

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 November 2023

Present: Cllr Peter Pearson (Chair), Cllr Christine Tinnion, Cllr Diana Turton and Cllr Emily Hudson.
Others: None.

48/2023	Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Geoff Carruthers and Cllr Michael Stockdale. The reasons for absence were noted and accepted.
49/2023	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 4 October 2023
50/2023	Declarations of Interest/requests for dispensation None
51/2023	Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) None
52/2023	Public Participation No members of the public were in attendance.
53/2023	Cumberland Councillor's report Cllr. M. Johnson was not present.
54/2023	Planning (a) Applications Received FUL/2023/0217 - Hazel Gill Farm, Welton CA5 7HJ Change of use of agricultural land to allow 6 holiday lodges and associated infrastructure. No comments (b) Decisions FUL/2023/0170 – Hillcrest, Welton, CA5 7ES Change of Use of agricultural land to domestic garden GRANTED LBC/2023/0022 - Welton Farm, Welton, Wigton, CA5 7ES Listed Building consent for solid wall insulation (internally), to install a pitched ceiling on upper floor and upgrade the heating system and install solar panels to outbuilding Location: Drawing Numbers: Proposed Floor Plan showing Proposed Insulation Internal Wall Insulation System Product Sheet Internal Wall Insulation System Specification SWIP Internal Wall Insulation System Design Guide REFUSE LBC CONSENT HOU/2023/0160 - John Close, Park Head, Welton, CA5 7HL Re-submission of approved application HOU/2017/0003 for proposed alterations and an extension GRANTED
55/2023	Highways Bell Bridge road – Cllr Pearson reported that Cumberland Council had advised that the survey will be carried out once the river levels and flows have reduced. The Parish Council will be informed once the survey has been done. No other highway issues were raised.

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56/2023	King Charles III Coronation The Chairman reported that further enquiries had been made regarding the cost to either replace or refurbish the bench at Welton. As it was too costly to replace the existing bench with a pre-made bench TDP had confirmed they could provide replacement profiles to refurbish the existing bench at an approximate cost of £200. Andrew Bell had confirmed he would be able to carry out the work. RESOLVED that the Chairman would (i) order the Dale bench to be sited at the churchyard at Churchtown (size 1.5m, colour brown) at a cost of £385.54 plus VAT from TDP. Clarification was required as to whether an anchor kit was required. (ii) order the required number of profiles from TDP for the bench at Welton. TDP had confirmed that engraving can be arranged.
57/2023	Vacancies following Parish Elections The Chairman agreed to make enquiries if any residents are interested in the vacancies.
58/2023	Courses and training for Councillors The Chairman reported that he would be attending the Code of Conduct training on 6 December. This is the only training available at the moment. Further training will be available in the new year.
59/2023	Website Members discussed the correspondence received from the current website provider advising that he was looking to stop hosting websites at the end of the year, or very soon after and is expecting organisations to pay the web, email and domain hosting direct. It was agreed that it was preferable to use one provider. The website provider would be advised that the parish council is looking into this and enquiries would be made as to which providers other parish councils use.
60/2023	Caldbeck to Waters Meet footpath The correspondence received from Caldbeck Parish Council regarding the riverside footpath which runs through Parsons Park had been circulated. Members considered the options and next steps for the footpath as set out in the correspondence. Members in principle supported the proposals put forward by Caldbeck Parish Council but required further clarification on some of the points raised. The Chairman agreed to contact the Chairman of Caldbeck Parish Council.
61/2023	Parish/Community Plan Cllr E. Hudson confirmed that she would be willing to start the process and was prepared to put together a simple survey for residents to complete to establish their priorities for the Parish. Cllr Hudson agreed to circulate a draft survey for further discussion at the next meeting.
62/2023	Christmas Tree on Welton Village Green Members considered the request for a Christmas tree to be sited on the village green in Welton. A risk assessment had been undertaken and the Parish Council had been provided with a copy. Members resolved to support the request.

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Financial Matters

63.1 The following payments were considered and authorised:

Date	PAYEE	Budget line	Value
29/11/2023	J. Rae	Clerk's account Quarter 3 1.10.23 – 31.12.23 (includes back dated pay award)	£994.14
29/11/2023	HMRC	PAYE Quarter 3 – 1.10.23 – 31.12.23	£248.40
29/11/2023	Welton Village Hall	Room Hire	£60.00

63.2 Members noted the cash book balance at 31 October 2023 - £7,127.50

Income Received £20.80 – ENW – Wayleave Agreement

63.3 It was noted that the Local Government Pay Award 2023-24 had been agreed on 2 November 2023 backdated to 1 April 2023. The increase amounted to an additional £1 per hour.

63.4 A draft budget had been circulated with the agenda. RESOLVED that a precept levy of £6300 would be requested for financial year 2024-25.

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Date of next meeting – the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 31 January 2024

The meeting closed at 8.44 pm.