

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2011

PRESENT

Mr P Pearson
Mr M Stockdale
Mr A V Rule
Mr G Gash
Mrs S Bennett
Ms P L Gauntlett (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Mr S Hollins Gibson
Mr A Bell
Collr D Fairbairn

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs S Bennett as the newly co-opted member of the Parish Council was asked to complete and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Register of Interests forms.

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 20 July 2011 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Not required

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Flagpole. A structural engineer has advised that other than general checks for wear and tear there is little that can be done. Mr Pearson will look at the pole and report back to the next meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks & Councils Direct, noted.

Review of Polling Stations.

It was agreed that the we do not need 3 polling stations in the Parish, it would be better if the 5 households who currently go to Caldbeck to vote from our Parish were sent to either Welton or Sebergham polling stations (both are equidistant from their homes). This will save the PC money in the event of us needing to fund an election in the future.

The Police Authority are looking for volunteers to become independent custody visitors. The Clerk has details if required.

Notification of proposed closure of Welton School the notices for the consultation period are being displayed on both notice boards.

It was mentioned that, there are a lot of old records in the school, the Clerk will write to CCC with a copy to the school to ask that the records, photos etc are put in the County archive. It would be nice if there was an exhibition of the photos etc before the school closes, the Clerk will mention this in her letter.

There is also the question of what will happen to the broadband link that currently goes into the school and, ultimately what will happen to the building. As the Parish is part of the NF broadband pilot maintaining the broadband link is extremely important. Whilst the PC are not "in the market" for the building it has definite potential to be used as a community resource and, as such the PC would like to be included in any discussions re the sale or demolition of the building.

7. PARKING IN CHURCHTOWN

Mr Little has been keeping most of the vehicles off the roadside. There does not appear to have been much progress re the Planning Application. The Clerk will contact Allerdale and see what progress has

been made. The Clerk will also write to Mr Little and ask what progress has been made re the planning application, we hope that there will be some movement on this before the next meeting.

8. SIDS

Nothing to report.

9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Ling Lane was partially repaired a few weeks ago. We don't know why the work stopped. The road out of Churchtown has not been repaired. The riverside road repairs have still not been completed, this needs done before the winter.

10. PARKHEAD QUARRY

The update from David Hughes has been circulated to all Parish Councillors.

11. NORTHERN FELS BROADBAND

Mr Hilton is on holiday .Mr Stockdale gave a report. The committee have got details of the Clio lines and can now try and plot these on a map ready for the next stage of the work. Cable & Wireless are interested in coming on board the pilot project. Mr Stockdale will update the website with these details.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2/2011/0632 internal renovations to Sebergham Castle. No comments.

13. WEBSITE

The home page has been revamped and various new items have been added. Links to all neighbouring parishes are on. A what's on section has been added. A link or what's on for Sebergham village hall is required.

14. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS & ACCOUNTS

The following cheques were authorised and signed by 2 signatories.

328 P Pearson (Parish Plan)	124.50
329 P L Gauntlett (1 years expenses and use of room)	72.00
330 J R Sealby (photographing old minute books)	100.00
331 Andrew Ward (website repairs)	30.00
332 Welton Village Hall	65.00

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PC meeting is scheduled for 23 November, this may need to be changed due to the Clerks holidays.

Meeting closed at 9.00

Mr P Pearson
Vice Chairman.