

# **Sebergham & Welton Parish Council**

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The Parish Council met on 11 November for their final meeting of 2009.

We had some good news from Councillor Fairbairn, the road through Welton and Goose Green is due to be resurfaced in the next financial year. We all hope that it does happen.

The Parish Council have had repeated complaints about the state of the footpath through Parsons Park. This is part of the Cumbrian Way and is well used by walkers from all over the world. It is always in a terrible state and very wet. Councillor Fairbairn is going to try and get to the bottom of who is responsible for maintaining the path and hopefully, he can get something done about the poor drainage. Walkers using this route are vital to the area and we must keep the path open and useable for them.

The meeting was joined by Mr Nigel Forsyth from Steadman's to talk about the problems that the factories security lights are causing in the area, and to discuss the impact of the additional lighting which is the subject of a retrospective planning application. Mr Forsyth agreed to get all the security lights checked as residents stated that the lights were coming on before 5am some days and remaining on until daybreak. There were also reports of some of the lights staying on all night. It is hoped that there will be a site meeting at Steadman's with Mr Forsyth and some of the Parish Councillors so that we can see the type of lights that are installed and where they are. After this meeting the Parish Council will submit their comments on the planning application to Allerdale Council.

Further plans have been submitted to Allerdale for the building at Lingside Farm that is the subject of a Planning Enforcement Order. The Parish Council have made the following observations to Allerdale There are already sufficient buildings on the farm, and there is sufficient space on the farm for the type of farming proposed. The agricultural need for the building has not been proved and by demolishing the existing buildings the farm is being denuded to make it look as if the new building is required. The cost and work involved in making the disputed building suitable for agricultural purposes would be disproportionate. The Parish Council consider that the repeated applications for amendments to this building appear to be undermining the planning process and they have urged Allerdale Planners to bring the matter to a speedy conclusion and enforce the Enforcement Order.

The Precept for the year 1April 2010 to 31 March 2011 was set at £3300. This is the same amount as last year. The amount should enable the Parish Council to fulfil all its obligations in the Parish.

We continue to get the speed Indication Devices in the Parish every few weeks. These alternate between Sebergham & Welton. On their last visit to Welton it was noted that a lot of the traffic was not slowing down when travelling through the village past the signs, particularly during the rush hours. As a result of this we have asked the Police to do some speed checks in the village next time the devices are in place. We hope they will continue to do them at other times too. You have all been warned!!!!

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 20 January 2010.

On behalf of the Parish Council may I wish you all a Good Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

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