

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Sebergham Parish Council Meeting held at Welton Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 31 January 2024

Present: Cllr Peter Pearson (Chair), Cllr Geoff Carruthers, Cllr Christine Tinnion, Cllr Diana Depla and Cllr Emily Hudson.
Others: Cllr Mike Johnson, Cumberland Councillor

65/2023	Apologies An apology for absence was received from Cllr Michael Stockdale. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.
66/2023	Minutes of last Parish Council meeting The Chairman was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29 November 2023
67/2023	Declarations of Interest/requests for dispensation Cllrs E. Hudson, C. Tinnion and P. Pearson declared a personal interest in agenda item 71(a) Re-consultation on planning application FUL/2023/0217. No requests for dispensations were received.
68/2023	Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) None
69/2023	Public Participation No members of the public were in attendance. A response had been sent to an enquiry received from a parishioner relating to broadband and the Bell Bridge road.
70/2023	Cumberland Councillor's report Cllr. M. Johnson reported that Cumberland Council has a budget overspend and are facing significant financial challenges. Cllr Johnson also reported that a full review of the winter services/gritting policy is to be carried out.
71/2023	Planning (a) Applications Received Re-consultation on planning application FUL/2023/0217 - Hazel Gill Farm, Welton CA5 7HJ Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to allow 6 holiday lodges and associated infrastructure. (Amended details) The amended application was discussed. The issue of light pollution was raised. It was agreed that a response would be sent to the planning authority suggesting a condition should be applied relating to the use of low-level lighting. Concern was also raised whether the application does comply with the farm diversification planning policy. (b) Decisions None
72/2023	Highways An emergency road closure had been put in place by Cumberland Council due to the likelihood of danger as a result of an embankment collapse threatening the carriageway.

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The Chairman provided an update from Cumberland Council regarding the closure of Bell Lonning which stated:

"We inspected the highway and discovered a significant amount of material had been lost from the embankment along the short length that you describe, including the timber post and rail fence that was installed post Desmond Flood.

During the inspection we instigated the closure as it is unsafe.

Our current plan to resolve the issue and remove the closure at Bell Lonning is as follows:

1. Carry out a dive inspection of the full length of Bell Lonning to determine any unknown additional requirements for bank strengthening.
2. Install temporary bank protection along area of significant erosion to prevent further loss.
3. Carry out topographical survey of new profile of lost embankment.
4. Finalise options report for the repair of the section of lost embankment.
5. Engage with EA, NE & other interested parties with the proposed solution identified in the options report to get outline acceptance of proposal.
6. Carry out detailed design of solution following outline acceptance of the solution (this also includes any necessary environmental/ecological surveys being carried out).
7. Procure contractor to carry out embankment works.
8. Contractor commences works on site (the contractor attains required consents for the works prior to works commencing).

Items 1 and 2 will be carried out as soon as water levels allow divers to enter the watercourse but will also be dependent on the availability of our 3rd party diving contractors. It may be necessary that the divers carry out inspections on higher priority infrastructure before carrying out the inspection along Bell Lonning.

We have identified funding to allow the construction works to be carried out during this summers (2024) in-river working period. However, liaison with 3rd parties and the complexity of the solution could potentially delay the works until the in-river working period of 2025.

Due to the scale of loss of material at the short section of embankment, Bell Lonning will be closed to all vehicular through traffic until the permanent solution can be installed."

The Chairman reported that a further update had been received advising that Cumberland Council are drawing up a plan ahead of the normal timeline and will be moving ahead as quickly as possible. Cllr Johnson agreed to request a programme of works from Cumberland Council.

The following matters were reported:

Pot holes/road surfacing breaking up on the B5299 from Goose Green towards Welton and from Welton towards Nether Welton.

Pot hole before the turn for Grassgarth.

Fly tipping near the crossroads at Goose Green.

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73/2023	King Charles III Coronation Benches The Chairman reported that the bench for the churchyard at Churchtown had been delivered. A small extension to the paved area where the bench will be sited was required. Once this has been carried out the bench will be installed. Some profiles for the bench at Welton had been received to assist with calculating how many will be required. The Chairman will contact Andrew Bell to measure up for the profiles.																				
74/2023	Vacancies following Parish Elections Members noted there are still vacancies on the Parish Council.																				
75/2023	Courses and training for Councillors The training programme for January to July had been circulated. Members were advised they should book any courses directly with CALC.																				
76/2023	Website The Chairman agreed to make enquiries with Northern Fells Group regarding their website provider.																				
77/2023	Caldbeck to Waters Meet footpath Further correspondence regarding the footpath had been circulated. It was noted that Caldbeck Parish Council are obtaining estimates to carry out the work. It was agreed to await any further developments.																				
78/2023	Light pollution from Warnell Fell properties The issue of light pollution from a property on Warnell fell was raised. It was agreed to approach Cumberland Council regarding their enforcement of any relevant planning conditions for the development.																				
79/2023	Defibrillators The Chairman reported that the DHSC scheme is still ongoing allowing the Parish Council to obtain a defibrillator plus cabinet for £750. It was agreed not to pursue this further at the present time as the proposed locations to site the units were considered to be too far away to be of any significant benefit. It was suggested that enquiries should be made into holding a first aid training course for parishioners.																				
80/2023	Parish/Community Plan Cllr E. Hudson agreed to provide an update for the next meeting.																				
81/2023	Financial Matters 81.1 The following payments were considered and authorised: <table><tr><th>Date</th><th>PAYEE</th><th>Budget line</th><th>Value</th></tr><tr><td>31/01/2024</td><td>CALC</td><td>Training</td><td>£ 20.00</td></tr><tr><td>31/01/2024</td><td>J. Rae</td><td>Clerk’s expenses Quarter 3</td><td>£ 15.75</td></tr><tr><td>31/01/2024</td><td>TDP</td><td>Dale Bench</td><td>£462.65</td></tr><tr><td>05/02/2024</td><td>ICO</td><td>Data Protection fee</td><td>£ 35.00</td></tr></table> 81.2 Members noted the cash book balance at 31 December, 2023. Balance at NatWest £6133.36 81.3 A mandate for the NatWest Bank account was completed. RESOLVED that the following signatories should be added to the mandate:	Date	PAYEE	Budget line	Value	31/01/2024	CALC	Training	£ 20.00	31/01/2024	J. Rae	Clerk’s expenses Quarter 3	£ 15.75	31/01/2024	TDP	Dale Bench	£462.65	05/02/2024	ICO	Data Protection fee	£ 35.00
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82/2023	Date of next meeting – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 March 2024

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.