

SEBERGHAM & WELTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 21 MARCH 2007

PRESENT

Mr S Hollins-Gibson
Mr M Stockdale
Mr M Carruthers
Mr R Fawkes
Mr P Wybergh
Mr J Dixon

IN ATTENDANCE

Collr D Fairbairn
PC Y Benson
6 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Mr P Wybergh

RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Mr John Burrow had resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were agreed and signed.

The Chairman had received a letter from a member of the public complaining that the minutes of the meeting of 23 November did not accurately reflect the statement he made at the meeting. The P. Councillors had all agreed the minutes but it was agreed that a copy of the statement made and since provided will be appended to the appropriate minutes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Hird from Welton was concerned that the landscaping scheme at the quarry had not been implemented. Councillor Fairbairn will contact the County Council and ask for an update on the work being done and report back to the next meeting.

Mr Bell asked if there would be a full report on the Standards Board enquiries. This will be covered later. Concern was expressed that the last minutes read as though the Parish Council had recommended passing places on Ling Lane to Allerdale. This was not the case, it was merely mentioned at the meeting as an idea.. Collr Fairbairn said that Allerdale would not want passing places on Ling Lane and even if they did there was no money to do them.

Mrs Ivinson said that, as a resident of Welton she wished to say that, in her opinion the SIDS devices were a waste of time, this will be discussed later in the agenda.

Councillor Fairbairn gave a brief report back from the Neighbourhood Forum meeting held in Sebergham. The feeling of the meeting was that traffic lights were not wanted on Sebergham Bridge. Andrew Butler the highways engineer was in favour of them and he will be recommending their installation to the relevant committee. Collr Fairbairn will ensure that the views of the residents are heard.

PC Benson gave details of the incidents in the Parish in the last two months. She also circulated application forms for the Police's Farm Watch programme. It was agreed to send application forms to every farm and isolated dwelling in the Parish.

MATTERS ARISING

The Dog Control Order mentioned last month is now in effect. It is an offence for anyone not to clean up after their dog in any open area in Allerdale.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerks & Council Direct, noted.

Cumbria County Council Minerals & Waste Development Framework, noted.

Cumbria in Bloom, entry forms, noted.

Consultation paper on revising the Model Code of Conduct

Enjoy England celebrate St Georges Day, noted.

ADOPTION OF MODEL STANDING ORDERS

These were agreed subject to several minor amendments to the printing.

REPORT FROM THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND

The Clerk reported that there had been amendments made to the conclusions to the two Standards Board complaints. These were on the website but she had not received anything in the post. She pointed out that, as the complaints had been made against individuals as opposed to the Parish Council the reports and conclusions were sent to the individuals concerned and not to the PC.

SPEED INDICATION DEVICES

Mr Fawkes had been in charge of putting the machines out in Welton village. He said it was noticeable that the traffic travelling towards Carlisle was slowing down. There were vehicles which blatantly ignored the signs and some "boy racers" who were obviously seeing how fast they could go past the machines. One vehicle went so fast it missed the corner and travelled across the village green. Once the SIDS machines went, the traffic speeds returned to normal.

Some members expressed the view that the SIDS were not effective and a Policeman with a radar gun would be better. PC Benson said that the use of the SIDS did show that there was a need for some speed trapping in the area but that the number of Police available to do this was limited. It was suggested that a radar trap between 7.50 am and 8.30 and 4.30 onwards on weekdays would be most effective. PC Benson told residents to take registration numbers of speeding cars and pass them on to her for action. It was suggested that, next time we have the SIDS devices the Police could come and radar trap at the same time. This way the public will equate the SIDS devices with speed traps.

Collr Fairbairn said it was noticeable that in North Allerdale speeds had been reduced as a result of the SIDS devices.

PC Benson will send a copy of the new SIDS rota to the Clerk. The next time we have the machines they will be sited at Sebergham at a location to be agreed with the Police.

NOTICEBOARDS

Sebergham have two quotes one for a metal board and one for a wooden one. Both are in the region of £550 plus VAT. This does not include the re-siting of the board, this will be extra. The Clerk will need to write to the highways engineer (Capita) and ask him to come and look at the site before the board is installed.

Welton had not got any prices for theirs. It was agreed that they wanted one similar to the one already there. Mr Fawkes will approach a couple of people and get some definite quotes for the next meeting.

WEBSITE

The website is now live. Mr Stockdale was thanked for all his work on this. www.seberghamwelton.org.uk The site includes details of PC meetings including minutes, agendas and contact details, together with contact details of local organisations and the school. Mr Gibson and Mr Higgins kindly provided the photos used but we need more photos of Welton. We still need to add details of local businesses to the site. It will be easy to add pages for the WI's and the churches if they wish to do so. The Clerk will publicise details in the church magazines.

The Clerk had received Mr Ward's invoice for the website since she had prepared the agenda. It was agreed that this would be paid this evening.

MAY ELECTIONS

The Clerk gave out details of the procedure for registering candidature for the forthcoming elections. She had copied additional forms which were available in the hall. She does not have an up to date copy of the Electoral Roll, but has requested one from Allerdale. Anyone else wishing to register for the election can contact her for forms until 29 March. She will be on holiday after that. Candidates were advised to send their forms to Allerdale using registered or recorded delivery post..

The expenses claim forms will be distributed at the next meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The plans for the vehicular access at Brow Top has been passed.

The plans for the digital TV mast were looked at. No comments were to be made to the planning authority.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk had sent a letter to the Chairman detailing the extra hours she had worked and estimating that the PC work takes her 21/2 hours a week. It was agreed to pay her for 21/2 hours a week from 1 April 2007. It was agreed that the Clerk would be paid for her additional work to date.

The following cheques were written

228	P L Gauntlett extra hours and 6 months salary	368.53
229	CALC annual subscription	104.50
230	P L Gauntlett Accounts (6 months expenses)	110.96
231	Andrew Ward IT Services	395.00

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that this will be held on Wednesday 18 April, 7.30 start in Welton Village Hall. The Clerk will ask CALC to send a speaker to do a brief presentation on doing Parish Plans. In addition to putting notices on the boards she will put a note in the "Claiming Dates" in the Cumberland News and on BBC Radio Cumbria

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 23 May at 7.30. This will be the first meeting of the new Parish Council and will be preceded by the AGM. Note the time change.

The meeting was formally closed at 9.30.

Mr S Hollins-Gibson
Chairman

