

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15 SEPTEMBER 2010

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr G Gash

IN ATTENDANCE

Collr D Fairbairn
PC Chris Blain

No members of the public were present.

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 21 July 2010 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Stockdale re planning application at Monkhouse Hill.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Police Report

Insp Kelly sent his apologies as he is on the wrong shift. PC Blain attended in his place. PC Blain explained that the Police will no longer be attending PC meetings, as there are a lot of parishes in the area and the manpower is required elsewhere. There are now other ways to contact the Police. They hold drop in sessions in various localities. There are the "Safer, Stronger Communities" meetings and they send out a regular newsletter. The idea will be for individuals or representatives to go to the appropriate meeting and take local problems for their attention.

There have been a couple of instances of anti social behaviour and one attempted break-in in the area recently. The Farmwatch scheme is particularly effective in this area with most farms taking part. Others who have large machinery and are quite remote can enquire about joining. The Neighbourhood Watch is not very active in the Parish due to the previous coordinator having left the Parish. A coordinator is required for both villages. Mr Pearson stated that this issue was highlighted in the Parish Plan questionnaire. The Police will look at getting some signs for the area for Farmwatch and the Neighbourhood Watch schemes. It was suggested that Lindsay Tuck (the Police Support Officer) be approached to see if she will come and run a meeting on the Neighbourhood Watch to recruit new members.

It was agreed that the Clerk will forward copies of the Police newsletter by e mail when she receives them and print them off and bring them to the following meeting.

The Police will look at getting a traffic data management facility on the road in Welton, this records how many vehicles are speeding through the village. If this is high enough they will then do some speed enforcement in the area. The speeding on the B5305 is more difficult to deal with but this area will be checked too.

The best way to contact PC Bain with bits and pieces that may be of interest is by e mail. Natalie Jackson is the other co ordinator. (see newsletter). The Clerk will put these details on the noticeboards and on the web site.

PC Blain was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

Report from Councillor Fairbairn.

A-Z of Allerdale services, this has not been circulated in the Parish.

Meeting for Cumbria Local Access Forum 1.30 23 September at Watchtree Nature Reserve, particularly for people with access and mobility problems.

NF Thursby village hall tomorrow (16th), various speakers about recycling and setting up a credit union. There is an application from Welton hall for a grant for Solway Arts Society.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Collapsed road at Sebergham. The Clerk has had extensive correspondence with the Environment Agency, the County Council and has involved the local MP. Unfortunately, even with his intervention the Clerk still does not know the timetable for the works to be done. She will e mail Rory Stewart again tomorrow with a proposal that this campaign be intensified by involving the press.

Cumbrian Way. It is hoped that the relevant parties will be getting together to resolve this issue soon. Mr Hollins Gibson is monitoring the situation.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Changes to local bus services
Licensing act review
Clerks & Councils Direct

7. SIDS

This was discussed earlier.

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The road between Welton & Rosley really needs a weight limit on it. The vehicles that are using the road as a short cut are too heavy for the bridge and it is getting damaged on a frequent basis. Collr Fairbairn will get the bridge monitored to start this process moving.

The parapet has been knocked off the little bridge at Sebergham. There are barriers up so it must have been reported.

9. PARKHEAD QUARRY

Mr Hughes is away until the end of September so an up to date report has not been received.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2/2010/0319 confirmation of the PCs objection to these plans were reinforced.

2/2010/0748 Monkhouse Hill cottages. Mr Stockdale declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the meeting. The Parish Council have no objections to this application but we are of the opinion that this is a precursor to further development, the Clerk will convey these comments to Allerdale.

11. PARISH PLAN

The Plan is ready to go to the printers.

Voluntary Action Cumbria will feed all the requests from our Parish Plan into their database which will get all the information to all relevant agencies.

The chairman will write a covering letter to accompany a copy of the plan to every house.

The Higgins family Warnell House won the draw for completing the questionnaire. It was agreed that the PC will purchase a voucher for £50 from the Royal Oak at Welton as their prize.

The first projects will be Neighbourhood Watch, parish pathways and play and recreation areas. Mr Pearson wants to set up 3 working groups one for each project to take the projects forward. Volunteers will be asked to contact the Clerk.

12. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following cheques were signed by two signatories present.

04 Welton Village Hall (rent)	110.00
05 P L Gauntlett (wages)	219.64
06 P L Gauntlett (expenses)	71.46

14. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting was scheduled for Weds 17 November. This has been changed to 24th November.

The meeting was closed at 10.15

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson
Chairman