

**SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 21 NOVEMBER 2012**

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs S Reid

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs A Ivinson

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 19 September were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr A Rule declared an interest in the wind turbines planning applications.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

None required.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The training course arranged by Allerdale Borough Council was cancelled at the last minute. To date, a rearranged date has not been given.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk will send an e mail to Managing Radioactive Waste Safely saying that the Parish Council have no problems with the proposals.

CALC Annual Report, noted.

Clerks & Councils Direct, noted.

In Touch, Allerdale magazine, noted.

7. SIDS

No reports have been received about the machines and they have not been provided to the PC. The clerk will ask the Police to radar trap on the B5305 and through Welton village during rush hours.

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

There is a bad pothole on the road to Caldbeck. It is on the last corner before the cattle grid going towards Caldbeck.

The road into Churchtown is disintegrating at the sides due to the water running down.

The County Council contractors that were working on the river side left all their rubbish when they were doing the road repairs. The debris from the previous works is still lying around. The Clerk will contact the Highways Department and complain about this.

Water is still flowing across the road on the East side of Doctors Brow. It is dangerous now but, if the road ices up it will be lethal.

All these matters will be reported to the Highways Hotline.

9. BOLLARDS IN CHURCHTOWN

Another bollard or two is required on the verge in Churchtown. It was decided to try and find a couple of bollards. The Clerk will ask Duncan to see if he can get any. She will also ask the Highways Steward to see if he will install them. The Parish Council will lay some hard core in front of the noticeboard to make access to the board easier.

10. NORTHERN FELS BROADBAND

Mr Hilton made a report. The group has received a response from DEFRA to their expression of interest. It raises 17 points, most of which have already been addressed in earlier correspondence. The group has decided to take time to consider their response and examine some other commercial alternatives in the meantime.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD/ PARISH PLAN

Mr Rule approached Westward and The Boltons Parish Councils to see if they were interested in joining with us to produce a new plan. Westward declined but Boltons are interested and Mr Rule is meeting with them next week to plan a way forward. The next version of the Allerdale plan is not due out until April. It was decided that, it would be best to wait until it is published and we have had a chance to read it before we progress any further.. The actual plan preparation is to be funded by central government via Allerdale. This will remain as an agenda item to check progress in the coming months.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2/2012/0744 Camp site for Mr E Mac Fadzean. The Clerk will contact Caldbeck Parish Council to see what their response is to this application. The consensus of the meeting is that it will be almost impossible to make the area of the camp site no parking and a turning circle inside the gate is not going to solve the problem. The Clerk will circulate Caldbeck PCs comments and then we will discuss our Parish Councils response.

2/2012/0778 Replacement Barn Grassgarth Farm, agreed.

Ling Lane turbines. One of the applications has been withdrawn. If the remaining one gets passed it is expected that the other application will be resubmitted. Natural England had issued a consultation paper on completing barn owl surveys to Allerdale for the area. The Development Panel meeting of the Planning Committee to discuss this application is unlikely to be held this year.

Allerdale Borough Council's Development Panel refused the application for a turbine at Cleamire last week together with 2 others in the region. The planning officers recommended refusal in all 3 cases. Over 100 applications for turbines have been submitted to Allerdale Borough Council this year. The Parish Council is not receiving screening assessments which are being sent out by the Windfarm Companies to neighbours of the proposed turbines. The Parish Council do not find out about the proposals until formal applications are submitted to the Borough Council.

There are 6 projects in the pipeline in the area (not in our Parish). There is a public meeting at Rosley Hall on 29th Nov to look at the proposals in their area.

A Screening assessment has been produced for Roundhill. The Clerk to write to Allerdale and request an environmental impact assessment on the site of the proposed turbine, due to the cumulative effect of turbines in the area.. The Clerk will also write to Allerdale complaining that she was not advised of this application, and copy this e mail to the District/County Councillor.

13. ACCOUNTS

No cheques required.

Allerdale have requested that Parish Councils do not set their precepts at this time but wait until further information is issued.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

16 January 2013.

Meeting closed at 21.15

J S Hollins Gibson
Chairman.