

# Sebergham Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 18 JULY 2012

### PRESENT

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

### 1. APOLOGIES

Mr P Pearson  
Collr D Fairbairn

### IN ATTENDANCE

2 members of the public

The new declarations of pecuniary interests were signed by all Councillors present.

### 2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 1 May, AGM and 16 May 2012 were agreed and signed.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Bell declared an interest in the Greenview Lodge planning application.

### 4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mr Keith Gibson, a resident of Churchtown noted that the Parish Council appears to be lending its support to Sebergham Services Ltd using part of the land to the rear of the garage as additional car parking. Mr Gibson wished to express his objection in advance to any excessive intrusion into the field which is also behind his property. The Chairman stated that no application has been submitted by Mr Little. Mr Gibson was informed that, when an application was submitted he would receive details from Allerdale BC. The Parish Council hope that Mr Little and Mr Gibson can work together on a mutually acceptable application for this venture.

The bollards that are proposed on the roadside in Churchtown will not go as far up the road to obstruct Mr Gibson's drive. They are only intended to deter people from parking on the verge.

The red squirrel ranger is working in Dentonside Wood. He currently has 30 traps out and will be there for next 2 weeks.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

### 6. CORRESPONDENCE

Consultation on Minerals & Waste local plan, noted.

Letter from ABC about A boards & chairs outside cafés and on the footpath. It was noted that there is an A board on the B5305 at Goose Green crossroads advertising Clea Hall caravan site which is several miles away and, therefore will be in breach of the proposed regulations. The Clerk will pass details to ABC.

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Eden Rivers Trust newsletter, noted.

## **7. PARKING IN CHURCHTOWN**

Nothing to report.

## **8. SIDS**

No update on this but speeding in Welton is becoming a problem and there have been complaints. The clerk will write to the Police and ask if some speed trapping can be done.

## **9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

The surface of the road down to Sowerby Mill has been washed away in the floods, the EA are keen that the road is re-tarmaced asap to prevent the hard core is being washed into the river. The Clerk will E mail Councillor Fairbairn and ask him to contact the relevant department.

Despite the width restriction signs on the roads through the Ling Lane area and the road to Rosley, the lorries are continuing to use the routes and the bridge has been damaged again. The Clerk will e mail Councillor Fairbairn about this.

Warnell Fell road is deteriorating rapidly, with the road surface washing off The surface at the bottom of Doctors Brow still needs to be repaired.

The drain on the Bell Bridge road from Doctors Brow towards Bell Bridge has been blocked for months and the road is flooding. There is another blocked drain between Bell Bridge and Little Bell Bridge. The Clerk will report these problems to the Highways Steward.

## **10. PARKHEAD QUARRY**

The report from David Hughes had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Parish Council are happy with the plans as outlined and see no sense in waiting for months to try and get additional soil to plant trees. The Clerk will pass the comments to Mr Hughes.

## **11. NORTHERN FELS BROADBAND**

DEFRA will be getting back to the group by the end of July with further proposals. Fujitsu have dropped out of tender process with the County Council. A consultant has been retained by the NF group to help with the technical issues re the replies to DEFRA.

## **12. LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

This document will set the planning regime for the next 15 to 20 years. ABC has set strategic policies, safeguarding the environment etc that the Parish Council is in agreement with. ABC is against large windfarms and they are encouraging Parishes to write in and support their stance . There are proposals to insist that any turbines are set back a minimum distance from properties. This does not lessen the visual impact. Other than this no other alternative energy sources are explored in depth. It is unlikely that a building project would be allowed in our Parish due to the lack of infrastructure. There is nothing in the plan to attempt to revitalise the rural communities. A lot of villages are dying. Strategy for reusing rural buildings is a bit vague and could be a cause for concern. Parish Councils need to be consulted before any change of use on such buildings. Mr Rule will draft the response to ABC on behalf of the PC, circulate it to everyone and the Clerk will submit it next week.

## **13. PARISH PLAN**

No report from Mr Pearson but we will wait until the next meeting to see if we will be making an amended plan under the Localism bill.

## **14. PARKING BOLLARDS**

Mr Stockdale has chased the Highways Department about this.. The metal bollard that we already have will be installed shortly. Some posts will be put in opposite the entrance to the garage to protect the verge which will be reinstated and more soil laid and sowed with grass seed in September.

## **15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

2/2012/0394 Re-positioning access at Green View Lodges. No problems with this.

2/2012/0280 Woodstyle Joinery, plans approved.

2/2012/0506 Caldbrae, extension agreed.

2/2012/0241 Noise Impact Assesment re turbines at The Ling Welton. The noise impact assessment has been rejected by Allerdale Environmental Health and the company must do it again. The screening proposals were also rejected. Rory Stewart MP has written to ABC objecting to the proposals for the turbines.

## **16. ACCOUNTS MATTERS**

The accounts and minutes had been checked and agreed by the Internal Auditor. There were no problems with any of the items. The Return was then submitted to BDO and this has been returned with no comments made. The effectiveness of the Internal Audit was reviewed and found to be acceptable.

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

343 BDO (external audit)	60.00
344 Welton Village Hall (rent)	80.00
345 Mr C Leece (internal auditor)	30.00

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

19 September

Meeting closed at 21.17

JS Hollins Gibson  
Chairman.