

**SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16 JANUARY 2013**

**PRESENT**

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson  
Mr AV Rule  
Mr M Hilton  
Mr G Gash  
Mrs S Reid  
Mr A Bell  
Ms PL Gauntlett (Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr M Stockdale

**IN ATTENDANCE**

District and County Councillor Duncan Fairbairn

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 21 November 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

**Report from Councillor Fairbairn.** Mr Joe Wattleworth is the new Better Highways Officer 07971446000 for major problems. Residents should continue to contact the Highways Hotline for normal problems.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Bollards in Churchtown.** It is highly unlikely that these will be installed by Allerdale. Any work will need to be funded by the Parish Council. At present we have 1 bollard and are looking for another one. Once we have these a decision will be made on siting and installing them.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Cumbria County Council magazine, noted

Clerks & Councils Direct, noted.

Police and Crime plan. An E mail about this was circulated yesterday. It is limited to the towns and cities but there is very little of concern to the rural communities.

**7. PRECEPT**

The Clerk circulated the e mails from Allerdale re the precept last week together with a projection of income and expenditure for the coming year. It was suggested that the precept should remain unchanged. It was formally agreed to precept for the same amount as last year.

**8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

All the matters on the last minutes were reported to the Highways Hotline. In addition there are problems on the road up to Caldbeck. This repair is on the Highways list but the repairs may not be done this financial year.

The road in Welton, where the school bus refused to go, has been reported and the tarmac to start the repairs has arrived today. More tarmac is due tomorrow to complete the work.

New Potholes have formed at the bottom of Doctors Brow. It is not long since the road was repaired. These have been reported to the Highways Hotline.

Cumbria Way, The work to resurface part of the bridle way has stopped 50m from the entrance to the walk. It appears that the contractors have run out of aggregate. Councillors are unsure who was responsible for funding the project. Collr Fairbairn will investigate this.

**9. JOINT AREA WORKING GROUP**

A group of 13 Parishes around the Wigton area have established a forum to attempt to tackle common problems.. Only about 50% of the Parishes in the area appeared to be in favour of this idea. An e mail was sent out yesterday with further details of the project. It was agreed that participation in this venture could be beneficial to the Parish Council. The next draft of the Allerdale Local Plan is due out soon. A meeting of this group will be held once the plan is out for discussion. There is scope to draw up a neighbourhood plan with several parishes within this group.

**10. NORTHERN FELS BROADBAND**

DEFRA has extended the period for submission of the specifications from the Northern Fells group.. The EU has officially approved wireless technology to be available for state aid. DEFRA have suggested that Cumbria County Council take over the bids on behalf of the Northern Fells Broadband Group. If this is mutually beneficial the County Council will put this to cabinet at the end of January. Cumbria County Council have put a separate bid in for RDP money to upgrade the Threlkeld exchange. This will benefit most of the valley.

## **11. PARISH PLAN**

Nothing to report.

## **12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The application for turbines in the Ling Lane area may go to Allerdale Development Panel at the March meeting. The application for Cleamire has gone to the planning inspectorate on appeal. Rosley residents are setting up an action group to monitor the various applications for turbines in the area and to collate group responses where required.

## **13. ACCOUNTS**

Cheque for £60 for the hall rent for 4 meetings was signed by 2 Councillors. The invoice was only received this evening.

It was agreed to make a donation to the Northern Fells Project and each Parochial Church Council at the next meeting. Invoices for the website hosting, ditch cleaning and grass cutting will also be settled then. The Clerk will send a letter to both PCCs asking them to ensure that an area is set aside for the interment of cremated remains in both churchyards.

## **18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 20 March

Wednesday 15 May AGM, Parish Meeting, PC meeting.

The meeting closed at 21.22

J S Hollins Gibson  
Chairman.