

# 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 November 2025

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

<b>50/2025</b>	<b>Apologies</b> An apology for absence was received from Cllr E. Wilson. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.
<b>51/2025</b>	<b>Minutes of last Parish Council meeting</b> The Chair was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 September 2025
<b>52/2025</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest/requests for dispensation</b> No declarations of interest and requests for dispensations were received.
<b>53/2025</b>	<b>Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)</b> None.
<b>54/2025</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> No matters were raised.
<b>55/2025</b>	<b>Cumberland Councillor's report</b> M. Johnson, Cumberland Councillor reported on the following: The Fells and Solway Community Panel will next meet on the 8 December at Wigton Market Hall. The Panel are currently looking at ways to reform how the Panel works. Cumberland Council has launched its 'Winter Ready' Campaign to Keep Communities Safe, Warm and Informed. Details are on Cumberland Council's website. Cumberland Council is working to tackle violence against women and girls through various initiatives. Cumberland Council is seeking Council of Sanctuary status. This was discussed at a recent Executive Committee meeting. Cllr M. Johnson had attended a budget briefing and provided Members with an update on the current financial position of Cumberland Council. Members were asked if there are any issues with the new waste and recycling collection service. Cllr M. Johnson agreed to follow up any outstanding issues with Cumberland Council. Several highway issues were discussed. Cllr Johnson agreed to follow up any issues reported on the HIAMS that had not been responded to. Cllr M. Hilton raised that two incidents had occurred recently on Sebergham Bridge involving vehicles driving too fast. Options to slow vehicles speed were discussed including rumble strips and please drive slowly signage. It was noted that any traffic incidents on the Bridge should be reported to the Police as data is needed to support requests for safety improvements to be implemented. Cllr M. Johnson agreed to request that speed monitoring strips are implemented in this area.
<b>56/2025</b>	<b>Planning</b> (a) Applications received: None (b) Decisions: None

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	<p>For information - Appeal under s78 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Hazel Gill Farm, Welton, CA5 7HJ - Demolition of existing barn and construction of new dwelling Appeal Reference: APP/F0935/W/25/3373421</p>																
<b>57/2025</b>	<p><b>Highways</b> It was noted that the white lines at Goose Green crossroads are barely visible. Other matters were discussed earlier in the meeting.</p>																
<b>58/2025</b>	<p><b>Website</b> Cllr P. Pearson reported that the website is expected to go live by Christmas. There are a couple of matters that need to be clarified. Members also discussed the use of .gov emails for individual councillors. Cllr P. Pearson agreed to enquire about costs for the provision of emails by the website provider.</p>																
<b>59/2025</b>	<p><b>Cumberland Council Community Governance Review</b> Members noted the correspondence received from Cumberland Council advising that the Electoral Services Team will be undertaking a Community Governance Review of parishes in Cumberland. The review will consider councillor numbers, merging of parish councils and minor boundary amendments. Following a discussion Members resolved that they did not wish the Parish to be involved in the review.</p>																
<b>60/2025</b>	<p><b>Freedom of Information Request</b> Members noted that a freedom of information request had been received from the Adam Smith Institute. The requested information had been provided within the 20-day period.</p>																
<b>61/2025</b>	<p><b>Xmas Tree Welton Village Green</b> Cllr. E. Wilson had provided a risk assessment for the Christmas tree on Welton Village Green. It was raised whether the electric supply and lights had been tested by a competent person. Cllr P. Pearson agreed to seek clarification on this matter from Cllr E. Wilson.</p>																
<b>62/2025</b>	<p><b>Vacancies</b> Members noted there are vacancies on the Parish Council. Anyone with an interest in the community and would like to join the Parish Council should contact the Clerk for more information.</p>																
<b>63/2025</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b> 63.1 The following payments were considered and authorised:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Date</th><th>PAYEE</th><th>Budget line</th><th>Value</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>26.11.2025</td><td>J Rae</td><td>Clerk's account Quarter 3</td><td>£924.76</td></tr><tr><td>26.11.2025</td><td>HMRC</td><td>PAYE Quarter 3</td><td>£231.20</td></tr><tr><td>26.11.2025</td><td>Welton Village Hall</td><td>Room Hire</td><td>£120.00</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>63.2 Income Received: ENW – Wayleave Payment £20.80. 63.3 The cash book Balance at 31 October 2025 £6,825.87. 63.4 Budget 2026-27 Members considered the draft budget circulated with the agenda. The usual income and expenditure items were considered together with potential projects for the next financial year. RESOLVED that the precept demand should be increased to £6,750.00.</p>	Date	PAYEE	Budget line	Value	26.11.2025	J Rae	Clerk's account Quarter 3	£924.76	26.11.2025	HMRC	PAYE Quarter 3	£231.20	26.11.2025	Welton Village Hall	Room Hire	£120.00
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**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 January 2026

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.