

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Sebergham Parish Council Meeting 27th September 2017 in Welton Village Hall

Present:

Acting Chairman Peter Pearson
Councillors Michael Stockdale, Christine Tinnion

Also in attendance: Councillor Duncan Fairbairn (ABC & CCC), PCSO Kier Irving & Rachael Kelly (Locum Clerk)

Procedural Items

17/7/29 Apologies

Apologies received from Alan Rule, Andrew Bell, Ken Graham

17/7/30 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interests

17/7/31 Dispensations

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

17/7/32 Minutes 26 July 2017

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

17/7/33 Public Participation

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

Kier Irving (PCSO) attended the meeting, but had to leave prior to the commencement of the meeting, but advised there was nothing to report, and to contact her if there were any issues.

Councillor Fairbairn had no report.

Cllr Tinnion asked about the stones which have been removed at Goose Green, and was advised highways have removed them.

Cllr Stockdale asked about the bund at Goose Green, and was advised it will be left open.

Arthur Lester (CCC) attended the meeting to give an update on Bell Bridge & Bell Bridge Lonning.

Bell Bridge

The works are on schedule, to be finished at the end of November. SPC were shown the design for the new steps which are 600mm wide, along with a handrail

Cllr Stockdale asked if the coping stones from the old bridge could be re-used, Mr Lester to see if this is possible.

Cllr Pearson asked about the wood for the new seating, and asked if recycled plastic could be used, as wood would require ongoing maintenance. Mr Lester to see if this is possible.

The new planted area will be planted with hardy plants, and SPC resolved that it would maintain the planted area.

The wording for the interpretative plaque was discussed, and it was agreed that SPC will discuss, and pass the wording on the Mr Lester as soon as possible, hopefully within the next week.

Mr Lester and SPC discussed plans for the opening, it is hoped that the Ceremonial Opening will be in early December, and it is hoped that local dignitaries and press would attend.

Cllr Stockdale asked about signage at the cattle grid / passing place, as the area is used to park cars, which blocks access.

Bell Bridge Lonning

Mr Lester advised that the dive report has been received, but the quality and results are not as good as expected, and do not meet the standards required. The contractor has contacted the dive company about this. From the report received it is not looking positive that the road will reopen this year, although a temporary repair is being considered. SPC agreed that this was disappointing.

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

Staffing

17/7/34 Locum Clerk

Peter Pearson advised that Rachael Kelly has been appointed as Locum Clerk, and it was resolved to pay her the hours worked to date (14), and the same rate of pay as the current clerk (£10.49 per hour).

Planning

17/7/35 Planning Applications

2/2017/0339 – Mr Ian Dixon - Listed building consent to remove slates and roof timbers from barn - Fell Hill Tenement Park Head Warnell - **Councillors ratified the decision of no concerns.**

17/7/36 Planning Decision Notices

2/2017/0339 – Mr Ian Dixon - Listed building consent to remove slates and roof timbers from barn - Fell Hill Tenement Park Head Warnell - **Approved**

Business

17/7/37 Transparency Grant

It was resolved to submit an application by SPC to CALC for funding from the Transparency Fund and purchase a laptop, software and printer with the funds. The Locum Clerk to submit the application, and purchase.

17/7/38 Bell Bridge

Further to the update by Mr Lester (CCC), it was resolved to agree on the wording for the interpretative plaque for Bell Bridge. The wording to be:

BELL BRIDGE, WELTON

This plaque commemorates the successive bridges which have existed in this location for more than three centuries.

The initial wooden bridge, believed to have been the first constructed at this site, was washed away by floods which occurred in 1771.

In 1772 Joseph Robinson was paid £93 to erect a replacement masonry arch bridge near the site of the original structure and to maintain this for a period of seven years. This was a single span segmental arch structure constructed of coursed red sandstone with chamfered coping, spanning 19.8m and with a distinctive hump.

This bridge survived for some 244 years before it was severely damaged during Storm Desmond in the winter of 2015/16. It subsequently collapsed around midday on 27th Jan 2016. Bell Bridge was a significant local focal point of trade and tourism throughout its life, featuring in Wainwright's 'Cumbrian Way' and being granted Grade II listed status in 1986.

Bell Bridge was named after the Bell family who lived at the nearby farmstead.

This replacement bridge was constructed at a cost of by Story Contracting Ltd in 2017 under contract to Cumbria County Council, and was opened by on Cllr Pearson to forward to Mr Lester.

Mr Lester gave an update on Bell Bridge Lanning during 17/7/33, no further discussion was required.

17/7/39 Notice board

Cllr Stockdale gave an update on the grant application for a new notice board at the layby, he advised that whilst the grant application has been successful, it is not for the full amount originally applied for. CCF have agreed to make a grant of £1250. Foster Fabrications have advised they will be able to fabricate the notice board required for £1250.

It was resolved for Cllr Stockdale to instruct Foster Fabrications, ensuring that the notice board does not exceed 1.2m².

Accounts

17/7/40 Current Accounts and Budget

It was resolved that the circulated accounts and budget are an accurate record.

17/7/41 External Audit by BDO

The conclusion of the external financial audit was received, and the required notices will be displayed.

17/7/42 Authorisation is required for the following payments

It was resolved to authorise the following payments:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>Budget Code</u>	<u>Value</u>
27/09/2017	32	CALC	Admin - CALC	£132.60
27/09/2017	33	Rachael Kelly	Clerk Salary	£117.66
27/09/2017	34	HMRC	Clerk Salary	£29.20

The meeting was closed at 20.35

The date of next scheduled meeting: 22nd November 2017, 7.30 p.m. in Welton Village Hall