

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Sebergham Parish Council Meeting held at Welton Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 30 July 2025

Present: Cllr M. Hilton, Cllr. P. Pearson (Chair), Cllr. D. Turton and Cllr E. Wilson

Others: One member of the public.

20/2025	Apologies An apology for absence was received from Cllr. M. Stockdale. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.
21/2025	Minutes of last Parish Council meeting The Chair was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29 May 2025
22/2025	Declarations of Interest/requests for dispensation No declarations of interest and requests for dispensations were received
23/2025	Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) None
24/2025	Public Participation No matters were raised.
25/2025	Cumberland Councillor's report M. Johnson, Cumberland Councillor was not in attendance.
26/2025	Planning (a) Applications received: None (b) Decisions: None
27/2025	Highways It was noted that Metcalfe Plant Hire had completed phase I of the work on the embankment on the Bell Bridge road. Phase 2 will take place during the winter months. Cllr P. Pearson reported that he had contacted Highways for an update on the resurfacing works through Welton. Cllr E. Wilson advised that she had reported the blocked public footpath that goes through Brow Top Farm and responded to the complainant. Highways had responded that an inspection of the site will take place and a response will be provided within two weeks. Cllr E. Wilson will follow this up if a response is not received.
28/2025	Website WJP Software has now set up the site. It was agreed to circulate a link to the site to Members before it goes live. Cllr P. Pearson is to follow up some outstanding matters with the company.
29/2025	England/St George Flag Members considered further the purchase of an England flag. Following the discussion it was resolved not to pursue this any further and continue to use the Union Jack flag.

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30/2025	Neighbourhood Police Meeting Cllr E. Wilson reported that the meeting held with the Neighbourhood Policing Team had been quite productive. It is intended that the meetings will be held every six months and will look at local concerns. It was noted that the main issue in the Parish is speeding. The three areas of greatest concern being Welton, Sebergham Bridge and in the vicinity of the Village Hall, Sebergham. Monitoring strips are to be implemented at Welton and the results analysed before submitting a request to site strips at the other two locations.												
31/2025	Sebergham Bridge lay-by Members considered the suggestion put forward by Cllr. M. Hilton that the Parish Council consider registering the land at Sebergham Bridge lay-by at the Land Registry with a view to restoring and improving the area. It was agreed that Cllr P. Pearson would raise this with Cllr M. Johnson and Cllr M. Hilton would contact Cumberland Council.												
32/2025	Fibrus Members noted that CALC has organised an event which will be presented by Paul Cretney of Hyperfast Networks around the work being done to bring Hyperfast Broadband to Cumberland, Project Gigabit and HyperfastGB. The event will be held on Microsoft teams on Tuesday 23 rd September at 7.00pm. Cllrs Hilton and Pearson advised they would try to attend.												
33/2025	Local Government Boundary Commission Consultation - Draft Recommendations The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published the draft recommendations for new wards, ward boundaries, and ward names for Cumberland Council. The LGBC are now inviting comments on the recommendations. The consultation closes on 11 August 2025. https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/cumberland . The Boundary Commission is proposing that Cumberland should be represented by 55 councillors, nine more than there are now and the boundaries of two wards will stay the same, the rest will change. Thursby ward will also be renamed Aikton and Thursby.												
34/2025	Financial Matters 34.1 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>30.07.2025</td><td>A Ward</td><td>Website Hosting Fee</td><td>£60.00</td></tr><tr><td>30.07.2025</td><td>J. Rae</td><td>Clerk’s expenses Quarter 1</td><td>£25.45</td></tr></table> 34.2 Income Received £138.80 – VAT Refund 34.3 The cash book Balance at 30 June 2025 £8043.16	Date	PAYEE	Budget line	Value	30.07.2025	A Ward	Website Hosting Fee	£60.00	30.07.2025	J. Rae	Clerk’s expenses Quarter 1	£25.45
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35/2025	Date of next meeting The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 September 2025												

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.