

**SEBERGHAM & WELTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6 FEBRUARY 2008**

**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 M Stockdale  
Mr A Bell  
Ms P L Gauntlett Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES**

None.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Collr D Fairbairn  
Mrs A Ward, Northern Fells Project

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes of 28 November 2007 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Stockdale a personal interest for planning application 2/2008/0047.

**4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

No members of the public were present.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Antoinette Ward of the Northern Fells Rural Project. She came to bring the Parish council up to date on the work of the Northern Fells. Current works include::

Benefits help from Mrs Ward.

Lend a hand group for the disabled and elderly.

Mini bus, for transport to hospital and clinic appointments, bus can also be hired in the evenings and

Week ends for groups of up to 8 people.

Youth group (further details on the website).

Drop in coffee mornings in Ireby and Mungrisdale.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Ward for her presentation and agreed that the PC would put some information both on our website and in the newsletter about the benefits advice.

Collr Fairbairn gave his report.

The new mobile library bus will come from Workington instead of Carlisle. In future it is hoped that it will have wireless PC access on board for visitors to use PCs on board.

Collr Fairbairn highlighted the necessity to participate in the consultation on the acute hospital provision for the area. Anyone who wishes to send comments on this can do so online.

Most of the complaints being received by Collr Fairbairn (and the PC) were about the state of the roads and the number of potholes in particular. The County Council have allocated additional funds to deals with the pot holes. Some work has been done on the Nether Welton to Dalston road. The new road surface at the top of Drs Brow is coming off already.

The water running off the old petrol station at Sebergham has not been dealt with, although we were told at the last meeting that it was. The highways engineer, Andrew Butler has been informed and is dealing with it.

Collr Fairbairn will be holding meetings about the Community Travel Plan. This will be an opportunity to put forward suggestions about the roads. The scheduled meetings are,  
28 March Old Crown Hesket Newmarket 10am

1 April Rosley village hall 6-7pm  
17 June Sebergham village hall 6-7pm, prior to Neighbourhood Forum meeting.  
Individuals are urged to attend and put their views forward.

#### School

Welton School now has only 27 pupils, 8 pupils will leave in July and only 3 are enrolled for September. It was suggested that the Chair of the Governors is invited to a future PC meeting in order that this matter can be discussed.

The meeting was re-convened

#### **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Parking in Churchtown.

Nothing has been heard. The Clerk was asked to e mail Peter Marr at Capita and Gillian Bishop at Allerdale to try and arrange a meeting with interested parties in Churchtown.

The Clerk had written to Allerdale in response to the review of polling arrangements as discussed at the last meeting.

The Clerk had written to Allerdale and asked about the installation of two litter bins as discussed at the last meeting. Allerdale will look at this and let us know their decision.

The Clerk reported that Allerdale had e mailed to say that they had not received the Declaration of Interests forms signed by the PC in September. She was able to prove that the items had been delivered to Allerdale House as she had sent them "signed for" and had downloaded the signature of the person who received them in Allerdale House. She had heard nothing further.

Residents were still unsettled about the matter of the Old Barn at Welton and its occupancy. The Clerk produced the reply she had received from Allerdale and it was agreed that there was nothing further that the PC could do about this.

Welton to Rosley road.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Kevin Lumley at Capita and ask for written confirmation that they will cut back both the bushes and the grass 1 metre from the roadside. She will ask that this is done asap rather than wait until the start of the growing season.

Noticeboard.

The notice board is ready. Mr Gash will arrange for its installation. It is not going on the same site as the old one but in a more accessible space further along the road.

SIDS Insurance

The Clerk had written to Allianz and received a quote of £17.55 to insure the SIDS machines whilst in the Parish. It was agreed to write a cheque for this amount this evening.

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

E mail from CALC seeking nominations for representatives on the Allerdale Standards Committee. Mr Rule declared a personal interest and said he wished to be considered for the position. This was voted on and the nomination was carried. The Clerk will send the details to CALC.

CALC advice on standing orders participation. This was noted and agreed that the Clerk will download a new set of Standing Orders as soon as they become available.

Clerks & Council Direct newsletter, noted.

Allerdale Annual Report, noted.

Cumbria Supported Lodgings Scheme, details noted.

Cumbria County Council Annual Report, noted.

Cumbria Care Homes consultation, noted.

Allerdale Outlook, 6 copies of this were distributed. These are not being delivered locally. Collr Fairbarin will look into this.

Northern Fells, newsletter, noted.

## **7. SIDS**

These are due in Sebergham the week commencing 2 March.

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk had noticed that responses that she is sending to Allerdale about planning applications are not being noted on the applications. In particular number 2/2007/1184. She wrote to Mr Outhwaite on 29 January highlighting this but, to date, has not received a reply.

2/2008/0038

Mr G Mitchell, no comments.

2/2008/0047

Mr Stockdale declared a personal interest in this and left the room.

The Clerk was instructed to send the PCs objections to this.

The barn should be sited nearer to the farm so as to minimise the visual impact on the neighbours. This would also make access easier. There was no access drawn on the plans, which is of concern to the neighbours. This farm did have storage until a few years ago when it was turned into housing. It was thought that, perhaps some of the barns should have been retained for this purpose.

Mr Stockdale returned to the meeting.

2/2007/1280

Revisions to the earlier application for Pleasant View Welton. No comments.

2/2007/1243

Consent to remove double glazing. Sebergham Castle. This was to note only. Concern was expressed that people were being made to remove double glazing and replace with single glazing in certain properties.

## **9. PARISH PLAN**

The meeting of 28 January was well attended. VAC gave a lot of pointers and help. Mr Hollins Gibson had prepared a budget stencil which was completed at the meeting. This will be sent away in order to obtain a grant towards the work. The PC agreed to budget for £500 towards the Parish Plan expenses for the coming year.

## **10 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The following cheques were agreed and signed by two signatories.

42 J M Carruthers for ditch cleaning	117.50
43 Sebergham PCC for the hire of Old School	10.00
44 Audit Commission yearly audit	82.55
45 P L Gauntlett 2 months wages	207.57
46 Allianx Cornhill SIDS insurance	15.75

## **11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Wednesday 26 March,

Tuesday 20 May, Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk will invite both the portfolio holder of the Planning Committee and a representative of Allerdale BC planning dept as speakers.

Wednesday 28 May AGM and Parish Council meeting

The meeting was formally closed at 10pm.

Mr J S Hollins-Gibson  
Chairman