

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16 MAY 2012

PRESENT

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson
Mr AV Rule
Mr M Hilton
Mr G Gash
Mr M Stockdale
Ms PL Gauntlett (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Mr A Bell
Mr P Pearson
Collr D Fairbairn

IN ATTENDANCE

2 members of the public

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 28 March 2012 were questioned by Mr Stockdale although he had not been present at the meeting. His objection was that the Parish Council should not be expressing a preference for options to alleviate the parking problems in Churchtown until a formal planning application is submitted by Mr Little. Mr Hilton stated that in his opinion the minutes reflect exactly what was said at the earlier meeting. Mr Rule felt that the wording could perhaps be modified slightly. It was agreed that the minutes could be signed.

The minutes of the Planning meeting also required amendment. The meeting was on 1 May not 2nd. The wording about the application for an EIA was incorrect. The application for an EIA goes to the Secretary of State for a screening direction, not to Allerdale. It was agreed at the meeting on 1st May that the PC would write to Rory Stewart MP and ask him to write to Allerdale and add his weight to the opposition to the applications.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

None required

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from Mr Boak the new owner of Welton School building offering the playground equipment free to the PC. It was agreed that we do not have the number of children in the area to make use of it. The clerk will write and thank him for his kind offer and approach Caldbeck and Hesket PCs to see if they are interested in using the equipment.

A letter had been received from the new PCSO for the area. It was agreed to invite him to the next meeting.

7. PARKING IN CHURCHTOWN

Mr Hollins-Gibson is having a meeting with Cllr Fairbairn, the head of Planning from Allerdale and Mr Little at Sebergham Services tomorrow.

8. SIDS

These are out on rotation and should be back here soon.

9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

There has been some patching done to the road in Ling Lane. It doesn't look very good and concerns were expressed as to how long the repairs will last.

The carriageway at the foot of Doctors Brow should be repaired in June, the work on Sebergham Bridge is also scheduled to take place in June.
The Sebergham sign is missing on the B5305 coming towards Churchtown. The clerk will report this.

10. PARKHEAD QUARRY

No report has arrived the Clerk will forward it when she receives it.

11. NORTHERN FELLS BROADBAND

Mr Hilton had already given a report at the earlier Parish Meeting.

It was agreed that the e-mail addresses that we obtained during the production of the Parish Plan cannot be used for general circulation as this would fall foul of Data Protection laws.

12. FLAGPOLE

The rope has been replaced. The flag is held at Welton Farm and will be flown for the Queen's Jubilee.

13. PARISH PLAN

Nothing to report.

14. PARKING BOLLARDS

Mr Stockdale has been chasing the Council to get the work done as Amey Mouchel have now lost the contract and it is back in the hands of the County Council. The County Council needed a month to price the job, Mr Stockdale will phone again this week and see if they have done this.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

240/241 Mr Rule has written to the Secretary of State stating asking for an Environmental Impact Assessment to be undertaken and copied his letter to all Parish Councillors. Allerdale have been asked to provide information to the Secretary of State who will make a decision on whether or not an EIA is required within 3 weeks. Allerdale Council are undertaking noise impact assessments on neighbouring properties. Carlisle Airport have stated that they will object to the application, unless an EIA is undertaken as the turbines could interfere with the flight paths.

Westward PC meet next Monday, it was suggested that a PC member could attend their meeting. Mr Hollins-Gibson will ring the Chairman and say that someone will attend, Mr Rule or Mr Pearson will attend. A track of hardcore has been put onto the land off Ling Lane, this is going to be the access road to the turbines. If this is just an agricultural track no permission is required but it is assumed that it will not ultimately be used for this purpose.

228 Limetree Grove Sebergham, proposed agricultural building. No objections to this.

255Ling Farm Welton, extension to provide sunroom. No objections to this.

280 Beech House Nether Welton, two storey extension and raise garage roof. No objections to this.

16. ACCOUNTS MATTERS

The accounts for the year ended 5 April 2012 together with supporting notes had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that she had received a risk assessment for cutting the village green from Messrs Fawkes. The Clerk had reviewed the annual insurance documents and checked to see if it was cheaper elsewhere. There was not a cheaper option available. The cover provided by Zurich was more than adequate for the PCs needs. It was also confirmed that the books would be going to the Internal Auditor on Friday and then sent to BDO in June. This means that the effectiveness of the internal audit will need to be reviewed at the next meeting after the accounts have been sent off to BDO.

The following cheques were written and signed by 2 Parish Councillors.

341 CALC annual subscription 121.00

342 Zurich Insurance 225.00

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18 July

19 September

Meeting closed at 9.20

Mr JS Hollins Gibson
Chairman.