

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 28 MARCH 2012

PRESENT

Mr P Pearson
Mr A V Rule
Mr A Bell
Mr G Gash
Mr M Hilton
Ms P L Gauntlett (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Mr S Hollins Gibson
Mr M Stockdale
Mrs S Bennett

IN ATTENDANCE

One member of the public.

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 1 February 2012 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mrs Cullen from Sebergham Castle House wished to state that, the last 2 sets of minutes re the planning application made for Sebergham Castle House were factually incorrect and contained a defamatory statement. Mr & Mrs Cullen were extremely upset with the comments that were published in both sets of minutes. Mrs Cullen wished to place on record the fact that the proposed building is not a commercial enterprise, MOT station or anything else. It is purely a garage and storeroom for private use. The house does not have enough outside storage space and this is why they wish to build the garage. A revised set of plans is ready to be submitted to Allerdale,

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks & Councils Direct, noted.
Our Green Friends. Friends of the Lake District.
Jennings river rides.

7. PARKING IN CHURCHTOWN

No progress has been made. Councillor Fairbairn visited Mr Little. He has not been helpful to the Parish Councils preferred option which is that we wish to support Mr Little's proposal to use his land at the rear of the garage for additional parking. This item will be reviewed at the next meeting.

8. SIDS

The rota for the devices will start again next month. Mr Hollins-Gibson will be coordinating this.

9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The road at the bottom of Doctors Brow is very bumpy and the road through Churchtown has a pothole towards Churchtown House. Both these defects have already been reported to the Highways Hotline. Hopefully these two problems will be repaired in April as the Highways Steward is hoping to have a lorry load of asphalt to complete some of these larger repairs. The road from Sowerby Mill towards the bridge and, the Grassgarth road also need some repairs. The B5305 has a sign on to say that the road will be completely closed for 1 day soon. This is to allow scaffolding to be put into the river to repair the bridge. The Clerk will phone Highways dept and see which contractor is doing the work as there are no signs back at the crossroads saying the road is to be closed nor are there any at the M6 end.
Afternote. The work was not carried out on the scheduled day due to a misunderstanding between the contractors and CCC.

10. PARKHEAD QUARRY

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

11. NORTHERN FELLS BROADBAND

The group are still waiting to hear from DEFRA about funding. They should hear by the end of this month. The group are having a meeting with members of the County Council tomorrow to see if there is any help available from them, whether or not the bid with DEFRA is successful. The House of Lords select committee is investigating superfast broadband. Lord Inglewood is chairing the committee, The NFB have submitted comments to Lord Inglewood.

12. FLAGPOLE

Mr Pearson will change the rope on the flagpole. Mr Gash has a quantity of rope that he is happy to donate.

13. PARISH PLAN

When the Plan was issued expressions of interest were sought from members of the public to join committees, there was only a handful of responses. It was agreed to try and reintroduce a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Mr Pearson will contact the local Police and then take this forward. It was agreed that we could do with a small working party to check all the footpaths and then monitor any work that is required to bring them up to scratch.

14. PARKING BOLLARDS

Mr Stockdale is trying to get this moving. The person at Capita who was dealing with this has moved on. He will attempt to contact someone again in the next few days.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Re routing of 2 bridleways.

Footpath 251017 and 251018 these amendments were agreed.

Footpath 251030. The map for this lacked detail and it was not possible to see exactly where the path was. The Clerk will seek further clarification from the County Council tomorrow and circulate the details. *Afternote. This is merely reinstating the present path as the original was blocked years ago when Lowther Estates put in a forestry road.*

16 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The clerk had circulated an up to date financial position. It was agreed that the PC would honour their annual commitments to the Northern Fells Project and the PCCs. It was noted that this year we have eaten into our reserves and next year any additional expenditure must be carefully monitored.

The following cheques were written and signed by 2 Councillors.

336 Eukhost via M Stockdale (for web hosting)	29.99
340 J M Carruthers & Son ditch cleaning	120.00
338 Sebergham PCC	150.00
339 Welton PCC	150.00
337Northern Fells Project	200.00

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING & ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was decided to hold just one meeting in May. A joint Parish Meeting and AGM on the 16 May with a 7oclock start. Mr Hilton will give a brief talk on the Broadband project. Mr Pearson will ask the pathways officer from Allerdale to given a brief presentation.

Meeting closed at 8.35.

Mr P Pearson
Vice Chairman.

