

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 31 MARCH 2010

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr P Pearson
Mr P Wybergh
Mr M Carruthers

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor D Fairbairn
No members of the public were present.

2. MINUTES

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 20 January 2010 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Collr Fairbairn.

The District & County Councils have been working closely on the repair work following the flood damage to the bridges in West Cumbria. The Carlisle Northern Development Route is progressing and the bridge across the river will be put in around Xmas 2010. The river beds and Workington harbour were all cleaned out following the flooding.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Highways.

No report from Highways Steward. There have been a few complaints on the highways hot line, a few of the potholes in Welton have been filled but not the major ones. Parishoners are not keen on phoning the hotline as they are asked for their names and addresses, but it must be emphasised that the more calls to the hotline the more chance there is of getting the holes filled and repairs undertaken. The Clerk will put this message in the newsletter again.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Report from Northern Fells Project (Mr Gash).

Sebergham & Welton are the second biggest users of the Northern Fells Project. The group provide many services in addition to the mini bus. The assistance that they give to people to fill in forms to claim grants or pension credits is very valuable. The Parish Council are very supportive of the project but we think that the funding should be a bit more proportionate. It was decided that we invite the Treasurer to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the funding arrangements. It was also decided that a member of the Northern Fells group be asked to be a speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting in order to bring details of their work to a wider audience.

Recycle for Cumbria (newsletter).

Energy Saving Trust (booklet).

CALC courses, noted.

Allerdale Strategic Housing Land Availability assessment. The Parish is still a no build area and there is no mention of the Parish in this report.

7. SIDS

The SIDS devices due back in the Parish on the 4 April. The first week they will be sited in Sebergham and , the second week in Welton. The Clerk will e mail the Police and ask them to bring the detector van for a few hours in one or both locations. We would like a consultation with the Police re the siting of the devices on the B5305.

8. PARKHEAD QUARRY

No report received.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2/2009/0738 Steadmans lighting. Approved

2/2009/0797 Lingside Farm retrospective application. This was refused . It was agreed that the Clerk write to Allerdale and complain that, to date no work has been started on the demolition of the building and the month has now expired. The Parish Council feel that this refusal by the owners to comply with the demolition order is bringing the planning system into disrepute. The Clerk will ask for a written response to her letter.

2/2010/0138 Beech House, no objections received.

10. PARISH PLAN

No report received. There has not been a meeting and it is imperative that this is done in order that the plan can be presented at the Parish Meeting. The Clerk will e mail Mr Pearson and suggest that he gets the working group together and then he can get some help if he is struggling.

11. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk will write to Mr Fawkes and explain that she must now write a risk assessment for the Parish Council and can he please confirm that his public liability insurance covers his work on the common and that he has a risk assessment for cutting the Green.

It was agreed that the common, flagpole and surrounding bench seating would be inspected by Mr Bell & Mr Rule and they will notify the Clerk of the results.

12. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following cheques were signed by two signatories present.

95 P L Gauntlett	219.64
96 CALC annual subscription	115.00
97 M Stockdale web hosting	tba

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING & SPEAKERS FOR AGM

AGM and routine meeting will be held on 12 May.

The Parish meeting will be held on the 19 May. It will be an open meeting with a presentation of the Parish Plan and a presentation from the Northern Fells Group about their work. There will also be a general discussion on what people want in the village. Mr HG will ask Sebergham WI to do tea & refreshments.

The meeting was closed at 10pm.

Mr JS Hollins-Gibson
Chairman