

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Sebergham Parish Council Meeting held at Welton Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 26 July 2023

Present: Cllr Peter Pearson (Chair), Cllr Christine Tinnion, Cllr Geoff Carruthers, Cllr Diana Turton, Cllr Emily Hudson and Cllr Michael Stockdale.

Others: None

20/2023	Apologies An apology for absence was received from M. Johnson, Cumberland Councillor
21/2023	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 31 May 2023
22/2023	Declarations of Interest/requests for dispensation None
23/2023	Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) None
24/2023	Public Participation No members of the public were in attendance.
25/2023	Cumberland Councillor's report Apologies had been received from Cllr. M. Johnson.
26/2023	Planning (a) Applications FUL/2023/0127 - Roundhill Farm, Welton, CA5 7HH Proposal: Replacement of Farmyard Concrete No Comments FUL/2023/0148 - The Ling, Welton, CA5 7EW Proposal: Proposed slurry storage tower. No Comments LBC/2023/0022 - Welton Farm, Welton, CA5 7ES Proposal: Listed Building consent for solid wall insulation (internally), to install a pitched ceiling on upper floor and upgrade the heating system and install solar panels to outbuilding No Comments (b) Decisions FUL/2023/0098 – Greenfoot, Sebergham, CA5 7HP Installation of PV Solar Panels on a modern barn roof that lies within the curtilage of a listed building. GRANTED FUL/2023/0127 - Roundhill Farm, Welton, CA5 7HH Proposal: Replacement of Farmyard Concrete GRANTED
27/2023	Highways Re-opening of Bell Bridge road - The Chairman reported that a response had been received from the Senior Bridge Engineer at Cumberland Council:

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	<p>"As previously stated in an email sent to Councillor Johnson on the 26th November 2021, 'we are still monitoring the condition of the embankment after high water level events and so far have witnessed little further deterioration in the two areas where the bank has been eroded. These areas are fenced off for the safety of members of the public using the highway as there is no footway.'</p> <p>We intended to potentially undertake remedial embankment reinstatement works in 2022/2023 but for a variety of reasons, including the prioritization of other high risk emergency repair schemes and Bell Bridge Road Embankment considered to have a medium risk rating, it was decided to place this scheme on our Forward Plan to be undertaken in 2024/2025.</p> <p>Prior to this we intend to undertake in 2023/2024, an in river survey of the condition of the embankments in question, which will quantify the requirements of the remedial works that are to be undertaken in 2024/2025. It should be noted that due to Environmental Agency restrictions, all in-river works can only be undertaken between the 16th June and the 30th September and this window is relatively inflexible and can dictate which schemes are undertaken should emergency in river works come to light.</p> <p>The Bridges and Structures team are currently mitigating the risk of the embankment erosion with monitoring inspections. The purpose of the signage is meant to deter larger vehicles from using Bell Bridge Road and further surcharging the areas above the erosion which could possibly promote further collapse.</p> <p>Therefore the signage will remain in place until the embankment reinstatement works have been completed when Bell Bridge Road will be fully opened and they will then be removed".</p> <p>It was suggested that clarification be requested from Cumberland Council that the survey is to be carried out before September this year.</p>
28/2023	<p>King Charles III Coronation</p> <p>Cllr Stockdale reported that the Chair of Sebergham Church PCC had contacted him to thank the parish council for their donation towards the maintenance of the Churchyard and had put forward a suggestion that a commemorative bench be sited at the churchyard. It was also suggested that the bench around the flagpole in Welton should be replaced. No other feedback had been received from parishioners.</p> <p>It was agreed to obtain prices for recycled plastic seats for consideration at the next meeting.</p>
29/2023	<p>Vacancies following Parish Elections</p> <p>Members noted there are two vacancies on the parish council following the parish elections on 4 May 2023. It was agreed to continue to advertise the vacancies on the noticeboards and a notice be included in the parish magazine.</p>
30/2023	<p>Courses and training for Councillors</p> <p>It was noted that the training courses through CALC will re-commence in September. Details will be circulated once available.</p>

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31/2023	Funding opportunity for defibrillators in community spaces Members noted that organisations across England are being invited to bid for a share of £1 million of government funding to buy life-saving defibrillators for community spaces. The Parish Council had submitted an expression of interest form and will be notified once grant applications are open to the Department of Health and Social Care’s £1 million Community AED Fund.												
32/2023	Financial Matters 32.1 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>26.7.2023</td><td>J. Rae</td><td>Clerk’s expenses Quarter 1</td><td>£50.85</td></tr><tr><td>26.7.2023</td><td>A. Ward</td><td>Website Hosting Fee</td><td>£60.00</td></tr></table> 32.2 The cash book balance at NatWest on 30 th June at £5547.69 was noted.	Date	PAYEE	Budget line	Value	26.7.2023	J. Rae	Clerk’s expenses Quarter 1	£50.85	26.7.2023	A. Ward	Website Hosting Fee	£60.00
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33/2023	Date of next meeting – the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 September 2023												

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.