

**SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 21 JULY 2010**

**PRESENT**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Mr A Bell  
Mr P Pearson  
Mr M Carruthers (late arrival)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Collr D Fairbairn

No members of the public were present.

**2. MINUTES**

Two amendments to the previous minutes were required. The Northern Fells Project do not ask for a flat fee, they request a donation from every Parish, this was noted. The payment to Mr Stockdale was to reimburse him for the website hosting which he had paid on behalf of the Parish Council.

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 12 May 2010 were then agreed and signed as a correct record.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

**Report from Councillor Fairbairn.**

Wigton Police hold drop in sessions at Caldbeck and Thursby medical surgeries. Councillor Fairbairn wondered if we were interested in having such a session in the Parish. It was decided not to. A comment was made that it is at least a year since a member of the Police had attended a Parish Council meeting and they are invited to every meeting. The Clerk will e mail Police and point this out and request Police attendance at the next meeting.

The collapsed road beside the river has not been repaired. Unfortunately all the manpower has been used in West Cumbria to repair the flood damage. The Clerk will write to the Environment Agency stating that the failure to repair the road is impacting adversely on local businesses. It was suggested that the MP be contacted about this (Mr Hollins Gibson will do this). There is always the option to completely close the road but, as there is no prospect of the road being repaired in the near future, it could remain closed until next spring.

The repairs to the culvert on Ling Lane are currently being done.

The application for the wind turbine at Chalkside Farm is the subject of a planning site visit before the plans are discussed. The Clerk will contact Allerdale and reinforce the PCs objections.

Cumbrian Way. There is no money to undertake the repair work. The work will be looked at next year but it will require considerable outside funding to do it. The Forestry Commission are the landowners and it is felt that they should be paying for the repairs. Mr Hollins Gibson will reply to this and he will also contact the MP to see if he can help.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Northern Fells have responded to our letter concerning the funding of the project. The trustees do not agree with our suggestion that an amount per resident was preferable to the current system. They stress

that the amounts are a donation and it is up to the Parish to decide on the amount of the donation they give. Mr HG is interested in organising a meeting of all the Parish Chairman to discuss this matter. Collr Fairbairn thinks that a similar group already exists and he will e mail the details to the Clerk.

The Parish Council reports are not appearing in the Cumberland News. The Clerk will check on this. And e mail draft minutes to Michael and the newsletter to everyone as soon as she has done them.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Northern Fells newsletter

Clerks & Councils Direct

Cumbria Landscape Character Guidance Toolkit Clerk to deal with.

Local Transport Plan 3. The Clerk will put comments on about the sewerage system. Affordable housing and schools are a major issue.

## **7. SIDS**

The devices are due this week. We still have not had a visit from the Police despite the Clerks requests for this. The Clerk will e mail again and ask for a visit this coming week. A marking of 40 on the road on the B5305 going towards Penrith coming off the bridge would be helpful. Clerk will write about this

## **8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

The road will be closed through Welton from 23 August for two weeks. The roads in Dalston will be closed next week.

There is a drain blocked in the dip between Borrans Hill and Lanehead. There is a cone marking the blockage. The surface water was running all winter. Clerk will e mail Mr Pearson and ask him to report the matter to the Highways Steward. It is probably too big a job for him but he will be better placed to get the work done.

## **9. PARKHEAD QUARRY**

There has been no progress on this matter. The land owner is still in dispute with the quarry owners over the access road.

## **10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Lingside Farm.** Allerdale have taken the Executors to court for non demolition of the building. The Executors have appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. As a result of this the Judge has adjourned the case until 30 July however it is expected that it will be adjourned again until October. The Clerk will write to the Planning Inspectorate reinforcing the Parish Councils objection to the building. Mr Rule will forward up to date details to the Clerk.

## **11. PARISH PLAN**

No report available. Clerk will e mail Mr Pearson for a report in advance of the next meeting.

## **12. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010 have been returned by the Internal Auditor. They were correct and the Clerk has forwarded the Annual Return to the External Auditor.

The following cheques were signed by two signatories present.

00 P L Gauntlett (wages)	219.64
01 Sebergham WI (teas for meeting)	45.00
02 P Pearson (printing)	12.00
03 J C Leece (internal auditor)	30.00

## **14. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Weds 15 September

Weds 17 November

The meeting was closed at 21.10

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson  
Chairman