

**SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 24 NOVEMBER 2010**

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr S Hollins-Gibson
Mr M Stockdale for late arrival.

IN ATTENDANCE

Collr D Fairbairn
Mr Hilton a member of the public was present.

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 15 September 2010 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mr Hilton wished to ask about the progress of repairs on the Cumbrian Way. He has been in correspondence with the authorities about this for 2 years and the work appears to be of low priority. The Clerk explained that, Mr Hollins-Gibson is dealing with this matter on behalf of the Parish Council, unfortunately, he was unable to attend this evening. A new set of steps have been installed on the path towards Warnell Hall, these have been left half done and they are dangerous as they are covered in mud. The Clerk will try and find out who is responsible for the work. One of the workers said that the work was part of the Parish Paths initiative but the Parish Council are unaware of any work being undertaken in the area. Collr Fairbairn will be pursuing the County Council about the work on the Cumbrian Way

Mr Hilton also wanted to draw the PC's attention to the decline in the number of red squirrels in the Parish. The reds are being overrun by the greys. If there are two sightings of greys in the same place then Mr Hilton will be happy to help with traps etc to destroy them. He is a member of the Penrith Red Squirrel group. His phone number is 016974 76955. It was agreed that the Clerk will put the details on the website and in our newsletters.

Report from Councillor Fairbairn.

Broadband. There are a number of ways that Broadband can be delivered in the area. The school could be used as a hub, or possibly via the transmitter at Caldbeck, but this could take time. Everyone is urged to go www.racetoinfinity@porternovelli.co.uk and vote for the exchange to get upgraded cables.

The County Council have sent a questionnaire out about what the public wants re cuts. The Clerk will e mail it out to everyone.

Lindsay Tuck the CSO for the Police is prepared to come to the parish and give a talk about Farmwatch.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Collapsed road at Sebergham.

This has all been repaired but there is still a little bit of patching to be finished. The little bridge next to the main bridge has been hit again. The clerk will try and get this sorted.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Community Exchanges Group, noted.

Electoral review of Cumbria, noted.

West Cumbria MRWS news, The Clerk had e mailed and complained about the amount of literature she was receiving through the post from this organisation. There were too many publications and she was receiving dozens of copies of every one. To date, no reply had been received.

Green Spaces details, noted.

Clerks & Councils Direct, noted.

7. SIDS

No report available.

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

A no parking sign is required opposite the entrance to Stockdale's farm yard just off Little Bell Bridge. According to the definitive map this is actually in Carlisle, so the area is in Dalston Parish Council. The Clerk will contact Dalston PC about this. The Clerk has already passed the details to Collr Fairbairn.

The bridge at Rosley is in a poor state of repair, the coping stones have come away. Westward PC would like to have a width restriction put on the bridge and the approaches to it. The problem with a restriction is the detour that would ensue for residents, although those with a business inside the restricted area will be able to drive in. Collr Fairbairn will ask for a TRO for this to be implemented.

9. PARKHEAD QUARRY

The update has been circulated to all Councillors.

10. BROADBAND CHAMPIONS MEETING

Mr Stockdale attended a meeting organised by Rory Stewart MP. The Govt have given money to Cumbria to facilitate the installation of rural broadband, at present there are no concrete plans as to how to do this. The cable to the TV mast runs through Welton and there could be the possibility of using this and using the mast. Mr Pearson will research where the cables are in the Parish and the kind of cables they are. Mr Stockdale would like a Broadband group to deal with this. Mr Pearson will add this into the Parish Plan. The Clerk will e mail Rory Stewart to make sure we are on the e mail circulation for correspondence to do with the broadband installation. Mr Stockdale will be happy to join the group together with Mr Bell, it was suggested that Mr Hilton may be interested in this too. The Clerk will e mail surrounding Parishes and see what they are doing about it. She will include a piece in the newsletter looking for volunteers to joining the steering group.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2/2010/0879 Erection of temporary wind monitoring mast, Reathwaite Farm Brocklebank Wigton. The Clerk will e mail Westward and confirm that we are against the development. It will be visually intrusive and by allowing the test mast we would be accepting the 9 turbines that are proposed. In view of the PCs long term objection, there is little justification for a test mast.

2/2010/0952 Beech Crest. No problems.

12. PARISH PLAN

This is ready to go to the printers, it is just waiting for Chairs opening comments.

13. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS & PRECEPT

The budget for the year to 1 April 2012 was discussed. The Clerk had provided everyone with figures in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that, in the present economic climate we would precept for the same amount as last year. It was formally agreed to precept for £3300.

The following cheques were signed by two signatories present.

07 P L Gauntlett 219.64

08 BDO (audit) 58.75

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Weds 2 Feb 2011.

The meeting was closed at 21.30

Mr P Pearson Vice chairman

