

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Sebergham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25 November 2015 in Welton Village Hall

Present:

Chairman Alan Rule
Vice Chairman Peter Pearson
Councillors Ken Graham, Michael Stockdale, Christine Tinnion.

Also in attendance: Councillor Duncan Fairbairn.

Procedural Items

15/11/63 Apologies Councillors Bell and Chesters-Bouma

15/11/64 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Stockdale declared an interest in item 15/11/80 as it would consider employment issues of his partner.

15/11/65 Dispensations

No requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

15/11/66 Minutes Extra Ordinary Meeting 11 November 2015

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign these minutes as a true record.

15/11/67 Public Participation

The chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public an opportunity to ask questions or raise matters of interest.

Councillor Fairbairn informed the meeting that Allerdale Housing Survey was completed and available to view on the Allerdale website.

Councillors reported to Councillor Fairbairn, their disappointment that Highways had not carried out a number of previously reported highways issues in the parish. Councillors were particularly concerned about flooding at Sebergham Bridge and the issue of road safety. Councillor Fairbairn will contact Highways to report these concerns. It was felt that the parish council should also write a letter reiterating the maintenance required.

Councillor Fairbairn also agreed to look further in to the possibility of a no overnight parking restriction at Goose Green crossroads.

Bollards have been placed on a section of verge in Churchtown to restrict parking. It was reported to the council that these bollards were frequently being removed and vehicles parking on this area. It was agreed that this item would be on the next agenda for further discussion.

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

Planning

15/11/68 Planning Applications

None

15/11/69 Planning Decision Notices

15/0630 Solar Panels, Welton Road. **Permission Granted 23 October 2015.**

Business

15/11/70 Website

Councillor Stockdale presented a proposal for updating the parish council website. It was **resolved** that these changes should be implemented.

15/11/71 Broadband

The chairman gave an update on the current situation. Updates can be found on the Connecting Cumbria website and also Northern Fells Broadband. It was **resolved** that the chairman would write to MP Rory Stewart to give an update on Broadband issues within the parish.

15/11/72 Recycling Bins

Allerdale Borough Council (ABC) has recently replaced the recycling bins in Welton. ABC say there is the possibility of the bins sinking in to the verge and making collection difficult. They have enquired if the parish council could install a section of hard standing so that the bins could be easily wheeled to the collection vehicle. It was **resolved** to request that ABC take on responsibility for this.

15/11/73 Allerdale Borough Council Budget Consultation 2016-2017

Resolved that no comment was required on this document.

Accounts

15/11/74 Current Accounts and Budget

Resolved that the circulated accounts and budget be signed as a true record.

15/11/75 Audit Completion Report 2015

Resolved to acknowledge completion of the Audit Return for 2015.

15/11/76 Budget 2016-17

The Chairman deferred this item until after item 15/11/80.

15/11/77 The following payments were resolved

i. Commons Registry, for provision of registration documents relating to Welton Village Green £12

15/11/78 Banking

There have been some difficulties in the last year with HSBC banking. From January 2016 the parish council will need to pay business banking fees. It was **resolved** that the clerk change the bank account to Nat West who have agreed on a community account with no fees payable. Councillor Stockdale would prefer not to continue as a signatory as his wife is now the clerk. It was **resolved** that on the new account, the signatories would be Alan Rule, Peter Pearson, Andrew Bell and Ken Graham.

15/11/79

Resolved to consider item 15/11/80 under part two.

Agenda items part two

Items to be considered in the absence of press and public, when publicity would prejudice public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

15/11/80 The post of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

The clerk and councillor Stockdale left the room during discussions on this item.

Resolved that the Clerk/RFO would be remunerated for six hours per week.

The chairman re convened the meeting as being open to the public.

Item 15/11/75 Audit Completion Report 2015

Following changes to the amounts for clerk's salary and the precept being set at £4500, the proposed budget was **resolved**

Next Meeting: 27 January 2016 7.30pm Welton Village Hall