

**SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15 APRIL 2009
HELD IN THE OLD SCHOOL SEBERGHAM**

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
Mr P Wybergh
Ms P L Gauntlett Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

None

IN ATTENDANCE

No members of the public were present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr A Bell, Mr A Rule Mr P Pearson all declared a personal interest.

3. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Not required

4. PLANNING APPLICATION

The meeting was called only to discuss the retrospective planning application number 2/2009/0191.

A general discussion on the application was held and, whilst support was expressed by some councillors for a modern building on every farm doubt was also expressed as to whether the intention was there to adapt the building for agriculture as per the application.

An expert's report had been submitted to accompany the application and it was thought that Allerdale would probably need to commission their own report if they were minded to turn down this application.

It was agreed that we would ask the planning dept to assess the need as expressed in the report and if they saw fit to approve the application then to ensure that the work agreed to adapt the building was carried out expeditiously. It was noted that the building was currently under an enforcement notice for demolition following a public hearing.

The wording of the Parish Council's submission was agreed as follows.

The Parish Council charge Allerdale Borough Council to look closely at the need for this building on the farm and suggest they seek an independent opinion if necessary. If they agree that the need exists then we would request that a strict timetable is set for the works to be carried out on the building in line with the application.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Clerk reminded everyone that the Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 13 May in Welton Village Hall. It will start at 7pm and the guest speakers will be Andrew Butler the highways engineer from Capita and Marie Fallon the new Environment Director from the County Council. Invitations have been issued to neighbouring Parish Councils.

The Parish Council AGM will be held the following Tuesday 19 May at 7.30. Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting was closed at 19.50.

Mr J S Hollins-Gibson