

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11 MARCH 2009

PRESENT

Mr J S Hollins-Gibson
Mr J M Carruthers
Mr M Stockdale
Mr P Pearson
Mr A Bell
Mr A V Rule
Mr G Gash

APOLOGIES

Collr D Fairbairn
Mr P Wybergh

IN ATTENDANCE

No members of the public were present.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of 14 January 2009 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Angela Harrison from Allerdale Council Had asked to address the meeting re the Housing Needs Surveys, which will be issued to every household in the Parish in April. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend. The Clerk had e mailed copies of all the forms out to Parish Councillors and brought the basic letter to the meeting. Ms Harrison said that Allerdale found that they received a better response to these things if they had the endorsement of the Parish Council. The PC told the Clerk to feed back to Ms Harrison the fact that the sewerage system in Welton will not support any new building in the area.

Police Report

This information is now available on the Police website www.Cumbriapolice.gov.uk

5.MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Cumbria Minerals & Waste Development Framework, noted.

Eden District Council core strategy submission document, noted.

Clerks & Council Direct, noted.

Northern Fells newsletter, noted.

Standards Board newsletter, noted.

Digital switchover pack, noted.

Solway Arts Society grant funding from Allerdale Council will be stopped this year. They only get £4000 a year funding but they can use this to get other funds. The PC would like to know why it has been stopped and support them in their bid to have it reinstated. This is one of the few things that does come to our Parish and they are always well supported when they do. The Clerk will write to Collr Fairbairn and express our support for the enterprise.

7. SIDS

Clerk had received an e mail with contact details of the other Parishes in our group. She has forwarded it to the Chairman for him to get in touch with the other Parishes, arrange a meeting and a rota system.

8. PROBLEMS WITH SECURITY LIGHTS AT STEADMANS

The lights are on timers now but they don't appear to go off at 7pm. The PC appreciate that Steadmans have security issues but the lights are not necessarily appropriate for the middle of the country. The

Clerk said that there had not been any planning application for the lights. It was suggested that Mr Steadman be invited to the next meeting to discuss the problem. The Clerk will check with Collr Fairbairn first to see what is happening and discuss the matter with the Chairman. Mr Pearson will check with Allerdale as he is in contact with them and see what their views on the subject are.

9. HIGHWAYS STEWARD

The Steward was in the area just a few weeks ago. The area response team was also in the area filling potholes. There is a farm road that is very bad with potholes at Brocklebank but this has not been repaired as it is listed for resurfacing. There is still a problem with the water running over the surface of the road on Warnell Fell. Mr Pearson will check this with the steward. The steward has been concentrating on clearing the roadside drains. There was a lot of water on the Welton to Nether Welton road and it took him a while to clear this stretch. The cutting at Bell Bridge has been cleaned out but there is still water running across it, the gully there is full which is where the water is coming from, but as the gully is just over the Parish boundary and is in Eden it will be the responsibility of the neighbouring steward. The Clerk will try and find out who is responsible for the area and Mr Pearson will check with our Steward.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Granted

2/2008/0852 alteration of listed building Greenfoot Sebergham

2/2008/0091 porch extension Foothills Welton

2/2009/0018 alterations Long Farm Ling Lane

11. PARISH/COMMUNITY PLAN

Mr Pearson has a draft questionnaire ready for PP group members to look at. The steering group will meet next Wednesday in the school. The questionnaires should be ready in about a month with an issue date of the beginning of June. It was suggested that a short presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting would be helpful.

12. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk gave out a provisional income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2009. It was agreed that at the July meeting the PC would decide on the annual donations to the PCC. The Clerk said that, despite repeated calls she had still not received an invoice from Mr Fawkes for the grass cutting. It was agreed to issue a cheque in the same amount as last year and deal with any amendment to the amount at the next meeting. The Clerk will request an invoice when she sends the cheque. Mr Stockdale had paid the annual hosting fee for the web-site. This will be reimbursed.

The following cheques were signed by two signatories present.

73 P L Gauntlett 2 months salary	212.64
74 Hall rent	60.00
75 CALC fees 2009/10	114.00
76 R Fawkes grass cutting	138.00
77 E UK web hosting	34.50

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting. It was suggested that we try and invite speakers to talk about the roads. The Clerk will try and use the same idea as last year and invite an officer who is responsible for roads in this area and the portfolio holder from either the County or Allerdale Council. The meeting will be on 13 May. It was agreed to extend an invitation to the Chairman and Parish Councillors from the neighbouring Parishes.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 19 May.

Provisional dates for future meetings

13 July

23 September

18 November

The meeting was closed 21.00

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson