

# SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Sebergham Parish Meeting, held at Welton Village Hall, Wednesday 29 May 2024 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Michael Stockdale, Cllr Christine Tinnion, Cllr Geoff Carruthers, and Cllr Emily Hudson

Others: M. Johnson, Cumberland Councillor

Cllr Michael Stockdale in the Chair

<b>APM1</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Peter Pearson and Cllr Diana Depla.
<b>APM2</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous parish meeting held on Wednesday 31 May 2023.
<b>APM3</b>	<b>Chairman's Report</b> The outgoing Chair of the Parish Council provided a report on the parish council's activities over the previous year:  Welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting.  The role of the Parish Council is that of a statutory consultee, and it is for the primary local authority (Cumberland Council) to provide and run services.  Throughout the year we try to liaise with the County Highways department to maintain and improve the condition of our roads, and address safety concerns. We encourage parishioners to report potholes, blocked drains, and flooding problems directly through the Cumbria Highways hotline or website, as well as advising the parish clerk (with the reference number).  We continue to respond to planning applications received from the county council, and Councillors welcome the views of residents when applications are advertised for consultation in order that the Parish Council can reflect local wishes & concerns. The Parish Council is only a statutory consultee, and <u>not</u> the planning authority (which is Cumberland Council); and whilst we may take a view on applications, we cannot object unless we have a material planning concern.  Again, we would strongly encourage parishioners to raise any concerns directly with the planning authority, and also forward a copy to the parish clerk (for information).  There are presently vacancies on the parish council for councillors, and we would welcome anyone who is interested in being co-opted to the council to contact the Clerk. In particular we are hoping for increased representation from the Sebergham and Churchtown area of the parish.  All of the Council's activities and decisions are reported in our published minutes which are posted on the noticeboards, and on the parish council website.  Finally, my thanks to our Clerk and Parish Councillors, our Borough and County Councillors, for all their efforts on behalf of local people.  Peter Pearson

<b>APM4</b>	<b>Open question time</b> No parish members were in attendance.
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The meeting closed at 7.35 pm