

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19 SEPTEMBER 2012

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr D Fairbairn
Mrs S Reid

IN ATTENDANCE

8 members of the public. Including some from neighbouring Parishes.

The meeting was joined by Mr Richard Hortin from TGC Renewables Glasgow who gave a talk on the type of wind turbines his company proposed to erect in the Parish. TGC are currently working with a landowner in the Parish to develop a single wind turbine on his land. They have applied for a Screening Assessment from Allerdale BC for the site. A Noise Impact Assessment may be required after this. The Planning Application will include a series of photo montages of the area. If any resident wants his property included in the montage they are asked to contact TGC.

The proposed turbine will be 30m from the ground to the hub with 15m blades, making it 45 m from base to tip. It will have a 225kw output for sale of electricity to the National Grid. It meets current maximum noise requirements at 425m from the nearest property. It must be sited a minimum of 45m away from roads, power lines etc. 50m from hedges and topple height from footpaths and bridleways. Mr Hortin was asked to e mail the Clerk a copy of the statutory guidelines containing these figures.

Concern was expressed that Mr Hortin's map for this particular development does not show the houses that are nearest the site. These properties may be within a 425m radius of the proposed turbine.

TGC hope to submit this particular planning application within 4 to 6 weeks. TGC do not consider that they would be putting another turbine on this site, but they are looking to site other turbines in North Cumbria. It should be remembered that TGC are not the only company operating in this field in the County. There are several companies some who propose to erect much larger turbines.

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 18 July were agreed and signed.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

None required.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Bollards in Churchtown. These have been installed, but the small posts sited at the side of the road have already been damaged by vehicles. The Clerk will e mail the Highways dept who installed the posts and ask them to repair or replace them.

Sebergham Services. Mr Little has been in touch with the Environment Agency to find out what he can do to bridge the beck that runs along the rear of his property and has received advice from them. He is working with his neighbour on the planning application.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Training sessions with Allerdale re Localism Act. Most Councillors will attend the Wigton session on 12 October.

Revision of dog control orders. None required.

Electoral review of Cumbria final recommendations. Noted.

Final report of Managing Radioactive Waste Safely Partnership. This was discussed, no revisions required.

Northern Fells Group AGM, noted. Mr Gash will attend on behalf of the PC.

CCC local news & views, noted.

Clerks & Councils Direct, noted.

7. SIDS

The machines have stopped working. The Police are responsible for repairing them. To date nothing further has been reported

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The narrow bridge signs on the road from Welton village to Rosley are not proving very effective. The bridge has been hit again by a wagon. The residents are taking vehicle details and passing the information to the Police.

The water is still flooding over the road down from Warnell. A cyclist had an accident on the road in May as a result of the poor road surface. This has been reported to both the Highways Hotline and Capita.

Water is running onto the road on the east side of Doctors Brow. This is also a Capita matter and has been reported.

The drain on the Beckside road towards Bell Bridge is still blocked, just before Greenfoot. This was reported after the last meeting. Mr Pearson will report all these again to the Highways Hotline.

9. PARKHEAD QUARRY

David Hughes is on holiday and no report has been received. The Clerk will circulate the report when it arrives.

10. NORTHERN FELLS BROADBAND

BT have been awarded the contract for the improvement of broadband by CCC. The NF group are still pressing to obtain the funding from BD UK. The latest set of replies to their questions have been submitted by the NF Broadband group. There is concern that BT will concentrate on urban areas to meet targets.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD/ PARISH PLAN

Under the new Localism Act the Parish Council will have more influence on planning policies. To prepare a new Neighbourhood Plan should not cost the Parish Council a great deal as we already have a lot of the basics covered in the Parish Plan. The Allerdale Local Plan is currently being revised. If this addresses all of our concerns we will not need a great deal in our plan but it is unlikely that all our concerns will be adequately covered. The new draft from Allerdale is due out around Easter next year. There is a lot of guidance available from various organisations to help with producing a plan. Once the Parish's Plan is completed and published a referendum must be held on its contents. This is paid for by Allerdale BC. It was agreed that we should do some preparatory work thinking about the things that we would want to include in the plan. There is also the possibility of submitting a joint plan with neighbouring parishes. We may need to apply for some funding at some point. The Clerk will investigate whether there are any grants available for this work.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

Plans approved for Caldbrae, Sebergham Castle.

13. ACCOUNTS

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

346 P L Gauntlett (annual expenses)	72.00
347 A Ward (website repair)	30.00

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

These are provisionally set for 21 or 28 November and 16 January 2013.

Meeting closed at 21.40

J S Hollins Gibson
Chairman.