

# SEBERGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Parish Council Chairman: Alan Rule. Tel. 016974 76410

## Minutes

### **Parishioners were invited to the Annual Parish Meeting Welton Village Hall Wednesday 22 March 2017 at 7pm**

**16.1** Apologies: no apologies for absence.

**16.2** Minutes 23 March 2016

**Resolved** that the Chairman sign these minutes as a true record.

**16.3** The Chairman of the Parish Council presented the following report on the activities of the parish council in the previous year.

### **Chairman's Report to Annual Parish Meeting – March 2017**

Welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting. These meetings provide an opportunity for me to summarise the work of the Parish Council over the past year, and for local residents to ask any questions or make suggestions about the activities of the Council.

Throughout the year we liaise with the County Highways department in an attempt to maintain & improve the condition of our roads and a number of improvements have been made, although there remains a considerable backlog still to be addressed.

Importantly, work to replace the collapsed Bell Bridge is now imminent. Planning permission is currently under consideration by the County Council, and the work is due to commence in May. The proposals have been widely advertised in order that local residents can make comment if they wish.

Repairs to the adjacent riverside road (which sustained serious structural damage making it unsafe for use) are also due to commence in May, as soon as access to the river is allowed by the EA.

We continue to respond to planning applications received from Allerdale BC, and Councillors welcome the views of residents when applications are advertised for consultation in order that they can reflect local wishes & concerns.

A particularly important development in the past year has been the County Council's decision to make the whole of Sebergham parish eligible for state-aid funding to provide a fibre-based fast Broadband service. This was achieved following prolonged discussions & production of evidence by the parish council, supported by Rory Stewart MP, our County Councillor Duncan Fairbairn, and local residents who wrote to the County Council. Work to connect improved broadband services is now due to commence.

Many other smaller issues have been dealt with following requests from local residents, including installation of a notice to deter overnight parking at Sebergham lay-by, action to prevent lorry parking at Goose Green lay-by, and an application for a grant to provide for an additional parish noticeboard at Sebergham lay-by.

All of the Council's activities & decisions are reported in our published minutes which are posted on the noticeboards, on the parish website, and in the local press & parish magazine.

Finally, my thanks to our Clerk & Councillors, and our Borough Councillor Duncan Fairbairn, for all their efforts on behalf of local people.

**16.4** In the absence of any parishioners, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15 p.m.