

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 23 SEPTEMBER 2009

PRESENT

Mr J S Hollins-Gibson
Mr G Gash
Mr M Stockdale
Mr P Pearson
Mr A V Rule
Mr A Bell
Mr F Nugent (Clerk)

APOLOGIES

Collr D Fairbairn
Mr M Carruthers
Ms P L Gauntlett

IN ATTENDANCE

1 member of the public was in attendance.

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 13 July 2009 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Clerk had circulated Collr Fairbairn's report in advance of the meeting.

No questions were asked from the floor.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerk had written and thanked Mr Ivinson for his continued help with the SIDS devices.

The problem with the website has been rectified. An invoice for £15 has been received from Mr Ward. This will be paid this evening.

The Clerk has e mailed Richard Hayward at the Highways dept twice about the rumble strips on the B5305. Both times he has been on holiday. She will try again in a couple of weeks.

Mr Rule had attended a Core Strategy Local Workshop and gave a verbal report to the meeting. The Core Strategy is going to supersede the Local Plan. At the moment it concentrates mainly on the towns but it has touched on Parishes in some places. The current strategies do not take into account co-operation with other bodies and, they need to co-ordinate with other agencies if this is to succeed. Councils need to be sure that the action items in their Plans are achievable. It does not look as if this will be in place for a few years.

Allerdale Outlook is still not being delivered in CA5 area, the Clerk will advise Allerdale again.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks & Councils Direct, noted.
Recycle for Cumbria newsletter, noted.
Cumbria Highways newsletter, noted.
North West Spatial strategy partial review, noted.

7. SIDS

Concerns were expressed about the insurance implications of moving the SIDS. Individual Councillors are to check their own vehicle insurances to see if they are covered for moving the devices. Questions were asked as to who is insuring the SIDS devices (the Police in general but the PCs insurance covers the devices when they are in the Parish and transport between locations).

8. PROBLEMS WITH SECURITY LIGHTS AT STEADMANS

The light pollution tests cannot be done until the nights get darker, this item will remain on the agenda until the November meeting.

9. PARKHEAD QUARRY

The Clerk had circulated Mr Hughes report to everyone.

Briefly, the County Council expect to issue an enforcement notice on the site owners in October. The notice calls for the overburden on the quarry site to be regarded and the old site infrastructure to be removed. The site should then be "hyperseeded". The owners are also required to carry out aftercare management of the site.

10. COMMUNITY PLANNING

The contents of an e mail about Parish Clustering were discussed. It was decided that the PC were not interested in joining this venture as it appeared to be a "talking shop" & has no authority to put views forward.

11. NORTHERN FELLS REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN FUNDING

A letter had been received from the Northern Fells Project requesting an increase in funding from the Parish Council. The Parish Council are happy to pay their share of upkeep for this but would like to know what other Councils are paying and to find out what level of increase the NF are seeking. This will be considered again at the next meeting.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

13. PARISH PLAN

There has been very little progress during the summer months. Next meeting due sometime in the next month.

14. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following cheques were signed by two signatories present.

85 P L Gauntlett	213.27
86 P L Gauntlett Ltd (1 years expenses)	67.97
87 Andrew Ward (IT work)	15.00

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 11 November 2009.

The meeting was closed 8.43pm.

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson