

**SEBERGHAM & WELTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 18 JULY 2007**

**PRESENT**

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson  
Mr MF Stockdale  
Mr PD Wybergh  
Mr AV Rule  
Mr JM Carruthers  
Mr AD Bell  
Mr TG Gash

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr PJH Pearson

**IN ATTENDANCE**

3 members of the public and Collr D Fairbairn.

**MINUTES OF THE AGM FROM 2006**

The 2007 AGM was reconvened to agree the minutes from the 2006 AGM. The Clerk had misspelled Mr Rules name. The minute book was duly noted and amended. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the AGM of 23 May and the Parish Council meeting of 23 May were agreed as a correct record and signed.

The Clerk pointed out that the hard backed minute book was now full. It was agreed that, for the time being the minutes will be kept in a loose leaf folder with each page consecutively numbered and initialled by the Chairman. In the next year or two consideration can be given to either getting the minutes bound into a book or purchasing a book similar to the old one. The Clerk will price minute books.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr AD Bell for the 4 planning applications listed.

**4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

A letter was read out from Mrs Steel about the overgrown trees on Grassgarth Road. Mr Carruthers will deal with this. Mrs Steel also wished the general public to note that the lane that runs off the occupational lane to Ling Farm is not a footpath. This is not a Parish Council matter but the comments were noted.

Mr Burrow wished to state that he, Mr Harrison and other neighbours of Mr Bell support the planning applications that are under discussion later in the meeting.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Website.

Mr MF Stockdale has contacted both WI's, both village halls, and both churches about putting information onto the website. Sebergham WI, both churches and Sebergham Village Hall are all interested. Welton WI are not sure yet. Mr Stockdale is to contact the school in September with a view to holding a meeting in their computer room to show all the groups and members of the PC how the website works and how information can be put on it. The Clerk had received an e mail about the "local businesses" section on the website. She had contacted CALC again but had still not received a satisfactory reply from them. She will list it as an agenda item for the September meeting.

Roundhill Farm.

The Clerk reported that the Environmental Health dept had said they wanted to hear from individuals who wished to complain about the noise from the motorbikes. The Planning Dept had not responded to the query about whether or not planning permission was required. The Clerk had duly passed the information from the Environmental Health dept on to Mrs Fallows.

Noticeboard.

Mr Gash reported that he had been approached with an offer to make a new notice board for Churchtown. He will speak to the person concerned and get some prices in time for the next meeting.

Churchtown.Parking

The Clerk had received an unsatisfactory reply from Allerdale about the grass verges in Churchtown. It was agreed that she write to Peter Marr at the Highways dept and try to arrange a site meeting with him, the Police and members of the PC in an attempt to move this matter forward.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

New Item.

An additional item of correspondence had been circulated after the agenda was published. Residents are concerned about the number of HGV's on the Welton to Rosley road. It was suggested that a weight restriction is needed on the bridge at the Rosley end and also that Wigton is removed from the road sign at the Welton end of the road . An "unsuitable for HGV's" sign was also suggested. It was pointed out that doing this would not stop HGV drivers with 'sat nav' using the road as a shortcut. The Clerk will write to Andrew Butler at Highways about this.

Two members of the PC were invited to the launch of the Allerdale Parish Charter next week. The Clerk had provisionally accepted the invitation. Mr Hollins-Gibson will go and the Clerk will accompany him. No one else was interested in attending.

Allerdale B C have adopted the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005, noted.

Letter from Allerdale Disability Association, noted.

Rights of Way Improvement Plan, noted.

Grants through CRISP and Community Waste Prevention Fund, noted.

Clerks & Councils Direct, noted.

Latest update on the proposals for a Unitary Authority, noted.

## **7. SPEED INDICATION DEVICES**

The SID's were sited in Welton last week. Only one was working and the Police took the other away to repair. It was situated next to the 30mph sign on the approach to the village from Caldbeck and appeared to be very effective in slowing down the traffic. Overall in North Allerdale there has been a 20% decrease in the number of speeding accidents since the SID's were brought in. There is an update meeting about the SIDS scheme on 25 July. No one wished to attend.

## **8. TRAINING**

The Clerk will be in touch with all PC's when she gets the dates from CALC for the training. At present Mr Simpson the senior trainer is on sick leave.

## **9. CLERKS CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

This was discussed at the end of the agenda.

**The Clerk left the room and all members of the public were asked to leave.**

The Contract was agreed at 21/2 hours work per week with yearly increments and pay rise in line with the national pay scales. It was agreed to remove the requirement to work at home and also to agree a sum of money for the use of the clerk's own computer and other equipment. The chairman was authorised to sign the contract.

## **10. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Clerk distributed the booklets from the Standards Board. She had posted the original code to Mr Rule but it had not arrived. It was decided not to sign the code as members wished to read a full copy. Further guidelines were needed from CALC and Allerdale about the amendment to the standing orders in order to adopt the amendment in the code that is advised. This must be signed at the next meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain as much information as possible and pass it on to Mr Rule for

his consideration. The chairman asked Mr Rule to take the matter on board and ensure all was in order for the code to be signed at the next meeting.

#### **11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Mr Bell declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the room.**

0652/0653/0656/0657. Four sets of plans for the building of 2 poultry sheds on a new site on Ling Lane to run a 6000 bird organic farm. The plans had been laid out for everyone to see. Reservations were expressed about a new steading being established, is this classed as a new build under the Local Plan? Also, there is a fifth planning application for the proposed dwelling on the site and this had not arrived. The PC felt that all 5 applications should have been submitted together. There were no objections to the plans for the farm as they stood.

#### **12 PARISH PLAN**

The Chairman and Mr Bell will front a committee to progress the Parish Plan. Various names were suggested to sit on the committee. It was agreed that PC's would sound people out and then pass the names of those that are interested to the Clerk The Clerk will then book a hall for an evening in early September and try and bring interested parties together. The Clerk will put details in the newsletter.

#### **13. 2007 ACCOUNTS AND 2008 BUDGET**

The accounts were agreed. A budget forecast was circulated. Allerdale B C have agreed that we pay only 50% of the election costs this financial year and the remaining 50% will be payable next year. This means that for the current financial year the PC will be able to meet all of its obligations and there will be a small surplus.

#### **14. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The following cheques were signed.

33	PL Gauntlett 4 months salary	405.16
34	PL Gauntlett post, copying etc	26.46
35	Allerdale B C (50% election costs)	745.98

#### **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT YEAR.**

Wednesday 26 September  
Wednesday 28 November  
Wednesday 30 January 2008  
Wednesday 26 March  
Wednesday in May (this date to be confirmed)

The meeting was formally closed at 9.55pm.

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson  
Chairman