

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11 JUNE 2008

PRESENT

Mr J S Hollins-Gibson
Mr A V Rule
Mr J M Carruthers
Mr M Stockdale
Mr P Pearson
Mr A Bell
Ms P L Gauntlett Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

None.

IN ATTENDANCE

Collr D Fairbairn

2. MINUTES

The minutes of 26 March 2008 together with the AGM of 20 May and the additional meeting of 20 May were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments. On the minutes of 20 May Mr Rule wished it to be noted that neither himself, Mr Pearson or Mr Bell had received the amended agendas. Again on the minutes of 20 May Mr Rule wished to amend what he had said. It was agreed to amend the last sentence in the Declarations of Interest section to read...."for an interest to be prejudicial it **could** involve a financial consideration.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There were no members of the public present.

Collr Fairbairn (District & County Councillor) gave his report.

No progress has been made on the repairs to Sebergham Bridge. The Chairman will write to David McLean MP to see if he can move this matter along.

There is still no progress on the water running across the road at Sebergham Bridge. The Highways people are dealing with this.

The road at the top of Sebergham Brow travelling East is starting to sink on the left hand side. This appears to be caused by a collapsed drain under the road. The drain is from the farm so any repairs could be the farmer's responsibility.

Once again the Allerdale magazines have not been delivered in the Parish. The problem has arisen as they should be distributed by the Royal Mail from Carlisle. There are plans by Allerdale to have them delivered by a private company.

Collr Fairbairn showed a map of the County, which shows the sites of recent serious road accidents. The vast majority of these were on the A class roads. There was none on the B5305.

Details were given of the new Highway Stewards scheme.

The new North Allerdale Partnership booklets were distributed.

Police Report

This was circulated a few weeks ago. The Clerk will write to the Police and thank them for the report which is very valuable, but say that the PC think there are some incidents missing from the list. She will inquire as to whether cases that are under investigation are not listed.

5.MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Noticeboard Churchtown

Collr Fairbairn will check with highways to see if they will allow a bollard in front of the new board.

Collr Faribairn left the meeting as he was feeling unwell.

There has been no reply from the school yet.

The Clerk had written to Allerdale and asked them to clear the lay by at Sebergham Bridge of debris. This seems to have been done.

The Clerk wrote and commented on the Cumbria Minerals & Waste Development Framework document. The comments have been noted.

The Clerk has been in touch with the Land Registry. It looks as if it will cost £30 to register the village green. She is waiting to find out what exactly is required for submission.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Allerdale District CALC. Notice of meeting 26 June Aspatria Community Centre 7pm. Mr Hollins Gibson will go if he is free.

Neighbourhood Forum meeting 17 June. Sebergham village hall 7pm start, noted.

Allerdale Local Development Framework core strategy. Mr Pearson will read this and give a presentation at the next meeting.

Eden District Council Housing Development Plan, noted.

Highway Stewards scheme, it was agreed that Mr Pearson will be the Parish contact. The Clerk will send his phone numbers to the Stewards office.

The Clerk was asked to write a letter to Jennings Brewery expressing the PCs dismay that the pub in Welton remains closed. It is the only remaining facility in the village and, if possible, we would like it reopened.

7. SIDS

The SIDS are due in the week commencing 20 July and 28 September. It was agreed that in July they will be sited in Welton and in September in Sebergham. The last week they were sited at Sebergham was very successful. NB Since the meeting the SIDS scheme has been suspended by the Police due to an injury to a PC.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

9.PARISH PLAN

Mr Pearson reported that a letter has been sent to everyone in the Parish to advise them about the plan. It has also been sent to local organisations. The committee are looking for ideas and themes for questions to go in the questionnaire. VAC have templates for the questions but it was agreed that it would be good to have local input too. The next step is to prepare the questionnaire and send it out probably in late summer. The next meeting will be late July early August.

10 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts to 31 March 2008 were circulated and signed by the Chairman, they had already been signed by the Clerk The Chairman also signed the Annual Return to go to the Audit Commission.. These have already been internally audited by Mr J C Leece FMAAT. There were no problems. The Clerk reported that she had put the audit notice on the notice board on 20 May.

Mr Rule asked for time to consider these before agreeing them. It was decided that they could be discussed in depth at the next meeting if there were any further questions. As the figures were all factual it was agreed that they would be signed this evening, together with the form for the District Auditor. The Clerk will e mail out an in depth analysis of the headings on the accounts.

The Clerk had e mailed a budget proposal for the current year to everyone in advance of the meeting. It shows that the PC will have very little surplus at the end of the year. Although the funds for the Parish Plan will go into the same accounts the Clerk will keep a separate note of the PP money. In all probability it will be the next financial year before the large bills for the PP will need to be paid.

The Clerk will bring the full schedule of the insurance policy to the next meeting in order that Councillors can check the schedule. The premium seems to be rather high for such a small organisation

The following cheques were written in advance of the meeting and signed by two signatories present.

59 P Pearson (printing for PP)	15.00
60 Allianz Cornhill (insurance)	274.73
61 J C Leece (internal auditor)	30.00
62 P L Gauntlett (wages)	207.57

11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday 3 September

Wednesday 12 November

Wednesday 14 January

Wednesday 11 March

The meeting was formally closed at 9.30

Mr J S Hollins-Gibson
Chairman