

**SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12 NOVEMBER 2008**

**PRESENT**

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

**1.APOLOGIES**

None

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Collr D Fairbairn

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes of 3 September were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Messrs Bell, Rule and Pearson declared a personal interest re Lingside Farm.

**4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

There were no members of the public present.

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

Collr Fairbairn is passing the name of the owner of the field where the water runs off onto the B5305 onto the Highways Dept. They will be dealing with the problems of water running across the road. Collr Fairbairn was asked why the Council would not do the work and then invoice the owner, he replied there are problems with this way of working at present. The property at the bridge has put a bright light outside his property and it is dazzling drivers. The Highways people can look at this when they are working in the area.

Highways Steward will be in Parish on 24 November (this is a change to the dates we have) Mr Pearson is in contact with him and will give him a list of works requiring attention.

The other side (the West side) of Drs Brow the surface is coming off and there is oil and water running across the road. Collr Fairbairn will have this checked out.

Mr Boak is in regular contact with Collr Fairbairn re the lay by at Goose Green. The TRO will be put in place as soon as the ones in other parts of Allerdale are completed. There has been an increase in drivers using the area.

Floodline number 0845 9881188. This is to be published in the newsletter. The Clerk will make a poster for the notice board with all the relevant numbers on.

Fire Brigade do a fire safety check on premises on request, this is free, households also get a free smoke alarm.0800 3584777.

Not everyone has received their Allerdale Outlook magazine, Collr Fairbairn took details

Caldbeck History Society are holding an exhibition on 29 November in the Parish Hall from 2pm entitled "Memories of Lakeland". The Clerk took a poster for the board.

Blood Donors are looking for new donors. The Clerk will mention this in newsletter and put a poster on the board.

Lingside Farm is being monitored by the Planning Enforcement Officer, they are satisfied that there is no business being conducted on the site.

The Park Ranger has not been back in touch with Collr Fairbairn re the state of the paths in Parsons Park. The Clerk said, Caldbeck PC has contacted her about this matter too. The Forestry Commission. manages this area, the Clerk needs to contact them about this but she will wait for Collr Fairbairn to get in touch with the Ranger first.

### **Police Report**

There have been 2 instances of fuel oil being stolen from external tanks. 2 instances of criminal damage. 3 road traffic collisions and 1 report of dangerous driving. Dates of the incidents were given but the locations cannot be given for security reasons.

### **5.MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Clerk had e mailed Stedmans about the overnight parking at Goose Green. They do not use the space.

Mr Hollins Gibson & Stockdale will be contacting Mr Marr once they have finalised their plans. The Planning Enforcement Officer has been out to look at the garage in Churchtown and will be dealing with the problems there. The Clerk will E mail the Police and ask them to check the vehicles on the road as some of them are not taxed again. E mail dawn.allen@cumbria.pnn.police.uk

### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you letter received from Welton School

Allerdale Local Development Framework, details passed to Parish Plan group.

Letter re red squirrels passed to Parish Plan group.

Letter from Caldbeck PC concerning the footpaths in Parsons Park

Minerals & Waste Development Framework, updates.

CALC previous year AGM minutes.

Your Cumbria magazine

Allerdale Outlook magazine

Eden DC Sustainability Appraisal

Allerdale Corporate Improvement Plan

### **7. PRECEPT**

The Clerk had sent out an estimate of income and expenditure for the coming year. She recommended that the precept could either be set at the same amount or decreased.

Mr Pearson said that the amount of Community Plan grant left should more or less cover the cost of the Community Plan in the coming financial year.

Mr Rule proposed a 10% reduction in the precept. Mr Carruthers seconded. Mr Wybergh proposed £3300 Mr Pearson seconded, a vote for the proposal of £3300 was taken, result 6 for 1 against. As this then became the substantive motion a second vote was taken on setting a precept of £3300 for the 2009/10 financial year. This was agreed unanimously.

### **8. SIDS**

Mr Stockdale had received a call from the Police asking where we want to site the SIDS in Sebergham.

The Chairman had proposals from a recent meeting re the Sids. There are 2 options for the scheme to move forward.

1. The PC must decide whether they are prepared to take control of the devices and shift them amongst themselves. This also means that the PC will be responsible for paying for modifications (£60 per Parish) and repairs. as they arise.

2. The Police will move the devices around to pre approved formal sites, they will site them and do speeding patrols whilst they are on site. They will get the funding for the modifications and deal with repairs. The Police will then deploy the devices where they want to site them.

It was agreed that option B was the best option but we need to be sure that they will be deployed in the Parish on a similar time scale as we have had now. The Clerk will write to Allerdale SIDS group and pass on our comments.

## **9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

2/2008/0852 &0853

No comments on either set of plans as we feel that the listed building people are better placed to do with this.

Clerk to write to Allerdale expressing concerns that the enforcement notice requiring the demolition of the building at Lingside Farm has not been dealt with. We understand that probate has been granted.

Horse training/breaking business at Lingside Farm. Some residents have been told informally that, a "Change of Use" was required for part of the farm that was housing the Horse Breaking business. The Enforcement Officer said that this is unauthorised use and needs change of use consent, but Allerdale don't consider that the situation it is bad enough to enforce on this matter. Allerdale have decided this without consultation. Residents of Ling area are annoyed that Allerdale have decided on this without consulting either them or the Parish Council. After some discussion it was agreed that, the Clerk would write to Allerdale and say that we are aware of the horse situation at Lingside, and ask if, in future they can consult the Parish Council when they are acting under delegated powers. Some Parish Councillors felt that Allerdale did not have the full picture re the situation at Lingside Farm. If this is the case, anyone with any information that they feel should be in the hands of the planners can pass it either to Collr Fairbairn who will pass it direct to the planners or direct to Allerdale planning dept.

## **10. COMMUNITY PLAN**

The group will meet to draw up a basic questionnaire using the software supplied by Voluntary Action Cumbria. This will then be brought back to the full Council. This is still ongoing and should be completed shortly.

## **11. CLERKS SALARY**

It was agreed to increase the Clerks salary in line with inflation from the national salary scales published recently

## **12. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The following cheques were signed by two signatories present.

68. BDO Stoy Hayward auditors	58.75
69. P L Gauntlett 4 months' wages including pay rise	435.42
70. Northern Fells Rural Project annual donation	200.00
71. J M Carruthers ditch cleaning	117.50

## **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 14 January 2009.

The meeting was closed at 9.40

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson  
Chairman