

SEBERGHAM & WELTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 26 MARCH 2008

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

None.

IN ATTENDANCE

Collr D Fairbairn
Mr C Oliver

2. MINUTES

The minutes of 6 February 2008 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Carruthers for the planning application re Greenview Holiday Lodges.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Clerk had received an e mail from the Police stating that there were no incidents reported in the Parish in the last 2 months.

Mr Oliver asked to address the meeting. He gave background details of his planning application that is for discussion later in the meeting. He explained that the recent lifting of the length of stay restrictions only applied to lodges 1, 2 and 3. The lodges were still only allowed to be let as holiday properties and people renting them must have a permanent address elsewhere. Mr Oliver was advised to apply for the restriction to be lifted as this had happened on other sites in the county.

The proposed new lodges will be built locally and the existing LPG system will cope adequately with them. The independent sewerage system can be upgraded to cope with the additions. No property will be overlooked by the new lodges and there will be screening and planting on site.

Collr Fairbairn gave his report.

The listed buildings that had been told to remove their double glazing were caught under PPG15 (planning guidelines) which state that double glazing is not appropriate in such buildings.

The potholes on the Welton to Dalston road have all been filled. £35million has been taken out of the highways budget in the last 5 years by central government, which has caused a cut back in services. There is a huge pothole at the bottom of Drs Brow, Highways have looked at this and they are due to repair it in the next two weeks.

Allerdale have still not received a licence from the Environment Agency to enable them to start work on Sebergham Bridge, this has been put back to May.

The water is still running off from the Old Garage at Sebergham. Mr Butler the County Council highways engineer is to get the repair work done shortly. Mill Lane on the opposite side of the road is getting damaged due to the constant water run off. Councillors remarked that the Old Garage site was becoming something of an unsightly junk yard.

The caravan sited at Orchard Cottage in Churchtown has been checked by Allerdale and consent given for it's sitting, although the Parish Council were not aware of this. The Clerk was asked to write again and question the legality of the caravan at Sunnymede also in Churchtown.

Collr Fairbairn said he will chase up Mr Outhwaite and check that a speaker has been organised for our Parish Meeting.

The meeting was re-convened

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Parking at Churchtown.

Mr Gibson had a meeting with Mr Marr from the highways dept. in Churchtown. Mr Marr offered to tarmac up to the hedge from the side of the road and put a kerb in. On the opposite side there will be a high kerb to discourage parking. There would be no money until at least 2009 for this work which will cost at least £50,000. Mr Marr suggested that the PC lobby Highways to get this work done and enlist the help of Collr Fairbairn. Mr Gibson then went to speak to Mr Little the garage owner, Mr Little applied for permission to park more cars on his land some years ago but his application was turned down. It was agreed that Collr Fairbairn will enquire at Allerdale to see if they would be amenable to passing plans that increase the parking area for the garage.

Noticeboard

The Sebergham board is now in place, it cost £220. Mr Stockdale suggested that a bollard should be installed beside it to avoid possible vehicle damage. Collr Fairbairn will check with highways to see if they will allow this.

Training

The Chairman had attended a Chairman's course run by CALC.

Payment is due for the course CALC ran for the full PC in November.

The Chairman wishes to attend the full day CALC course being held this Saturday at a cost of £10. This was agreed,

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from Mr Hilton complaining about the mess of the lay by at Sebergham Bridge. The mess has been left by a series of contractors working on the bridge and the local area and not clearing up when they have finished. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Highways dept and ask them to clear the area of debris.

Cumbria Minerals & Waste Development Framework, this was noted. It was agreed that the Clerk write and remind the County Council that the work on Parkhead Quarry was still not finished.

Consultation from Allerdale re public art in new developments, noted.

Land Registry booklet, Clerk to read and deal with as necessary.

Open Green Spaces, a guide to common management issues, the Clerk will read this.

7. SIDS

The list for the next 6 months sitting had been received. The Parish dates are week commencing, 11 May, 20 July and 28 September. It was agreed that the May sitting should be in Sebergham, the Clerk will notify Ms Ackred of this.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr Carruthers declared an interest and left the meeting.

2/2008/0175 Green View Lodges Welton

These plans have produced heated debate in the village but the Chairman advised that the PC must adhere to the planning aspects of the application alone. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would advise Allerdale that the PC were not minded to recommend outright refusal. A screening/landscaping scheme must be in place before any new development is started to lessen the visual impact to neighbouring properties. They also advise that Allerdale must ensure that the existing sewerage tanks are adequate to cope with the increased discharge. Finally, there are concerns that the development is getting too big. The Clerk will enter the PCs comments on the Allerdale website.

Mr Carruthers returned to the meeting.

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Further amendment to Pleasant View Welton, no comments required.

9. PARISH PLAN

The working group are preparing a letter to go to every group in the Parish. At a later date there will be a letter to every home in the Parish followed by a questionnaire. A small presentation will be given at the Parish meeting. A grant of £1300 is coming from VAC, a possible £500 from the Joyce Wilkinson Fund and £100 will be asked for at the next Neighbourhood Forum meeting.

10 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following cheques were agreed and signed by two signatories.

47 CALC for course in November 07.	55.00
48 Sebergham PCC annual donation towards upkeep of graveyard	150.00
49 Welton PCC annual donation towards upkeep of graveyard	150.00
50 Website hosting	35.24
51 P L Gauntlett 2 months salary	207.57
52 P L Gauntlett expenses	9.18
53 CALC one day course, Mr Gibson 29 March	10.00
54 not issued	
55 CALC annual subscription	109.00
56 S Hollins-Gibson reimbursed course fee	15.00
57 W Ivinson Welton notice board	150.00
58 R Thompson Sebergham notice board	220.00

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the school and ask if they had a specific project that the PC could support this year. This will be considered at the next meeting.

The Clerk will produce a budget statement for the PC every 6 months in September and March, this will be circulated with the agendas and minutes before the meeting.

11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday 28 May AGM and scheduled PC meeting.

Tuesday 20 May Annual Parish Meeting 7pm start.

The meeting was formally closed at 9.35.

Mr J S Hollins-Gibson
Chairman