

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Sebergham Parish Council Meeting held at Welton Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 29 March 2023

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

Others: None

69/2022	Apologies An apology for absence was received from Cllr G. Carruthers. The reason for absence was noted and accepted. An apology for absence was also received from M. Johnson, Cumbria County/Cumberland Councillor.
70/2022	Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting The Chairman was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 January 2023.
71/2022	Declarations of Interest/requests for dispensation None
72/2022	Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) None
73/2022	Public Participation None in attendance
74/2022	Borough/County/Cumberland Councillors reports Allerdale Borough Council – Cllr T. Annison was not present Cumbria County/Cumberland Council – Cllr M. Johnson had sent apologies
75/2022	Planning Applications received: None Decisions: None
76/2022	Highways The Chairman provided an update on the possible reopening of Bell Bridge Road. David Martin at Cumbria County Council had been contacted and was advised that the Parish Council wish to see the Bell Bridge road fully reopened with the existing weight and width restrictions as presently signed. The Parish Council would also like to see the complete removal of the plethora of diversion signs associated with the closure of the road, especially around Welton, irrespective of any decision regarding re-opening of the road. The Chairman agreed to pursue this further with Cllr M. Johnson. The correspondence from CCC Highways regarding works to prevent over-running the verge near Sebergham Bridge was noted. The County Council advised: <i>"With regards to the issue with the fence I have instructed our road marking contractor to install an edge line adjacent to the kerb to try and deter wagons from overrunning the verge in the short term. This will be done when they are next in the area and the existing faded edge line opposite will also be refreshed."</i>

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	<p><i>In the long term it may be an option for the fence to be moved back a half a metre if it is to be re-erected by the homeowner and we will install reflector posts similar to what is already there to again try and deter the vehicles. However this is something which wouldn't be done until next financial year as we are currently fully programmed with other works. The kerbs mentioned are something we do not use as a highways authority. Hopefully the installation of the edge line will make an improvement in the short term"</i></p> <p>The County Council's response had been relayed to the parishioner who raised the matter.</p>
77/2022	<p>King Charles III Coronation Members discussed ways to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May 2023. It was agreed in principle that the event should be commemorated. The suggestions put forward would be discussed further at the next meeting.</p>
78/2022	<p>Parish Elections Members noted that the notice of parish council elections on the 4th May had been published. Completed nomination forms have to be returned to Electoral Services in Workington by 4.00pm on 4th April. The Clerk agreed to deliver any completed papers.</p>
79/2022	<p>Northern Fells Group The Chairman reported that Northern Fells Group usually request the parish council nominate a parish councillor to be appointed as a trustee on the NFG Board. Resolved that Cllr Peter Pearson would continue to represent the parish council.</p>
80/2022	<p>Courses and training for Councillors Members discussed future training for all Parish Councillors. Information on the training courses offered by CALC had been circulated by email. It was agreed in principle that councillors would undertake some training. The Chairman agreed to contact CALC to enquire if they can offer any alternative methods of training such as online rather than having to attend the courses offered on specific dates.</p>
81/2022	<p>Donation Requests The annual donations to St Marys and St James Churches and the Northern Fells Group were considered. It was resolved to grant donations to the Northern Fells Group (£200), St Mary's Church (£200) and St James Church (£200) to be paid in the next financial year. Members noted that the cheque dated April 2022 payable to St Mary's Church had not been presented. Cllr Stockdale agreed to enquire if the Treasurer at St Mary's had received the cheque.</p>
82/2022	<p>Parish/Community Plan Members discussed updating the 2011 Parish Plan. The Chairman reported that it is recommended that a parish plan is updated every 5 years. It was agreed in principle to update the current plan. Members discussed the best ways to identify the main issues and concerns of parishioners, whether a questionnaire should be distributed to individuals or households in the parish. An online survey was also considered. Cllr Emily Hudson agreed to take the lead but would not be able to commit any time to the project until later in the year.</p>

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Financial Matters

83.1 To note income received – £500.77 VAT had ben reclaimed.

83.2 The following payments were considered and authorised:

Date	PAYEE	Budget line	Value
30/03/2023	J. Rae	Clerk's account Quarter 4	£846.40
30/03/2023	HMRC	HMRC PAYE Quarter 4	£128.60
30/03/2023	J. Rae	Clerk's expenses Quarter 4	£103.85

83.3 The cash book was noted. Balance at 28 February 2023 £5,810.47

83.4 Appointment of Internal Auditor - Resolved that Mr. T. Gear be appointed to carry out the internal audit of the parish council's accounts for financial year 2022/23.

84/2022

Date of next and future meetings

The meeting dates were agreed for the next council year:

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting – 31 May 2023

26 July, 27 September, 29 November 2023

31 January, 27 March 2024

Welton Village Hall – 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.