water run-off problem.

16/9/51 Flagpole use in Welton

Councillors discussed the future use of the flagpole in Welton. It was **resolved** that Councillor Pearson would give consideration to flying either the Union Flag or the Cumbrian Flag on appropriate occasions.

Accounts

16/9/52 Current Accounts and Budget

Councillors **resolved** that the circulated accounts and budget are an accurate record.

16/9/53 Audit completion report

Councillors **resolved** to acknowledge the completed audit report for 2015-2016.

16/9/54 Resolved on the following payments

BDO, External Auditors. £36.00

Next Meeting: 23 November 2016, 7.30pm Welton Village Hall