

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 30 MARCH 2011

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr P Pearson

In accordance with Local Government Regulations Mr Wybergh was asked for his reasons for continued non attendance at Parish Council meetings. He cited pressure of work for this. He said that he would not be able to attend all the meetings, if he was elected to the new Parish Council. Mr Carruthers stated that he would not be standing again in the coming election for health reasons. All the Parish Councillors expressed deep regret at his decision.

IN ATTENDANCE

Collr D Fairbairn

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 2 February 2011 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Report from Councillor Fairbairn.

There has been an adjustment to the buses in the area, one service has been replaced with another. The Fellside buses will be getting more grant help. School transport funding for post 16's is currently under review.

There has been a lot of road patching in the area, from the school towards the B5305, the Rosley road and towards Goose Green. There are several potholes still to be repaired, Collr Fairbairn has reported a lot of these to the Highways Hotline already.

The PCs request for a width restriction on the little bridge towards Rosley is on the Highways list to be done in the coming financial year.

The waste ground at Goose Green will also get a traffic restriction on it during the next financial year, this will enable the Police to move illegally parked vehicles that are parked there. It is hoped it will have a 2 hour restriction.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was a good meeting at Sebergham Hall about the Broadband. 12 people volunteered to help on a steering group. There was also a meeting at Rosley that members attended. Seven Parishes in the Northern Fells group have got together to form a Northern Fells Broadband group and are having fortnightly meetings to move this forward. They would like 2 people from our area on the steering group. Mr Hilton has agreed to be the PCs representative on this group. The steering group have had a meeting with the County Council to see if there is any help or grants available from them. Initially they were told no but BD UK have said that there will be assistance as this was the idea behind the scheme. Councillor Fairbairn will advise Clerk what is happening about this. The Sebergham working party will have a meeting in the next few weeks.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Cumbria in Bloom details, noted.

Review of bus services, noted.

Clerks & Councils Direct, noted.

Allerdale AGM 7 April, there will be a presentation at this meeting by the County Council about the superfast broadband provision. Mr Rule will try and attend.

7. SIDS

The programme was suspended in the bad weather. We understand it is up and running again but no contact has been made. The P Councils are looking at the idea of leaving the devices in each area for a longer period of time but the PC have not been approached for their opinions on this. The main problem with this is the inconvenience of taking the devices in and out every day and charging the batteries, although it was agreed that the devices do not need to be out every day.

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A tremendous amount of work has been done on the Cumbrian Way. Much more work than was ever expected. The path is now a very usable bridle way. Caldbeck PC has thanked us for getting the work done.

9. PARKHEAD QUARRY

The update has been circulated to all Councillors. Briefly, the enforcement order has been issued against the owners with timescales for the area to be tidied and re seeded.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

11. PARISH PLAN

The Plan is ready to go to the printers but the broadband section needs updated. The Clerk will email Mr Pearson to see if it can be amended before printing.

Mr Wybergh announced that he would not be standing for re-election to the Parish Council and left the meeting.

12. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

An estimate of the accounts to 31 March 2011 was considered. The PC resolved to make payments to the Northern Fells Project and the 2 PCCs.

The payment to Mr Stockdale is reimbursement of the website hosting bill which he paid personally.

The following cheques were signed by two signatories present at the meeting.

10 M Stockdale (website hosting)	41.99
11 P L Gauntlett	219.64
12 CALC membership	117.00
13 Carruthers ditch cleaning	120.00
14 Welton Village Hall	40.00
15 Northern Fells	200.00
16 Welton PCC	150.00
17 Sebrm pcc	150.00

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This will be the first meeting of the new Parish Council and will be on Wednesday 11 May.

The Parish meeting will be on 25 May and will include the Parish Plan launch and a broadband talk.

Meeting closed 9.15.

Mr S Hollins-Gibson
Chairman.

