

SEBERGHAM & WELTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 28 NOVEMBER 2007

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Mr M Stockdale

IN ATTENDANCE

Collr D Fairbairn

2. MINUTES

The minutes of 23 September 2007 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

No members of the public were present.

Collr Fairbairn gave his report.

The road signs on the B5305 have been replaced with updated versions.

There have been many complaints to the Highways Hotline about the state of the road between Welton and Dalston. A lot of the surface problems have been caused by contractors digging up the road and not replacing the surface properly.. Residents are encouraged to keep complaining to the Highways Hotline about this and other problems as this may assist in getting work done more quickly.

A highways team will be in the Parish for 1 week early next year to do repairs, the Clerk has further details.

Water running across the road at Sebergham Bridge has now been dealt with. Collr Fairbairn wants details of any houses in the Parish that are liable to flooding. The Clerk will ask in the newsletter.

The highways people are to review all the speed limits in the County on A and B roads between now and 2011. Most of the roads in the Parish have had this done in the last few years so there will probably be no effect within the Parish.

The Neighbourhood Forum meeting is on 5 December at Weyrigg Hall.

The Clerk was informed that PC Benson is not longer the village PC. She will contact Wigton Police Station and find out who the new PC is and invite them to the next meeting.

The meeting was re-convened

5.MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Clerk had sent an e mail to Allerdale advising of the amendment to the PC's comments on Mr Bell's planning application.

The Clerk had written to Allerdale about the Old Barn at Welton. Allerdale had inspected the property but said it was not being occupied as two separate dwellings.

The report of the last meeting had been published in some editions of the Cumberland News, the Penrith Herald and the Sebergham church newsletter. It had not been published in Welton as the vicar restricts the newsletter to church news only.

Noticeboard.

Mr Pearson has some sheets of Perspex, he will liase with Mr Gash and get the Perspex to the joiner.

Training.

This was held on 23 November in Churchtown School. Six members of the Parish Council and the Clerk attended. It was very useful.

Grassgarth

Mr Carruthers has heard nothing further from Mr Lumwood about cutting the bushes on Grassgarth. The Clerk will contact him. * These bushes will not be cut back until the start of the next growing season.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A vacancy has arisen on Allerdale Standards Committee, details were noted.

Letter from FELTS about wind farms, noted.

Letter from Mal Hilton about rubbish being dumped in the lay by at Sebergham Bridge. Agreed the Clerk would write to Allerdale and ask them to install a litter bin there. Also ask for a second bin in the lay by at Goose Green.

Letter from Allerdale, does the PC require any training on the Code of Conduct. None required.

Request to sign the Parish Charter. Noted.

Review of Polling arrangements. Some electors from Welton are being asked to vote in Caldbeck. Ask if they can be moved to the Welton polling station.

Cumbria Minerals & Waste Development Framework, noted.

Highway Response Team, this was referred to by Collr Fairbairn earlier. The team will be in the Parish 7 April. The Clerk asked Councillors to get a list of problems together and she will e mail them to the team well before the date they are coming.

Allerdale Borough Council Corporate Improvement Plan, noted.

Outlook magazine, noted.

Clerks & Council Direct, noted.

7. PRECEPT

The Clerk had circulated a budget to date and a prediction for the end of the year. It was agreed that if we left the precept at £3000 we would not have any money to pay for extras next year. The Parish Plan will cost money and there is the other 50% of the election costs to pay. It was agreed to precept for £3500 with the hope that for 2009 the precept can return to £3000 as the election costs will be paid.

8. SAT NAV SIGN

The picture of the sign from the newspaper is not a legal sign. It was agreed that a "not suitable for HGV's" sign would be more appropriate on the road from Welton to Rosley. The Clerk is waiting for a reply from Capita. She will put this suggestion to them and ask if there will be any cost to the PC for a sign.

9. WEBSITE

The Clerk had prepared a document to be signed by everyone who wants their business details shown on the website. This was amended slightly and agreed. The Clerk will e mail it to Mr Stockdale for inclusion on the website.

10. SIDS

The Chairman and the Clerk had attended the SIDS meeting. The Chairman gave a brief report. The SIDS machines will be in the Parish week commencing 9/12/07, 2/3/08, 11/5/08, 20/7/08, 28/9/08. The Police will co-ordinate the handovers but it is expected that we will transport the SIDS devices to Caldbeck at the end of our week.

For a small extra cost a monitor can be attached to the SIDS machines that records the speeds of the vehicles passing and this data can be given to the PC. It was agreed that this would be a good idea. The Clerk will e mail Pat Ackred and say we are in favour of this.

The SIDS that is currently in Welton does not appear to be working properly. The speed that is displayed decreases as a vehicle approaches the sign. The Clerk will report this.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Since the agenda was prepared one application had been received.

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Mr Oliver for the removal of the condition restricting the occupancy of the chalets to an 8 week period. This was discussed and it was agreed that the PC saw no reason to change the conditions of occupancy for the chalets and the condition should remain in force.

12. PARISH PLAN

Mr Bell gave a report from the workshop that he attended recently with Mrs Steele. He found the workshop useful but a lot of the groups were much further on with their plans than we were. VAC agreed that they would come and give a talk to another meeting. It was agreed to hold this on Tuesday 29 January. Mr Pearson and the chairman would attend and the Clerk will invite all the people who expressed an interest in joining the group.

Mr Bell will contact VAC and see if he can get some help in producing a budget before 17 December to submit for a grant.

13. CLERKS SALARY

The Clerk gave a copy of the updated salary scales to the Chairman and left the room. It was agreed to give the Clerk her in line with inflation pay rise.

The Clerk returned to the meeting.

14 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following cheques were agreed and signed by two signatories.

40 P L Gauntlett (2 months wages plus pay rise). 222.52

41 Northern Fells Rural Project 200.00

The Clerk will ask for regular updates from the Northern Fells team and check how many years our commitment to the project was for.

15 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday 29 January Parish Plan

Wednesday 30 January Parish Council

Wednesday 26 March

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 30 January 2008.

The meeting was formally closed at 9.25pm.

Mr J S Hollins-Gibson
Chairman

