

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1 FEBRUARY 2012

PRESENT

Mr S Hollins-Gibson
Mr P Pearson
Mr A V Rule
Mr G Gash
Mr M Hilton
Mrs S Bennett
Ms P L Gauntlett (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Mr M Stockdale
Mr A Bell

IN ATTENDANCE

4 members of the public

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 30 November 2011 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The following comments were made re planning application 0955. Mr & Mrs Chesters who are neighbours at Sebergham Castle House, were surprised that the application was submitted without any discussion with themselves. They feel that the size of the building is the main issue as it will house 8 to 10 cars and it is unnecessarily high. It looks more like an industrial unit. The building needs to fit in with the surroundings. They worry that it may be used for commercial purposes. There are also factual inaccuracies in the Integer submission. The building can be seen from the road as can the shed,. There have been several occasions when the access road has been blocked, not just one occasion as stated in the document.

The Clerk was advised by e mail that the application has been withdrawn but Allerdale has not been advised of this.

Mr & Mrs Henderson, landowners were also in attendance. They agreed with the previous comments and stated that Mr Cullen has 1 acre of land adjacent to the property and a small amount some miles away .Mr Cullen has 20 sheep, which in their opinion is far too many to put on the land that they have next to the house, they are concerned that the building will be used for commercial purposes.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A guide to neighbourhood planning
Clerks & Councils Direct, noted.

7. PARKING IN CHURCHTOWN

The planning dept at Allerdale report that no application from Mr Little has been submitted. Up until the last week there have been very few vehicles on the road. This week he has been having a new bay installed so the vehicles have been parked on the road. Mr Little is interested in using the land that he owns behind the garage for parking, in the past this has been turned down by Allerdale. It was suggested that Mr Little ask for the application to be "called in" as he would have a better chance of getting the plans passed. Mr Hollins-Gibson will suggest that he produces a drawing and see what the neighbours think.

8. SIDS

We had the SIDS for a few weeks but the weather was too bad to put them out. They have now been taken off the road for the winter.

9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The Highways Stewards no longer come to the area on a regular basis. Instead they go to reported problems and sort them out. They are trying to repair specific roads when they can, doing a slightly better job than just the usual repairs. Some of the minor roads needs top dressed. The steward wants to work on the road alongside the river but won't have the money to do this until April.

The County Council have started work on the Cumbria Way at Dentonside about 10 days ago. They are draining about a 400m stretch of path.

10. PARKHEAD QUARRY

The update from David Hughes has been circulated to all Parish Councillors.

11. NORTHERN FELLS BROADBAND

A business plan has been submitted to DEFRA. A huge amount of analysis has been done of businesses and dwellings in the 7 parishes. A decision is expected in April. The plan is costed to provide every dwelling in the area with white space broadband access, this technology uses an ariel. Trials could hopefully begin by the final quarter of this year. The whole thing will be run by a Company which will be limited by guarantee and will have representatives of every parish plus several experts on the board.

12. WELTON SCHOOL

Before Xmas it looked like there was a purchaser for the building, but that appears to be incorrect as the for sale boards are up outside.

13. SQUIRREL UPDATE

There has been a 60% increase in grey kills (1323) in 2011 and a 70% increase in red sightings.

14. PARKING BOLLARDS

Nothing to report.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2/2011/0955 domestic storage building at Sebergham Castle House. The application was discussed at length. The main objection to the application is the size of the building. It is large and too high and appears to be well in excess of the size required for the proposed use.. The house is short of good outbuildings but, the building on the plans looks like an agricultural building and is out of character with the house. If it was lower and faced to look like the house it would be more acceptable. The Clerk will convey these comments to Allerdale planning dept tomorrow morning. In addition, she will ask that specific wording that the building is for domestic use only be added to the application when it is eventually passed.

2/2011/0950 first floor extension 4 Fell View Welton. No objections were received to this.

Approval given.

2/2011/0880 extension to cubicle shed The Ling Welton

16. PRECEPT

The Clerk had circulated her proposals for a £100 increase in the precept for the coming financial year after discussing them with the Chairman. The precept has not been increased for several years and with Rising costs and courses to pay for she felt that £100 was sufficient. This amount was formally agreed.

17 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The clerk is now paid monthly by standing order direct into her bank account.

The following cheques were authorised and signed by 2 signatories.

335 CALC new councillors course 96.00

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 28 March 2012.

Meeting closed at 21.30

Mr S Hollins Gibson
Chairman.