

**SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
20 MAY 2008**

PRESENT

Mr S Hollins-Gibson
Mr M Stockdale
Mr P Wybergh
Mr G Gash
Mr A Rule
Mr P Pearson
Mr A Bell
Mr M Carruthers

APOLOGIES

IN ATTENDANCE

There were 6 members of the public present.
Collr D Fairbairn

Mr Rule stated that the meeting could not take place as the agenda was issued illegally. The agenda Mr Rule had did not included either Apologies or Declarations of Interest. The Clerk stated that she had amended the agenda and produced a copy of it. The Clerk had e mailed the amended agenda out last week.

The Chairman ruled that as the deadline for discussing this particular set of plans was fast approaching in the interests of common sense the meeting would go ahead. There were no councillors absent and they were all aware of the application in advance of the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Clerk read out definitions of personal and prejudicial interests so that all members of the Parish Council had the chance to make any declarations. Mr Rule stated that the Clerk had not read out the full definition of prejudicial interests. The Clerk stated she was reading the information given to her that day by the legal dept at Allerdale BC. Mr Rule stated that he had spoken to the county solicitor and for an interest to be prejudicial it must involve a financial consideration.

Messrs Hollins-Gibson, Rule, Pearson and Stockdale declared personal interests.

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

PLANNING APPLICATION

The application was discussed. The following observations were made.

The planners will only take note of those comments made by the PC that are relevant to planning law.

The building is not suitable to hold livestock in its current state. All the walls will need to be removed as they are insulated.

An Agricultural Appraisal is necessary for the farm as it is understood that all the cattle are to be sold in the next few days.

The application is a ploy to keep the building. If it is allowed to stay ABC must put a strict timetable on the works being undertaken and monitor the site closely. It would also require close monitoring for some time after the works were completed to ensure that it did not revert to an industrial building at a later date.

The farm has been inspected recently and the existing cattle housing was found to be adequate for the number of cattle on the farm although some modifications were necessary.

A vote was proposed and taken. 4 members of the Parish Council voted to refuse the application, 3 voted for it.

It was agreed that the Clerk relay this information to ABC and ask that, if ABC were minded to pass the application they took our concerns into account.

The meeting was formally closed at 7.40.

Mr S Hollins-Gibson
Chairman