

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 March 2025

Present: Cllr Emily Wilson, Cllr Peter Pearson (Chair) and Cllr Christine Tinnion.

Others: None

80/2024	Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Michael Stockdale and Cllr Diana Turton. The reasons for absence were noted and accepted. Apologies for absence were also received from Cllr M. Johnson, Cumberland Councillor and from M. Hilton.
81/2024	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 January 2025 subject to an amendment to Min Ref 77.1/2024 – Replacement cheque to read £200.
82/2024	Declarations of Interest/requests for dispensation No declarations of interest or requests for dispensation were received.
83/2024	Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) None
84/2024	Public Participation No members of the public were in attendance.
85/2024	Cumberland Councillor's report M. Johnson, Cumberland Councillor was not in attendance
86/2024	Planning (a) Planning applications received by Cumberland Council: None (b) Decisions made by Cumberland Council: None
87/2024	Highways An urgent road closure had been put in place for a period not exceeding 5 days from 17 February to allow Cumberland to carry out urgent highway works on the U2240, Warnell. Planned Temporary Road Closure - B5299 Buckabank to Welton A temporary road closure has been put in place to allow Cumberland Council to carry out highway works on the B5299 Buckabank to Welton from its junction with U2163, extending in a north easterly direction for approx. 4.6 km which are expected to be carried out within a 3-month period from 7 April 2025. No other highway issues were raised.
88/2024	Website Cllr Peter Pearson reported that the new website is in progress. Members discussed what information they would like included and compared other authority's sites set up by Active Councils. Cllr Peter Pearson agreed to finalise the content with Active Councils. It was noted that the government guidance states that the old domain name should be retained by the Parish Council.

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89/2024	Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge Members noted that on 16th January 2025 Cumbria Constabulary launched its Neighbourhood Policing Pledge that committed the Constabulary to the provision of ten individual priority areas to further support communities and the Constabulary in the delivery of Neighbourhood Policing. The second pledge relates to the provision of visible and accessible Neighbourhood Policing Teams that are committed to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and to improve public confidence. One aspect of this will be the requirement for local Neighbourhood Policing Teams to engage better with local council representatives. The Pledge commits the Constabulary to twice yearly virtual meetings within each NPT locality with parish and town councils. Cllr Emily Wilson agreed to represent the Parish Council.																												
90/2024	Devolution update - Government consultation Members noted the Government had launched a public consultation on 17 February in areas chosen for the Devolution Priority Programme. The consultation will seek views on a proposal to form a Mayoral Combined Authority for the local government areas of Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness. The full consultation document can be found on the GOV.UK page https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cumbria-devolution The cut-off date for the consultation is 11:59pm on 13 April 2025. To take part and have your say, please visit: https://consult.communities.gov.uk/lggc/cumbria-devolution-consultation .																												
91/2024	Resignation Members noted that Cllr G. Carruthers had resigned. The Returning Officer at Cumberland Council will be informed and the vacancy advertised.																												
92/2024	Financial Matters 92.1 The following payments were authorised: <table><tr><th>Date</th><th>PAYEE</th><th>Budget line</th><th>Value</th></tr><tr><td>26/03/2025</td><td>J Rae</td><td>Clerk’s account Quarter 4</td><td>£881.74</td></tr><tr><td>26/03/2025</td><td>HMRC</td><td>PAYE Quarter 4</td><td>£220.40</td></tr><tr><td>26/03/2025</td><td>J Rae</td><td>Clerk’s expenses Quarter 4 (inc WFH allowance)</td><td>£114.05</td></tr><tr><td>26/03/2025</td><td>WJP Software Ltd</td><td>Website</td><td>£537.60</td></tr><tr><td>26/03/2025</td><td>M. Stockdale</td><td>Refund Domain renewal</td><td>£ 23.98</td></tr><tr><td>26/03/2025</td><td>Welton Village Hall</td><td>Room Hire</td><td>£120.00</td></tr></table> 92.2 The cash book at 28 February 2025 was noted. Balance at Nat West 28 February 2025 £5,670.27 92.3 RESOLVED to appoint Mr. T. Gear as the internal auditor.	Date	PAYEE	Budget line	Value	26/03/2025	J Rae	Clerk’s account Quarter 4	£881.74	26/03/2025	HMRC	PAYE Quarter 4	£220.40	26/03/2025	J Rae	Clerk’s expenses Quarter 4 (inc WFH allowance)	£114.05	26/03/2025	WJP Software Ltd	Website	£537.60	26/03/2025	M. Stockdale	Refund Domain renewal	£ 23.98	26/03/2025	Welton Village Hall	Room Hire	£120.00
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93/2024	Meeting dates for Council year 2025-26 Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting – 28 May 2025 30 July, 24 September, 26 November 2025 28 January, 25 March 2026																												

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.