

**SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20 MARCH 2013**

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Mr G Gash

**IN ATTENDANCE**

District and County Councillor Duncan Fairbairn

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 16 January 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr A Rule declared an interest as the proposed wind turbines are in close proximity to his home.

**4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

**The Parish Council received a report from Councillor Fairbairn.**

The street lighting that is currently attached to wooden telegraph poles will not be replaced when the phone wires are put underground. The County Council are looking at ways to reduce the overall street lighting bill and they are hoping that when existing poles require replacement they will fit timers into the new lights.

There is a consultation project underway for affordable housing. If the Parish Council want to participate or, have an interest in having affordable housing provided in the Parish they are urged to get in touch with the County Council.

Some work has been done on the drains on the south side of Doctors Brow, the work is not finished. The repairs to the top of the Brow are in hand.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Cumbria Way. The County Council should be completing the work on the footpath in the next financial year.

Mr Stockdale will install a bollard and put some hardcore in front of the Churchtown notice board.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

BDO Audit briefing  
Clerks & Councils Direct  
Whole Valley Planning

**7. WIND TURBINES**

There are registered Owl breeding sites within the vicinity of the proposed Ling Lane turbines. A full Owl assessment must be carried out. Allerdale Environmental Health dept are looking at whether or not they can insist that the noise survey be done again, the previous one may be flawed.. The earliest the matter will be heard will be at the 14 May Planning Committee meeting. Once the date is confirmed the date will be circulated, councillors are requested to get as many people as possible to attend. Meetings are held at The Wave in Maryport. The following meeting is scheduled for 11 June.

The Draft local plan is coming out for re-consultation. This is only open for 6 weeks. Mr Rule will look through this and circulate comments to the PC. There is a proposal contained in it that an 800m set back distance for dwellings from turbines is enforced.

**8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

Potholes on Ling Lane have had emergency patching put in but these are already coming away. There are several large wagons using this road each week making deliveries to the farms in addition to the tractors and slurry tankers. Councillor Fairbairn will chase up proper repairs.

The B5305 beside Goose Green crossroads has been resurfaced but there are no white lines on the road. This is dangerous at a busy crossroads. The wagons are driving on the grass verge as they are finding it increasingly difficult to judge the width of the road. The lines that are left further along the road are well worn and need repainted. Councillor Fairburn will look into this.

#### **9. JOINT AREA WORKING GROUP**

Nothing to report. According to CALC the Clerk did not return the questionnaire. She will e mail David Caxton at CALC stating that the Parish Council to be involved in this discussion.

#### **10. NORTHERN FELLS BROADBAND**

The County Council have agreed to take over the bid for state funding for the rural areas, this should be submitted to DEFRA shortly. The Northern Fells money will be ring fenced and must provide a service of a minimum of 30mb per second. The group are working with the County Council to ensure that a robust application is submitted.

#### **11. ALLERDALE/NEIGHBOURHOOD/PARISH PLAN**

It was agreed that we should not proceed with this at this time. We will wait until the full Allerdale Local Plan is published.

#### **12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None

#### **13. ACCOUNTS**

The draft accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013 were e mailed to all Parish Councillors ahead of tonight's meeting. They show a surplus for the year of £999. The cheque that was written last year for Welton PCC has not been presented to the bank and has gone out of date. It was agreed to write a cheque for £300 and the Clerk will include a note reminding the treasurer not to present the old cheque when she sends it out.

It was agreed to continue the donation to the Northern Fells rural project and to pay both Parochial Church Councils £150 towards the upkeep of the cemeteries.

An invoice had been received from Messrs Carruthers for the ditch cleaning work in Welton.

The following cheques were written and signed by 2 signatories.

Carruthers (ditch cleaning)	120.00
Northern Fells	200.00
Welton PCC	300.00
Sebergham PCC	150.00
Website hosting	TBA

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 15 May at 7pm. It will be the AGM, Parish Meeting and PC meeting. The clerk may be unavailable for the meeting but she will make arrangements to get another Clerk to take the minutes if required.

The meeting closed at 21.37

J S Hollins Gibson  
Chairman.