

SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Sebergham Parish Council Meeting held at Welton Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 25 March 2026

Present: Cllr M. Hilton, Cllr. P. Pearson (Chair) and Cllr. D. Turton
Others: One member of the public.

77/2025	Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M. Stockdale and Cllr E. Wilson. The reasons for absence were noted and approved. An apology for absence was also received from M. Johnson, Cumberland Councillor.
78/2025	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 28 January 2026.
79/2025	Declarations of Interest/requests for dispensation No declarations of interest and requests for dispensations were received.
80/2025	Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) None.
81/2025	Public Participation A member of the public in attendance complimented Highways on the huge improvement to the highway following the resurfacing work on the B5302 from Goose Green to Nether Welton.
82/2025	Cumberland Councillor's report M. Johnson, Cumberland Councillor was not in attendance. A written report had not been received.
83/2025	Planning (a) Applications received: None (b) Decisions: None Regulation 5 – Informative (for information only) Regulation 5 - Part 16: Electronic communications code operators from Viberoptix with regards the proposal 1 x 9 metre medium wooden telecommunications pole at area surrounding Lady Cottage, Sebergham, Carlisle CA5 7HS.
84/2025	Highways Cllr M. Hilton reported that the waste bin at Sebergham Bridge that had been damaged in January had still not been reinstated, despite three reports being submitted to Cumberland Council.
85/2025	Website Cllr P. Pearson reported that the new website is up and running. Three administrators now have access and the parish council .gov email address has been activated. Members were requested to have a look at the new website and to advise if changes or improvements are required.

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86/2025	Welton Village Hall Members considered the request from the Trustees of Welton Village Hall for the Parish Council to temporarily hold the Village Hall funds until the issues with their bank account are resolved. Members agreed to support the request.																								
87/2025	Vacancies Members noted there are three vacancies on the Parish Council. The vacancies will be advertised on the new website.																								
88/2025	Financial Matters 88.1 The following payments were considered and authorised: <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Date</th><th>PAYEE</th><th>Budget line</th><th>Value</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>25.03.2026</td><td>J Rae</td><td>Clerks account Quarter 4</td><td>£924.76</td></tr><tr><td>25.03.2026</td><td>HMRC</td><td>PAYE Quarter 4</td><td>£231.20</td></tr><tr><td>25.03.2026</td><td>J. Rae</td><td>Clerk's expenses Quarter 4 (inc WFH allowance)</td><td>£89.87</td></tr><tr><td>25.03.2026</td><td>A. Ward</td><td>Website (reissued cheque)</td><td>£60.00</td></tr><tr><td>25.03.2026</td><td>J.W. Campbell</td><td>Grass Cutting 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025</td><td>£1,200.00</td></tr></tbody></table> 88.2 The cash book Balance at 28 February 2026 - Nat West £5506.47 88.3 Members resolved to appoint Mr. T. Gear to carry out the internal audit of the accounts for financial year 2025-26. The review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was noted.	Date	PAYEE	Budget line	Value	25.03.2026	J Rae	Clerks account Quarter 4	£924.76	25.03.2026	HMRC	PAYE Quarter 4	£231.20	25.03.2026	J. Rae	Clerk's expenses Quarter 4 (inc WFH allowance)	£89.87	25.03.2026	A. Ward	Website (reissued cheque)	£60.00	25.03.2026	J.W. Campbell	Grass Cutting 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025	£1,200.00
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89/2025	Meeting dates for the next Council Year Members noted the dates of the meetings for the next council year: Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting – 27 May 2026 29 July, 30 September, 25 November 2026 27 January, 31 March 2027																								

The meeting closed at 8.09 pm.