

SEBERGHAM & WELTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 23 MAY 2007

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr M Carruthers
Collr D Fairbairn

IN ATTENDANCE

6 members of the public

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 21 March were agreed as a correct record and signed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Gash, item 11, a personal and prejudicial interest.
Mr Stockdale, item 13, a personal interest.
Mr Hollins-Gibson, item 13, a personal interest.
Mr Bell, item 15, a personal interest in application number 0436.

ADOPTION OF MODEL STANDING ORDERS

Mr Hollins-Gibson moved adoption of these, Mr Gash seconded. The motion was passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public an opportunity to ask questions or raise matters of interest.

Mrs Trish Fallows from Castle Glebe spoke as the nearest resident to Roundhill Farm. She wished to know the following

- 1 Did the previous residents of her home ever complain in writing to the Parish Council about the noise from the motor bikes.
2. Has the track ever obtained planning permission.
3. If the answer to Q2 is yes what are the time limits on the use of the field. Mrs Fallows stated that she finds the noise from the bikes unacceptable. It spoils her enjoyment of her garden.
4. In view of climate change and the close proximity to the National Park does the PC consider a bike track to be an acceptable use of the land.

The Chairman advised Mrs Fallows that some of the matters that she raised would be discussed when we reached that matter on the agenda.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed that the idea of preparing a Parish Plan should be progressed. It will be an agenda item for the next meeting. The consensus was that we have a working party comprising 2 or 3 members of the Parish Council together with representatives from other bodies within the Parish. Councillors will come to the next meeting with names. The Clerk will include a call for volunteers to sit on the working group in her newsletter piece.

It was agreed that, in addition to the pieces for the church newsletters the Clerk will send the same pieces to the Cumberland News and the Cumberland & Westmorland Herald for inclusion in their Parish Councils section.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cumbria Highways Survey. Having discussed this it was agreed that the Clerk would complete it.

Notification of housing needs survey, people have already received these.

Consultation on unitary Cumbria, Allerdale proposal and associated papers. Mr Rule took these away to read.

Funding Fair 22 June, noted.

Friends of the Lake District annual report, noted.

Advice and Information sessions, poster for the board, noted.

Letter from VAC giving details re a Parish Plan, noted.

CALC monthly circular, noted.

Assessing services in an isolated rural setting, poster, noted.

SPEED INDICATION DEVICES

The devices had been situated on the B5305 at Sebergham for a week. It was noticeable that the traffic coming from the Penrith direction had slowed down. The device for traffic coming up the bank was not particularly useful. Mr Stockdale had talked to the Police about putting both devices on the same side of the road, there is a good site for a second device but some type of fixing device would be needed. The Police had advised that they will write to speeding motorists if the public can take down the registration number. The devices will be situated in Welton next time. Mr Wybergh will speak to Mr Ivinson and Mr Fawkes to see if they will help him move the devices every day.

NOTICEBOARDS

The board in Welton is up, Mr Ivinson made it. The Clerk has not yet received his invoice.

It was agreed that Mr Stockdale will approach Mr Gibson in Churchtown who is a joiner and see if it is possible to renovate the existing board rather than spend £500 on a new one. Mr Stockdale and the Chairman will deal with the matter and, as long as the quote for the work is reasonable they will authorise it.

WEBSITE

Councillors said that documents are slow to download in PDF, Mr Stockdale will have a look but this could be down to the users dial up speed rather than the website.

Mr Stockdale and Mr Ward have made adjustments to the site and the Clerk is no longer receiving spam e mails.

We want to put as much about the Parish as we can on the site and we need local organisations to give information. A "diary of events" would be useful. It was agreed to organise a meeting and invite a representative from every organisation in the Parish (2 WI's, 2 churches, both halls). They will be able to see for themselves what is on the website and what can be done with it Messrs Stockdale, Hollins-Gibson and Pearson will organise it.

The list of PCs on the website needs to be updated. Messrs Rule, Pearson, Bell, Stockdale, Hollins-Gibson will have e mails and phone numbers on. Mr Gash will just have e mail address and Messrs Wybergh and Carruthers will have phone numbers.

The Clerk will amend the headed paper to include the web site address.

NOISE NUISANCE FROM ROUNDHILL FARM WELTON

Mr Gash left the meeting as he had a prejudicial interest in this matter.

The Clerk reported that the noise nuisance from motor bikes at the farm had been referred to Allerdale in June 2002. Allerdale did not appear to have pursued the matter. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the planning dept and ask if planning permission is needed for this venture. She will also write to the Environmental Health officer and ask that a noise assessment is carried out when an event is taking place. The EH officer will be asked to liaise with residents who live nearest to Roundhill and Mr Gash and keep the PC informed of their progress. The Clerk will e mail copies of her letters to the P Collrs and Duncan Fairbairn.

Mr Gash rejoined the meeting.

TRAINING

It was agreed that the Clerk will e mail CALC and ask for new councillor training for the whole PC. Suggested dates were 19 September and 10 October.

The chairman and Vice chairman would also be interested in going on the appropriate training courses. The Clerk will find details for them.

CHURCHTOWN PARKING

It was agreed that the PC need to ascertain what the legal position is re the ownership of the grass verges in the village. The Clerk will write to the planning dept and see what she can find out. Messrs Hollins-Gibson, Stockdale and Gash will go and talk to the landowners in Churchtown and see how they feel about the installation of "grass crete" and report back in four months.

CLERKS CONTRACT

The Clerk does not have a paper Contract of Employment, it was agreed that she "fill in the blanks" on the model contract and e mail it to everyone. It can then be agreed at the next meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Concern was expressed that the PC do not have a written procedure for dealing with planning applications. CALC advice is that a planning committee is not appropriate as every P Collr needs to be involved in the decision making process. It was agreed that the "round robin" system currently in place was acceptable. The Clerk will post plans to Mr Carruthers, she will then e mail everyone giving details of the application so that they can either view them on line on the Allerdale website or ring Mr Carruthers and go and see the paper plans. Mr Carruthers will pass the plans to Mr Wybergh who will return them to the Clerk.

2/2007/0436 Listed Building Consent to replace UPVC windows with wooden single glaze units. Ling, Ling Lane Welton. Agreed no comments to be submitted.

2/2007/0333 Construction of small detached outbuilding for use as hobbies room. Sowerby Mill Sebergham. Agreed no comments to be submitted.

2/2007/0439. Renovation and extension of existing cottage. Pleasant View Welton. Agreed no comments to be submitted.

Mr Wybergh left the meeting due to the time.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 were put before the meeting. Councillors requested further details on the admin expenses included. The Clerk will produce a detailed account and circulate to everyone.

The Clerk will provide a budget report for the next meeting, although an accurate report is not possible until we receive the invoice for the election from Allerdale.

The following cheques were written

232	Allianz Cornhill insurance	248.27
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DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

Wednesday 18 July

Wednesday 26 September

Wednesday 28 November

Wednesday 30 January 2008

Wednesday 26 March

Wednesday 21 May (this date is provisional)

The meeting was formally closed at 10.40.

Mr S Hollins-Gibson
Chairman