

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3 SEPTEMBER 2008

PRESENT

Mr J S Hollins-Gibson
Mr J M Carruthers
Mr M Stockdale
Mr P Pearson
Mr A Bell
Ms P L Gauntlett Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Mr A V Rule
Mr P Wybergh
Mr G Gash

IN ATTENDANCE

Collr D Fairbairn

2. MINUTES

The minutes of 11 June were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There were no members of the public present.

Collr Fairbairn (District & County Councillor) gave his report.

The work on Sebergham bridge should start on 8 September and take 10 to 14 days. This is dependant on the river flow. There will be a consultation period in the near future about the siting of permanent traffic lights for the bridge. These will need to be more sophisticated than the temporary lights as lights will be needed for the residents who live on either side of the road.

Collr Fairbairn had been contacted by a resident who lives at Goose Green crossroads (as had the Clerk and the Chairman) about HGVs parking overnight in the lay by at the bottom of the road. It was agreed that HGVs parking overnight there could be unpleasant for residents. An option was to ask the Highways people for a TRO on the lay by. This makes it a no overnight parking area and this can be enforced by the Police. It was pointed out that sometimes Steadman's lorries park there waiting for the factory gates to open the following morning. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Steadmans asking them if they had any idea how often wagons visiting their premises used the lay by and if they had any comments if the lay by became a 'no overnight parking' area. The matter will be discussed again at the next meeting.

The North West Ambulance Service (NHS Trust) gave a presentation recently to highlight the problems they can have finding properties in rural areas. There is now a phone number (0845 112 0019) which rural residents are encouraged to telephone and give details of their property location. These details will be noted on an NHS location map. It is hoped that in the future the Fire and Rescue Service would have access to this.

Allerdale Borough Council are sharing the Chief Executive of Carlisle City Council for 6 months whilst they are without a Chief Executive.

The County Council are looking at their performance with particular emphasis on their accounting procedures. There is no suggestion of impropriety but expenditure has been recorded under the wrong heading,. This has been picked up by the Auditors. The result is that the County Council is only graded a 2*council instead of a 3 or 4* council.

Collr Fairbairn will ask the Park rangers to look at the bridle path through Parsons Park, which is very muddy in parts. The path is part of the Cumbria Way and is well used by walkers and some horses.

There is a Police Liaison meeting on 9 September in The Stocksman, Wigton at 7.30. The chairman will attend.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Mr Stockdale will get together and discuss the options to tidy the parking in Churchtown and contact Mr Marr with their requests.

Police Report

The Clerk had received an e mailed Police report which she read out. There were quite a few incidents but, in the absence of locations, it was not particularly helpful. It did however include a reference to the incident at the Goose Green lay by about which the resident had called the Police.

5.MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

A reply had been received from Marstons (owners of Jennings Brewery) saying that they were trying to find a new tenant for the pub.

The school had replied with a few things that they would like to spend our donation on. It was agreed to send the £200 donation.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Mr Boak re the parking at Goose Green (see sect 4). The Clerk had passed this information to the Police).

Notification of meeting re Highways Stewards - 16 September in the Methodist Church Wigton 7pm.

Meeting on 25 September re the Minerals & Waste strategy. It was agreed that we did not need to attend as our comments were already recorded.

County Council consultation on managing radioactive waste safely. Noted.

Environmental services consultation from Allerdale. The Clerk will deal with this.

Invitation to join Allerdale Borough Council for the launch of their Corporate Improvement Plan No one was able to attend.

'Recycle Cumbria' posters. Issued for noticeboards.

Allerdale Outlook magazine. Distributed.

Cumbria Highways magazine. Noted.

County Council - copies of Rural Wheels. Distributed.

County council proposals to replace 6 care homes. Noted.

Clerks & Councils Direct. Noted.

7. SIDS

It was agreed that the PC were very disappointed in the withdrawal of the SIDS machines. These machines did belong to the Parish Councils. The Clerk read out a letter from Bowness PC which broadly stated the same as our view. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Police and express our dissatisfaction with the current situation and ask for an update. The chairman was attending the Police Liaison meeting and would get an update and express the Council's view.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Since the agenda had been prepared 2 sets of plans had arrived that had initially been sent to the wrong Parish Council.

2/2008/0654 Mr Coulthard, Chalkside Farm, Rosley. - slurry store tower.

2/2008/0652 Mr Coulthard, Chalkside Farm, Rosley. - livestock housing shed.
There were no comments or objections to either of these plans.

The plans - 2/2008/0175 - for holiday lodges at Green View, Welton had been passed. However a landscaping scheme must be agreed with Allerdale Borough Council and be planted before the lodges can be erected.

9. ALLERDALE CORE STRATEGY

Mr Pearson gave a report on this. It was agreed that by doing the Parish Plan we would highlight things that could be included in this. Allerdale Borough Council have said we can pass ideas to them at any time as the document is continually being updated.

10 WEBSITE

Mr Stockdale gave an update on the website. It has received an impressive 37000 hits this year. Mr Stockdale has shown most of the local groups how to use it and input their own information. Many of them are doing this.

11 PARISH PLAN

The group will meet to draw up a basic questionnaire using the software supplied by Voluntary Action Cumbria. This will then be brought back to the full Council.

12 INSURANCE

The insurance schedule is just a normal Parish Council policy. The various insured amounts are shown in the printed book that accompanies the schedule. The Clerk has sent a few pages from the book away to BDO Stoy Hayward as they queried the amount of fidelity Insurance cover that we had. The Chairman will take the policy documentation away and read it.

13 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following cheques were signed by two signatories present.

63 P L Gauntlett - 2 months salary	£207.57
64 P L Gauntlett - 6 months stationery and annual use of office	£72.92
65 Welton Hall - Rent	£ 60.00
66 Allerdale BC - balance of election costs from 2007	£745.98
67 Welton School - donation	£200.00

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 12 November

The meeting was closed at 9.35.

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson
Chairman