

# SEBERGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Sebergham Parish Council Meeting held at Welton Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 24 September 2025

**Present:** Cllr M. Hilton, Cllr. P. Pearson (Chair), Cllr M. Stockdale, Cllr. D. Turton and Cllr E. Wilson.

**Others:** One member of the public.

<b>36/2025</b>	<b>Apologies</b> An apology for absence was received from M. Johnson, Cumberland Councillor.
<b>37/2025</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 30 July 2025
<b>38/2025</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest/requests for dispensation</b> No declarations of interest and requests for dispensations were received.
<b>39/2025</b>	<b>Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)</b> None.
<b>40/2025</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> A parishioner had raised concern regarding Fibrus's intention to install an electronic communication cable across the driveway of their property. It was proposed to contact Fibrus with a request that they consider looking at alternative routes for the cable.
<b>41/2025</b>	<b>Cumberland Councillor's report</b> M. Johnson, Cumberland Councillor was not in attendance.
<b>42/2025</b>	<b>Planning</b> (a) Applications received: None (b) Decisions: None
<b>43/2025</b>	<b>Highways</b> Notification had been received from Cumberland Council that a temporary road closure had been put in place to allow Metcalfe Plant hire to carry out works to a retaining wall which are expected to commence 15th September 2025 and anticipated to take 26 days to complete. It was noted there had been no progress with Phase 2 of the work on the Bell Bridge road. Cllr P. Pearson agreed to contact the portfolio holder for Highways for an update. Cllr P. Pearson reported that Highways had confirmed that funding had been requested but not yet confirmed for the continuation of the resurfacing work from Woodside Cottage through to Nether Welton.
<b>44/2025</b>	<b>Website</b> The website is in progress. Cllr P. Pearson to follow up some matters with WJP Software. Cllr E Wilson had provided some photographs.
<b>45/2025</b>	<b>Sebergham Bridge lay-by</b> Cllr M. Hilton reported that Cumberland Council had confirmed that the land at Sebergham Bridge layby is within the highway boundary.

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<b>46/2025</b>	<b>Broadband</b> Cllr M. Hilton provided an update from Fibrus. There are 125 premises within the Parish, 54 of these are in the scope for HyperfastGB. A further 11 properties were added to the HyperfastGB scope when BDUK extended the Fibrus contract in May 2025. These may be delivered at the same time or could be in the second phase. They are in the scope of the project so will be connected, these premises are mainly in Welton. About 60 properties are classed as grey and are all in the Welton area. Grey premises are properties that BDUK have identified that are already served by another provider or there are no plans to do. These may be properties that can connect via FTTP delivered by Openreach. In terms of timescale, it is likely to be mid to late 2026 before customers will be able to order in Sebergham. Residents can register their interest on the Fibrus website and will be contacted if their premises becomes connectable in the future.												
<b>47/2025</b>	<b>Vacancies</b> Members noted that an expression of interest had been received. It was agreed that the applicant would be invited to the next meeting.												
<b>48/2025</b>	<b>Financial Matters</b> 48.1 Members noted and approved the NJC pay award agreed on 24 July backdated to 1 April 2025  48.2 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>24.09.2025</td><td>J Rae</td><td>Clerk's account Quarter 2</td><td>£953.64</td></tr><tr><td>24.09.2025</td><td>HMRC</td><td>PAYE Quarter 2</td><td>£238.20</td></tr></tbody></table> 48.3 Income Received: None.  48.4 The cash book Balance at 31 August 2025 £7,957.71.	Date	PAYEE	Budget line	Value	24.09.2025	J Rae	Clerk's account Quarter 2	£953.64	24.09.2025	HMRC	PAYE Quarter 2	£238.20
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<b>48/2025</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 November 2025												

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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## **ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES 25 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Highways have advised that work is taking place today (30 September 2025) to place the rock bags in the eroded section where the large tree came down (assent from Natural England was only received last week).

After this the road will be reopened (perhaps not immediately), although a further closure will be requested during the winter to complete works at the main site (coping stones on the wall, and placement of willow spiling), and repair of the roadway above the eroded sections.