

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Sebergham Parish Council Meeting held at Welton Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 27 March 2024

Present: Cllr Peter Pearson (Chair), Cllr Christine Tinnion, Cllr Diana Depla and Cllr Emily Hudson.
Others: One member of the public.

83/2023	Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Geoff Carruthers and Cllr Michael Stockdale. The reasons for absence were noted and accepted. An apology for absence was also received from Mike Johnson, Cumberland Councillor.
84/2023	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 January 2024.
85/2023	Declarations of Interest/requests for dispensation Cllr Peter Pearson declared an interest in item 96/2023 on the agenda – Donation to Northern Fells Group. Cllr Peter Pearson was granted a dispensation in relation to his interest in item 96/2023 on the agenda.
86/2023	Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) None
87/2023	Public Participation A member of the public in attendance raised the disgraceful condition of the B5299 from the Goose Green junction through to Welton. In response the Chairman advised that Cumbria County Council Highways had advised in 2022 that resurfacing of this stretch of road was on a future scheme list and would be carried out as and when resources allowed. A parish member had forwarded a copy of a complaint sent to Cumberland Council regarding the quality of pot hole repairs, particularly relating to the road leading from CA5 7ET to CA5 7HA. Members noted that this road has now been resurfaced.
88/2023	Cumberland Councillor's report Apologies had been received from Cllr M. Johnson
89/2023	Planning (a) Applications Received Re-consultation on planning application FUL/2023/0217 - Hazel Gill Farm, Welton, Wigton, CA5 7HJ Change of use of agricultural land to allow 6 holiday lodges and associated infrastructure. Amendment: Intensive Farm Gross Margins Final, Amended Dwg 006 Rev A Proposed Land Sections 27-2-2024, Amended Dwg 002 Rev B Proposed Site Plan 27-2-2024, Amended Dwg AVRHH00011 Rev B NCC Layout 27-2-2024, Additional Supporting Information from SRE Associates Ltd 27-2-2024 no sig, Amended Dwg 001 Rev A As Existing Site Plan 27-2-2024, Amended Dwg 003 Proposed Site Location Plan 27-2-2024, Extensive Farm Gross Margins Final, Amended Dwg PARKVIEW 40x20-2b Rev A ELEVATIONS 27-2-2024, Amended Dwg 005 As Existing Land Sections 27-2-2024

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	<p>(b) Decisions</p> <p>FUL/2023/0217 - Hazel Gill Farm, Welton, Wigton, CA5 7HJ Change of use of agricultural land to allow 6 holiday lodges and associated infrastructure. REFUSED</p>
90/2023	<p>Highways</p> <p>The Chairman provided an update regarding the Bell Bridge road: The planned method statements for the temporary works for stabilization of the bank have been sent to Natural England, together with the underwater dive service method statements. The Habitat Regulations Assessment is still awaited from the consultant once received Natural England will process and grant consent. Hopefully the works will be done by the end of April once consent is given by Natural England. With regard to the permanent works the design has been done and the specification designed for tender documents to be sent out. The chosen contractor will be on a design and build basis and will have to seek approval and consent from the Environment Agency and Natural England. The work is planned for this summer, dependent upon contractors interest in the job. The work has been budgeted for in this financial year and is ring fenced from the Capital Highways budget. A retaining wall is planned to support the highway and a stepped willow planted embankment.</p> <p>Members discussed the Pot holes and road surface breaking up on the B5299 from the Goose Green junction towards Welton and will continue to report defects to Highways at Cumberland Council.</p>
91/2023	<p>Vacancies following Parish Elections</p> <p>No expressions of interest had been received in the vacancies on the Parish Council.</p>
92/2023	<p>Website</p> <p>The Chairman reported that Northern Fells Group had advised that their website was designed by GoBo Creative a company based in Harrogate. The Chairman agreed to speak to the company regarding the hosting and potential revamp of the parish council website.</p>
93/2023	<p>Caldbeck to Waters Meet footpath</p> <p>Members discussed the recent correspondence regarding the work and potential costs of doing up the footpath. It was noted that the extent of the parish council's interest would only be to support the registration of the footpath.</p>
94/2023	<p>Parish/Community Plan</p> <p>It was noted there was no update available for this meeting.</p>
95/2023	<p>73/553 - Carlisle – Caldbeck – Keswick Bus Service</p> <p>Notification had been received from Cumberland Council of a number of changes to the Stagecoach service between Carlisle and Keswick via Caldbeck starting on 23 March.</p> <p>The service 73 is being withdrawn and will not run this Summer.</p> <p>It will be replaced by a new 553 service, as part of their main service 554 between Carlisle and Keswick, and will additionally run on Sundays</p> <p>The service has been streamlined to give faster journey times between Carlisle and Keswick for through travellers but this means that it will no longer run via Heskett Newmarket or Ireby.</p>

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	The middle of the day journey runs to Carlisle with an extra later journey from Carlisle to Keswick via Caldbeck, but a day return to Carlisle is not possible. Further information is available on Cumberland Council’s website. https://legacy.cumberland.gov.uk/buses/new/554.asp																				
96/2023	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.																				
97/2023	Financial Matters 97.1 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>27/03/2024</td><td>J Rae</td><td>Clerk’s account Quarter 4</td><td>£842.40</td></tr><tr><td>27/03/2024</td><td>HMRC</td><td>PAYE Quarter 4</td><td>£210.60</td></tr><tr><td>27/03/2024</td><td>J Rae</td><td>Clerk’s expenses Quarter 4 (includes WFH allowance)</td><td>£100.25</td></tr><tr><td>27/03/2024</td><td>TDP</td><td>Profiles bench at Welton</td><td>£149.05</td></tr></table> 97.2 Members noted the cash book balance at 29 February 2024. Balance at NatWest £5,311.56. 97.3 A letter to NatWest Bank requesting a change of correspondence address was signed by two authorised signatories. 97.4 Members resolved to appoint Mr. T. Gear to carry out the internal audit of the accounts for financial year 2023/24.	Date	PAYEE	Budget line	Value	27/03/2024	J Rae	Clerk’s account Quarter 4	£842.40	27/03/2024	HMRC	PAYE Quarter 4	£210.60	27/03/2024	J Rae	Clerk’s expenses Quarter 4 (includes WFH allowance)	£100.25	27/03/2024	TDP	Profiles bench at Welton	£149.05
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98/2023	Date of next meeting – The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 29 May 2024																				

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.