

**SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12 MAY 2010**

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

None

IN ATTENDANCE

Collr D Fairbairn

No members of the public were present.

The meeting was joined by 2 members of the Northern Fells Project to answer some questions on funding. The Chair explained that we are a small Parish and we must plan our spending carefully.

The NF group stated that, the funding is a flat fee for every Parish. The funding for parts of the group is getting harder to get in. The mini bus is 5 years old and will be going up for sale shortly. The new bus is costing about £28000. This year, it is possible that there will be a deficit as expenditure will exceed income.

The Chair commented that a charge per head in the communities would mean that larger Parishes would pay more into the project, which would appear fairer to us. The NF people are not in favour of this idea. Treasurer will consult with next meeting of NF trustees to see if this idea is feasible.

The members were thanked for their time and left the meeting.

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 31 March 2010 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Collr Fairbairn.

Some of the potholes have been patched but the large, deep one in Welton village keeps getting missed. Residents are still being encouraged to phone the highways hotline and report problems.

There has been no additional progress on the demolition at Lingside Farm. The Clerk had also received an e mail from Mr Long confirming this.

Lorry parking at Goose Green. The residents do not like this. Collr Fairbairn has this on his list of things to be dealt with but it will probably be next year before anything is done with the area.

The Environment Agency will not grant a licence to allow contractors access into the river so the essential works required on the river bank beside the Caldew are still in abeyance. This problem seems to be a problem with either Capita or Amey. If this is not resolved soon then the window will be missed for the year. Collr Fairbairn is going to see the Amey supervisor next week and he will raise the matter with him.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

All covered elsewhere.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Hospice at Home newsletter

Friends of the Lake District, newsletter

Clerks & Councils Direct

Capita, letter re rights of way improvement programme. Clerk will reply and point out that Cumbrian Way is in urgent need of attention.

Cumbria Police Authority, details of next meeting

Minerals & Waste development framework.

7. SIDS

There is a new schedule for SIDS, Mr Stockdale and Mr HG have these. The Clerk had asked Police to do some radar trapping when SIDS were in place but this does not appear to have happened. There are Police meetings in Wigton that can be attended by the public. Collr Fairbairn will let Clerk know the details.

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Culvert on Ling Lane. A wagon pushed the protection wall into the ditch when it slipped on the ice in the winter. The wagon was pulled out so the registration number will be held by Allerdale. Mr Stockdale will check the date of this and e mail Collr Fairbairn, who will the pursue the repairs with Allerdale.

The Highways Steward was in the area about 10 days ago. He was busy unclogging roadside drains. He isn't really doing road repairs but he is noting all the problems and reporting these to Highways. The grit bins need refilled and a couple of extra ones are required.

9. PARKHEAD QUARRY

The e mail had been circulated to some members. Briefly, the licence has still not been granted for the soil to be put on site. A landowner has put a gate up that is blocking the entrance to the quarry. The County Council are dealing with this.

10. PLANNING APPLICATION

2/2010/0138 Beech House Nether Welton, agreed.

2/2010/0319 Chalkside Farm erection of wind turbine, Clerk has sent an objection to this.

2/2010/0309 The Ling Welton

Further amendments to recent plans, these are subject to listed building consent, there were no objections to the plans.

11. PARISH PLAN

Copies of the draft plan were circulated. A Chairman's report will be needed to preface the finished copy. The software for analysing the questionnaire had been difficult to use. An action plan has been prepared based on the responses in the questionnaire . Mr Pearson will give a presentation at next weeks' Parish Meeting of the key points and ask for ideas and comments from the floor. A lot of these ideas can be PC initiated but we need partners from within the Parish to assist with the work.

12. RISK ASSESSMENT

Messrs Rule and Bell did a risk assessment on the flagpole and surrounding supports. The flag pole is very sound but we have no idea what sort of life expectancy it has. It was purchased from a company in Blackpool some years ago. The Clerk will look through the old minutes to see if she can find any further information. The seat round it is metal and some of the legs are a bit buckled, they are perfectly sound but will need to be watched in future years. Mr Fawkes has confirmed that his public liability insurance does cover him for cutting the village green and has provided the Clerk with a letter from his insurers to this effect.

The Clerk was asked to write to Allerdale and ask what their responsibilities they have for maintaining the recycling area as this is a part of the village green.

13. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010 were circulated to all Councillors in advance of tonight's meeting. These were agreed and the Annual return and ledger were signed by both the Clerk and the Chairman. The Clerk will now take the books to the Internal Auditor for checking prior to posting them to BDO.

The following cheques were signed by two signatories present.

97 M Stockdale web hosting	29.99
98 P L Gauntlett 2 months wages	219.64
99 A-on insurance	304.59

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING & SPEAKERS FOR AGM

Wednesday 21 July.

Weds 15 September

Weds 17 November

The meeting was closed at 21.52

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson
Chairman