

**SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14 JANUARY 2009**

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

None

IN ATTENDANCE

Collr D Fairbairn, 1 member of the public.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of 12 November 2008 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mrs Steele wanted to know if the lane beside the Pearson's house in Ling Lane is an occupational lane or a bridle way. The Rights of Way officer has sent a reply to a letter saying that the path can only be used with the landowners permission. It was agreed that this was not a bridle path and therefore this was not a Parish Council matter. Mr Carruthers will speak to owners on either side of the path and attempt to ascertain ownership.

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

The next Neighbourhood Forum meeting will be in Kirkbampton village hall. There will be a talk on Hadrians Wall heritage area. This is a joint meeting with Dalston forum.

Allerdale held a meeting to verify the partnership working and amalgamation with Carlisle City Council last night. A lot of savings need to be made in the County.

Dave Smith Solway Border & Eden leader programme has grants available with a deadline of 31 March. Collr Fairbairn will forward details of this on to Clerk and the Village halls secretaries. No one was sure who was in charge at Sebergham hall, Mr Stockdale will find out and inform the Clerk.

Catholic Caring Services have a clinic in Wigton, one stop services 10 to 12 on 4th Friday every month. This is for hearing aid battery changes and other services.

Stedmans have new security lights and cameras. They were angled incorrectly initially but this has now been rectified. The lights are on a timer now but they are still a bit excessive. There have been complaints from other Parishes. Allerdale will go out one evening and check this out. The Clerk will note this for the next meeting.

The person who owns field at the top of Drs Brow where the water runs off across the road lives in Lytham St Anne's, Allerdale are in touch with her with a view to getting the problem fixed. The Chairman asked Collr Fairbairn about the halogen light at the old petrol station on Drs Brow. Collr Fairbairn said he would follow this up and report back.

Police Report

This information is now available on the Police website www.Cumbriapolice.gov.uk The Clerk has tried to access the info on the site with no success although other Councillors had managed.

5.MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Parsons Park. Collr Fairbairn stated that the estimate to repair the path will be about £70,000. This is the responsibility of the landowner but nothing appears to be happening. The Forestry Commission have a 999 year lease on this area. The park rangers are trying to get this work done. Collr Fairbairn will provide the Clerk with an address and contact name so that she can send a letter of complaint if necessary.

Highways Steward is next due in the Parish towards the end of February. On his last visit he cleared drains, he passed on details about water on the road back to Capita. He made a very good job of the drain cleaning. He does not do permanent repairs but he does mark them out ready for the Highways Response Scheme. Agenda item next meeting to review progress.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Allerdale BC Results of environmental services consultation.
Cumbria Constabulary, developing neighbourhood policing.
Eden Rivers Trust, newsletter.
CALC training programme.
Cumbria Highways, newsletter.
Recycle for Cumbria, newsletter.
Communities & Local Government, consultation paper.

7. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The Parish Council formally adopted the Model Publication Scheme under the Freedom of Information Act 2005. A completed guide to information and a copy of the model scheme are now in place. There was one slight amendment required to the notes which was that the first hour of the clerks time (in supplying information) will be free but thereafter it will be charged at the Clerks current hourly rate.

8. SIDS

This appears to have stalled. The Police have taken on board what was said at the last meeting. Clerk will e mail Dawn Allen@ Police and ask for update.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Listed building consent 2/2008/0853 Greenfoot Sebergham, granted by Allerdale BC.

2/2008/0991 Mr K Davidson, Foot Hills Welton. Single storey porch extension. No comments.

10. PARISH/COMMUNITY PLAN

Mr Pearson reported that the questionnaire should be in draft form by the end of February. He will report back at the next meeting.

11. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following cheques were signed by two signatories present.

72 P L Gauntlett 2 months salary	212.64
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12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11 March 2009.

The meeting was closed at 8.50.

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson