

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15 JANUARY 2014

PRESENT

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson
Mr P Pearson
Mr AV Rule
Mr M Hilton
Mr M Stockdale
Ms PL Gauntlett (Clerk)

APOLOGIES

Mr A Bell

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor D Fairbairn, 1 member of the public.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 20 November 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Stockdale & Mr Hollins Gibson declared an interest as neighbours in item 13.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Councillor Fairbairn gave updates on matters under discussion at district and county level.

HGV's have been using the Bell Bridge road due to problems on the B5305. They are too large for the carriageway and are destroying the sides of the road as a result. The Pc would like to know if the road can have a weight restriction or a Not Suitable for HGVs sign.

The potholes on Doctors Brow have been reported to the Highways Hotline. The water running off the fields on to the carriageway is a big problem. The drains that go under the road need to be examined to see if they are blocked but it isn't possible to do this until the water subsides. This has also been reported to the Highways dept. The opposite side of the bank (westbound) is also experiencing problems with water running off the fields. Councillor Fairbairn asked if someone could provide him with the landowners details so that they can be contacted about this and asked to repair their drainage ditches that appear to be causing the problem.

The road markings on the B5305 west of Goose Green crossroads have not been reinstated. As an unlit road it is very difficult to see where the road is in the dark. The Clerk reported this to the Highways Hotline after the last meeting but will do so again.

Broadband

EE launched the 4G broadband facility in December. Currently 49% of the Northern Fells area is covered with 856 properties enabled. The next mast at Ireby is to be "lit up" this month which should make 71% of the area enabled. The broadband group are trying to access funding to enable 2 further masts to be erected which will enable 99% coverage. There have been some teething troubles over the holiday period but a lot of these have been caused by the weather, The helpline number is **08000790216**

A resident was allowed speaking rights on the matter at item 13.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Gash has tendered his resignation from the Parish Council with immediate effect. The Clerk will write and thank him for his many years of service.

All items already circulated.

7. CARWATH WIND TURBINES 2/2013/0227

Both the objectors group and Allerdale Council are having problems getting information from the developers. To date they have not specified the exact turbine type that they propose to install. The Environmental Health dept are still waiting for answers to questions regarding noise levels that they asked in May.

8. CLEA MIRE WIND TURBINES

The Planning Inspector has refused the developers appeal against the refusal to grant planning permission on this site. He cited the rolling landscape and views as part of the refusal.

9. COMMUNITY IDEAS

Rory Stewart MP had mentioned in an e mail to constituents that he would like a representative from each Parish Council to put forward community ideas. It was agreed that, at this time we did not feel that we had anything to contribute.

10. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

As 2 Councillors were co-opted following the last election and one of them is still on the PC the Clerk was uncertain whether an additional 2 could be co-opted. She will contact CALC and advise everyone in due course.

11. PROCEDURES & STANDING ORDERS

The Parish Council formally adopted the new Code of Conduct. This was proposed by Mr Hilton and seconded by Mr Pearson. The Clerk will send a copy to the Monitoring Officer

12. PLANNING APPLICATION 2/2013/0808

Change of use of land to a camp site. This was circulated and no objections received.

13. CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT 2/2013/0868 Mr Gibson Sunnymede Churchtown

The application for this certificate states that the application has the full knowledge and approval of the neighbours and that the business has been running in its current capacity for 10 years. Both these facts are believed to be incorrect. Three complaints about the business have been lodged with Allerdale, the first in August 2012, this is within the 10 year timescale of the business. The business has only been running on its current scale for the last couple of years.

The building that is now being used for the business was not in existence until 2007 or 2008. This can be proved by looking at Google maps 2003 version where the building is not there. If the building was intended for business use from the outset should planning permission not have been sought at the time and why is the applicant not registered for business rates?

Very large vehicles bring materials to Sunnymede and block the road for up to 90 minutes. This means residents cannot get in or out of the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Allerdale objecting to the application on the grounds that a business of this type in this location is inappropriate and that the applicant has submitted incorrect information in support of his application.

14. ACCOUNTS

361. The annual donation to the Northern Fells Project of £200 was agreed.

362. The annual payment to Sebergham Parochial Church Council for the upkeep of the cemetery was agreed.

363. Payment of £20 for hall rent was agreed. (this request for payment was received after the agenda was issued).

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

19 March 2014 followed by 21 May (AGM Annual Parish Meeting and scheduled PC meeting).

Meeting closed at 21.00

J S Hollins Gibson
Chairman.