

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20 JULY 2011

PRESENT

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

1.APOLOGIES

Mr A Bell

IN ATTENDANCE

Inspector Dennis Kelly NPT Allerdale rural Police
Chief Superintendant Steve Johnson Area Commander for Allerdale and Copeland
Bob Henderson Locality Officer Allerdale BC
Mr J Spittle resident
Mr P Little resident
Mr M Hilton resident

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 11 May 2011 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Parking in Churchtown.

The meeting was joined by 2 members of the Police (see details above) and Bob Henderson the Locality Officer for Allerdale BC to discuss the problems with parking in Churchtown. Insp Kelly outlined the problems with the cars parked on the verge in Churchtown. On 6 July the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Act was passed by Allerdale Borough Council, this means that the local authority can stop vehicles being repaired on the roadside and stop vehicles that are being advertised for sale being parked on the roadside. In Churchtown there are problems deciding exactly what is the grass verge and what is footpath. Cumbria CC Highways state that neither side of the road is a footpath. They will confirm this in writing to the Clerk.

Following a site meeting between Mr Little and representatives of the Police, Parish Council and Allerdale BC it was agreed that, the best solution is to utilise the land at the front of the garage where parking bays could be created that could accommodate 6 to 8 vehicles. If this requires planning permission Mr Long (ABC) says this will not be a problem. It will not be done overnight. The Police reported that there have not been any vehicles identified that are causing an obstruction recently but there have been fixed penalty notices issued on vehicles left parked on the roadside that do not display a valid tax disc. The Police are concerned that the number of abandoned vehicles in this location will attract criminals who will be vandalising vehicles and may move onto the properties. The Clerk will write to Allerdale and ask what the situation is re the planning permission for the full site. The Clerk will also write to Mr Little and ask him to keep Clerk informed about progress re the planning application.

Residents complained about recovery vehicles delivering vehicles at all hours of the day and night to the garage. This week a resident saw a mechanic actually repairing a vehicle on the roadside.

Residents would also like to know what kind of permission the garage has re the hours it can open etc. It is obvious that the garage has outgrown the space but, with some reorganisation all the vehicles can be accommodated off the road. Residents do not want to lose the facility from the village, they just want the site tidied up.

Steve Johnson gave an update on crime in the area and the savings that are required.. Thirty five Police have left our area in the last year and it is difficult providing 24 hour cover. To do this the Policing teams have been merged into larger areas. So far this is working and they are only 5 crimes over target. There was a reduction in crimes in the area in the last year. All Police vehicles will be fitted with lap

top computers by the end of this month which will help with paperwork and mean that more time will be spent outside and less on paperwork. The monthly newsletters are still being produced a link can be put on our website to this on the Police site. The Clerk has not had any newsletters this year. She will check that Dennis Kelly is using the correct e mail. Mr Pearson will get in touch with Lindsay Tuck with a view to restarting the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Flagpole.

Mr Pearson will ask his son who is training to be an engineer to check the flagpole for visible signs of wear and tear.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks & Councils Direct, noted.

Review of Primary education in Welton, noted.

Invoice from Allerdale BC for the uncontested election. This was received after the agendas were issued.

7. CO OPTING OF NEW COUNCILLORS

The Clerk had posted a vacancy notice on the board. No one had come forward so it was decided to co opt the 2 people who had previously expressed an interest in joining the PC. Mr M Hilton & Mrs S Bennett were duly elected and will be invited to the next meeting. Mr Hilton will be away in September.

8. SIDS

Nothing to report.

9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Mr Pearson will pass details on to the steward about the road into Churchtown, Mill Lane and Ling Lane.

10. PARKHEAD QUARRY

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

11. NORTHERN FELLS BROADBAND

Mr Hilton has attended several meeting about this and the whole project is moving forward. A copy of his report is with the paper minutes. To date 74% of the Parish have registered support for the project, it would be good to get everyone on board, even those properties who don't have computer access.

The Parish confirmed their commitment to the Northern Fells Broadband project. The Clerk will send an e mail to Mr Hilton confirming that we are happy for Northern Fells Broadband to represent the Parish in the ongoing Broadband discussions.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

13. WEBSITE

The clerk will ensure that all the reports that go to the papers and newsletters will include a mention of the website. Posters will be put on the website advertising this.

14. OLD MINUTE BOOKS

Mr Hollins Gibson has had the old minute books photographed. We can purchase a full copy of the photographs for £100. It was agreed to purchase this and pay at the next meeting. The clerk will return the books to the Archive together with the latest book and the missing book. This means there is a full set of minute books in the Archive.

15. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS & ACCOUNTS

The Internal audit has been carried out and everything was in order. The Clerk has sent the Annual Return form off to BDO.

The Clerk has received a copy of Mr Fawkes risk assessment for cutting the village green

The Clerks salary is now paid monthly by direct transfer into her bank account. The first payment went through at the end of June.

The following cheques were authorised and signed by 2 signatories.

325 A E Fawkes & Sons (2 years grass cutting)	282.00
326 C Leece (internal auditor)	30.00
327 Allerdale Borough Council (election expenses)	100.00

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PC meeting has been changed to 14 September..

Meeting closed at 10.00

Mr S Hollins-Gibson
Chairman.