

**SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15 MAY 2013**

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr A Bell
Mrs S Reid

IN ATTENDANCE

4 members of the public

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 20 March 2013 require correction. Item 5 to read.... The Parish Council will install a bollard midway up the Churchtown road on the East side and put hard core in front of the noticeboard. This amendment was initialled in the minutes.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The new drain that has been installed on Sebergham Brow has not cured the problem of the water running across the road. It is uncertain if Highways dept are returning to adjust the camber on the road. Allerdale are closing the B5305 further along its route in June for 10 days, this would be a good day to finish the work on Sebergham Brow as there will be few, if any HGVs on the road on those days. The clerk will write to Highways Department, ask what is happening and suggest this. The Clerk will copy Councillor Fairbairn into the correspondence.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The bollard has now been installed on the road in Churchtown. Members of the Parish Council will lay some hard core in front of the noticeboard in due course.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks & Councils Direct

A letter had been received from Steadmans advising the Parish Council of their proposals for a single wind turbine on their land to power the factory. It was agreed that the Clerk reply to their letter with a suggestion that they look at other environmentally friendly energy generating systems as a responsible local employer. In addition, there are 2 properties within 800m of the proposed turbine and it is hoped that Allerdale will adopt this minimum distance from properties for all future turbine applications. The Pc are against wind turbines in the area as are the general public in the Parish. It was agreed that a representative from Steadmans be invited to the Parish Meeting.

7. WIND TURBINES

Carwath wind Turbines 2/2013/0227

There are proposals for 3 turbines at Carwath. The anemometer that is on site at present is 60m high, the proposed turbines are 150 m high. As the proposed development is on rising ground the turbines will be in a very prominent position and be visible for miles around. There are concerns about low frequency sound affecting children and the village school is just about 1km away. Children are particularly affected by this kind of low frequency noise and it can affect their sleep patterns. There are dwellings within 800m of the turbines. Allerdale have received over 200 letters of objection from residents, Mr Rory Stewart MP and some of the statutory consultees The Clerk will send an objection to the proposals in the strongest possible terms citing the following areas of concern; the effect on the landscape from the cumulative effect of so many turbines, tourism, health, and safety and ecology (Bats, Owls). The closing date for objections is 17th May but this can be ignored as Allerdale will take several months to go through the objections are submit the questions to the developers. The Clerk will draft a response and e mail it to Mr Rule for checking.

Cleamire turbines no decision has been received from the Planning Inspectorate.

Ling Lane turbines 2/2012/0241 refused by Allerdale planning committee on 14 May.

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

See comments in public participation re drains on Sebergham Brow.

Mr Pearson has passed a number of complaints to the Highways Hotline. Several have been dealt with but some are still ongoing. The Churchtown road is still in need of repair in several places. Mr Pearson will continue to chase these up. It is good idea that people report problems themselves to the Highways Hotline in addition to telling the Parish Council, the more complaints received by the Hotline the better.

The absence of white lines on Sebergham Brow and on the bridge is not slowing the traffic down. Whilst in some instances the absence of lines does slow the traffic down noticeably this is not happening here. It was agreed that Mr Pearson will ask for them to be replaced. Mr Stockdale will e mail Collr Fairbairn about the absence of lines on the road at Goose Green.

9. NORTHERN FELS BROADBAND

EE (the mobile phone company) are running an open day at the Oddfellows in Caldbeck from 10 until 7 tomorrow (16 May) and Keswick Golf Club on Friday for drop in sessions to show details of the Broadband proposals and seek comments from residents.

10. ALLERDALE/NEIGHBOURHOOD/PARISH PLAN

Draft Local Plan has been published. PC need to respond to this, even though we responded to the last draft. Mr rule will draft a response and send it to the Clerk for submission.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2/2013/0259 extension to cubicle at The Ling Welton. No objection

2/2013/0320 No objection

2/2013/0228 variation to allow mobile home on site for another 2 years. Spedding Heads Welton. No objection

12. ACCOUNTS

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013 were circulated and agreed by all Councillors present.

The Annual Return was agreed and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

The Annual Governance statement was also agreed and signed.

The Clerk will arrange to take the books to the Internal Auditor for audit prior to their submission to BDO.

The Clerk had received 2 quotes for the annual insurance. It was agreed to return to AON who provided the lowest quote.

The following cheques were written and signed by 2 signatories.

Website hosting	TBA
CALC membership fee	123.50
AON insurance	216.94

The cheque written in March 2012 for Welton PCC was presented to the bank late in March 2013. As a result of this the PCC has received an excess donation of £150. The Clerk proposed that in this current financial year a donation be made to Sebergham PCC only, this was agreed.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 17 July.

Meeting closed at 9.40

J S Hollins Gibson
Chairman.

