

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20 JANUARY 2010

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr A Bell

IN ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Fairbairn
No members of the public were present.

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 11 November 2009 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

No Report from Councillor Fairbairn.

The Clerk had expected a member of the Police to attend as they had asked for meeting details etc. She will chase them up for the next meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

No report re Cumbrian Way.

Highways. This will be an agenda item for every meeting.

The grit boxes were all empty before the start of the winter. As a result of this there were accidents and Highways were called out to clear Ling Lane before a lorry which had come off the road could be recovered. There seem to be less grit boxes now than there were, it was suggested that some of them may have been stolen. It was agreed to ask the Highways Steward to check all the grit boxes in the Parish, some of them are solid and the contents are useless. Whilst he is doing this he could mark on a map suggested locations for additional boxes. Mr Pearson will contact the highways steward and contact the Highways Hotline.

Potholes. There are some enormous potholes in the Parish. It will take a long time to get them all repaired. Mr Pearson will find the worst and report them.

Borrans Hill signpost(at Lane End Farm) has been broken by vandals. The milestone at Goose Green has been lifted out of the ground. It's still there but needs to be set in concrete. Mr Pearson will report these problems.

It was suggested that Mr Butler from Highways would be a possible speaker for our annual meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Cumbria Minerals & waste Development Framework, noted.
Citizens Advice request for donations, noted.
Eden Rivers Trust newsletter, noted.
Clerks & Councils Direct, noted.
Overhead Wires Project newsletter, noted.
Allerdale Outlook, none of these had been delivered in the Parish.

7. SIDS

Next time we have the SIDS they will be put in Sebergham for the first week. The Clerk will then contact the Police and ask them to do some speed traps the following week when the devices are in Welton. We would like to get some input from the Police re possible sites for the devices.

8. PARKHEAD QUARRY

The Clerk had circulated Mr Hughes report to everyone just before the meeting. She read the report out. The Parish Council is in favour of the proposal to use soil from the CNDR to landscape the quarry floor and would like to encourage it to be done. We are not in favour of the wind turbines.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2/2009/0738 Steadmans, re increased lighting.

Mr Rule & Mr Pearson had a site meeting at Steadmans. As a result Steadmans have angled the lights down towards the ground and put lower wattage bulbs in where possible. The only lights that seem to be causing a problem now are the car park lights. All local residents are now happy with the changes to the lighting but one house still has concerns with the car park lights. The Environmental Health officer has checked the site, he is happy with the amendments. The lights that are the subject of the planning application currently switch off at 7pm. It was agreed that the Parish Council would like the planners to put a time constraint on the application for the lights to go off by 21.00 and not come back on before 6.00am. This will mean that, if Steadmans wish to return to working longer hours at any time in the future they will need permission to keep the lights on outside these times. The Clerk will strongly recommend this action to the planners. The Parish Council noted that Steadmans have been most helpful with this. The Clerk had asked Collr Fairbairn to have this application "called in". As our objections have been dealt with this is no longer required. The Clerk will advise both Collr Fairbairn and Allerdale of this.

2/2009/0841 and 0817 Alterations and listed building consent The Ling, Ling Lane.. No comment

2/2009/0853 Lower Height Caldbeck, extension to property, no objections.

2/2010/0019 Mr Collard, balcony at Brae Fell Cottage, no objections.

10. PARISH PLAN

Mr Pearson has not found the software very easy to use and has not finished putting the plan together due to work commitments. He hopes to hold a meeting next week to start getting the plan drafted so that it is ready for the Parish meeting in May. Mr Pearson will try and have a draft ready for the March PC meeting.

11. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following cheques were signed by two signatories present.

90 P L Gauntlett	219.63
91 Carruthers (ditch cleaning)	117.50
92 Sebergham PCC	150.00
93 Welton PCC	150.00
94 Northern Fells Project	200.00

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 24 March.

AGM and routine meeting 12 May.

Parish meeting 19 May.

The meeting was closed 8.55

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson