

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 10th April 2007.

PRESENT	Mr A R Auld (Chairman)	Mr R J Potter
	Mr D C Cowen	Mrs J L Rawstron
	Mrs P Dalton	Mr O Rickerby
	Mr D W Hand	Mr O Roberts
	Mr G Harrison	Mr S A Sinclair
	Mr J F G Kelsey	Mr M Smillie
	Mr I Newton	

145 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Craig (back problems).

146 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13th March 2007 were agreed and signed as a true record, following a correction to Minute 137, final line – full stop after ‘action’ and replacement of remainder of line with ‘No students should allowed on site until the situation is rectified.’.

147 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr M Smillie declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 9b) c) – Station access.
Mr O Rickerby declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – library proposal..
Mr D C Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda items 5 – Kingswood Educational and Activity Centre, 9b) c) - Station access,, 6 – library proposal.
Mrs P Dalton, Messrs O Roberts and A R Auld declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 07/0285 – Hawthorn Cottage, Unthank.

148 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T Allison. No Police report had been received. No members of the public were present.

149 PLANNING DECISIONS

07/0119 Chalk Lodge Farm, Cumdivock – proposed new cubicle housing and silage clamp – approved 1 condition.

150 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

07/0215 Little Pinch, Bridge End – proposed 1st floor conversion of bedroom & alterations to kitchen & utility room ground floor – no observations.
07/0174 Nestle UK Ltd, Beverage Division – extension to existing production and process building, new base unit for compactor unit – no observations.
07/0192 32 New Road – siting of a static caravan in adjacent paddock/field whilst undertaking repairs to property – no observations provided temporary permission only for the duration of the works.
07/0285 Hawthorn Cottage, Unthank – single storey side and rear extension to provide utility/WC, rear porch and garage, formation of first floor store – no observations.
07/0287 18 Low Moorlands – erection of first floor side extension to provide 2no. bedrooms over existing garage – no observations.
07/0289 2 Glebe Close – widening of existing driveway – no observations.
07/0312 Holly Cottage, 9 The Green – two storey extension – no observations.
07/0318 Land adjacent to 16 Brow Nelson – change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden – no observations.

07/0302 4 Bishops Mill – single storey extension to provide garage conversion to family room and utility to side with extended kitchen and dining room to rear – no observations.

07/0338 Cumdivock House, Cumdivock – extension to existing cubicle shed – no observations.

The Clerk reported on the response made re the Carlisle Local Plan 2001 – 2016 submitted objections following receipt of comments and alterations being proposed by Carlisle CC. Objections upheld apart from 5323 and 5324 if proposed alterations were accepted.

Clerk reported that no reply had been received from Carlisle CC to the letter dated 14th March 2007 regarding Kingswood Educational and Activity Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock compliance with planning conditions. **Resolved** that a reminder of the Parish Charter response time should be sent to Mr Hutchinson with copies to Legal Services and Chief Executive. Mr Harle had advised the Council that children were on site despite Kingswood being in breach of planning conditions or operating with unlawful development.

151 LIBRARY PROPOSAL

A copy letter from Mr Grisenthwaite, Cumbria CC to Councillor Allison had been received expressing support for the library proposal following the site visit on 20th March 2007. Bingham Yates & Partners had produced a ‘Scope of Proposed Works’ document following an inspection of the prospective library premises instigated by Councillor Allison. **Resolved** to reply to this action with a holding letter. Councillor Allison had indicated verbally that Bingham Yates initial costs would be covered. Communication had been made with one of the Trustees for the property, as well as the Agent for the Trust and tenancy proposals were to be initiated with Cumbria County Council **Resolved**, proposed Mr Kelsey, seconded Mr Harrison that a Parish Council Committee was set up to progress the concept of a static library facility in Dalston on the understanding that no financial obligation would be incumbent on the Parish Council – carried 10 in favour, 3 abstentions. Messrs Auld, Kelsey, Newton, Rickerby and Mrs Dalton agreed to be members of the Committee. A survey conducted by Councillor Allison had resulted in 100 respondents to date, 91 in favour of a static library, with 20 volunteers willing to assist with extended opening hours and suggestions for additional services.

152 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

A letter of resignation had been received by the Chairman from Mr Alan Jackson. Mr Auld had acknowledged the work undertaken by Mr Jackson as a Councillor, but it was agreed that a further letter of thanks should be sent from the Parish Council. Various people from the Raughton Head area were suggested for contacting regarding being co-opted onto the Council, with further consideration to be given to the matter at the next meeting.

153 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Cumbria CC Minerals and Waste Development Framework Pre-submission consultation on Preferred Options. The Clerk advised the Council of the information received regarding the proposed enclosed waste site at Peter Lane and associated traffic impact. **Resolved** to strongly object to the proposed development of a 2 hectare site at Peter Lane, Cummersdale for a mechanical biological treatment plant, waste transfer station or materials recovery facility on the basis of the projected traffic volumes. Without improvements to the surrounding highway infrastructure, 40 lorry journeys per day would have a huge impact on the access roads.
- 2 CPCA/Cumbria CC meeting 15th March - Mr Kelsey reported that the main topics under discussion were community influence in Local Government, presented by Guy Richardson, CALC and highways matters led by Richard Hayward. A response from Cumbria Highways regarding the Station access road was requested. CPCA grants of £2,000 for the Station improvements and £400 to Primrose Hall for lighting were approved.
- 3 Dalston Medical Group letter re the Cumbria PCT recent review of Dalston & Cummersdale and the challenge by Dalston Pharmacy to the rurality status of Dalston. **Resolved**, proposed Mr Potter, seconded Mr Hand to support the rurality status – 3 in favour, 9 abstentions, 1 against. This decision was based on the character of the wider Parish and in support of the whole community in general.
- 4 Cumbria Police Authority Carlisle Area Community Liaison Forum 19th April 2007 notice, agenda and minutes – no attendance.

- 5 Cumbria CC letter confirming that the bid for a single unitary authority had been short listed by the Government and acknowledging support for the bid – noted.
- 6 Redspearlands Footpath Group April Newsletter and Annual Report for 2006.
- 7 Annual LA road maintenance survey 2007 report
- 8 Cumbria Constabulary invitation to a Stakeholder Event on 26th April 2007 - topic Community and Public Protection – no attendance..
- 9 Watchtree News, Parish Pump News Spring 2007, Friends of the Lake District Annual Report 2006.
- 10 Cumbria Rural Enterprise Agency rural small buildings grant scheme information sheet.
- 11 Carlisle Environment Forum 29th March 2007 – no attendance.
- 12 Parish Charter for Carlisle District - 2 copies to circulate prior to resolution on signing up to it at the May meeting.

154 GARDENS & MAINTENANCE – PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- a) Property and Maintenance Committee 4th April 2007 report distributed. a) Agreed, following inspection, that no blocks needed to be moved in the river at present, but an application was to be made for a licence to extract gravel at Bridge End. b) The insurance schedule had been checked and it was recommended to increase the cover on Forge Green to £285,000 and fees to £42,500. c) & d) Station access and Lakerigg Common – actions noted. e) Car parking – estimated prices for grasscrete had been obtained and alternatives for locations on the Kingsway and along the Green were to be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- b) Eden Housing and Home Housing had indicated sums which might be offered for the development of Forge Green. **Resolved** that more detailed proposals were required. Approaches to private developers might be discussed by the Working Party. **Resolved** that 2 Forge Green should be advertised for let again.
- c) Highways signage – a) The road markings and signs at Buckabank were reported as being worn and inadequate – to be passed to Cumbria Highways for attention with copy letter to Mr Wells. b) The Station signs were considered to be a disgrace – Clerk to chase up action with Cumbria Highways and Mallinson Fabrications. c) The Kingsway ‘no through road’ sign and the HGV sign at Cumdivock Church had been displaced – Clerk to report to Cumbria Highways. d) Problems with advertising trailers being parked in lay-bys on the A595 and preventing other slow moving vehicles from pulling in were to be raised with the Police and Cumbria Highways.
- d) Agreed that the grass cutting contractor should be asked to lower the height of cut in the Jubilee Garden and on the triangle of land at the end of Townhead Road. Mr Nichol had attended to a broken tree branch in the Jubilee Garden.
- e) Recent fly tipping at Cardew was to be reported to Carlisle CC.

155 POLICY AND RESOURCES SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

A report of the Policy and Resources Sub-Committee meeting held on 27th March 2007 was presented to the Council.

156 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income.

1	Carlisle City Council – Forge Green rates 1 x £31.16, 9 x £29.00 D Debit	292.16
2	Carlisle City Council – Cemetery rates 1 x £46.39, 3 x £47.00 Direct Debit	187.39
3	United Utilities - ½ year Cemetery water rates	28.65
4	CALC – annual subscription £272.50, Local Council Review x 2 £27.00	299.50
5	Carlisle City Council – ECCP/PPI Rights of Way work	314.31
6	Westwood Nurseries – Cemetery maintenance final quarter	758.46
7	Staples – ink cartridges	67.97
8	Powergen - electricity	68.22
9	Mrs E Auld – salary £561.21, expenses £11.71	572.92
10	Cumbria in Bloom - subscription	5.00
11	St Michael’s C E School – garden development grant	200.00
12	Inland Revenue - PAYE	760.17

Income:

1	Step Saver a/c – interest 05/03/07	125.67
2	Carlisle CC – Forge Green rates rebate 19/03/07	291.49
3	Mrs Scott – The Green rent 2006	100.00
4	N Souleles & C Pillar – Pinfold rent	10.00
5	Caldbeck PC – use of telephone & computer 21/11/06-20/02/07	31.02
6	Hunsonby PC – use of telephone & computer 21/11/06-20/02/07	22.94
7	Mr & Mrs Park – Lakerigg easement 24/03/07	10.00
8	National Savings Bank - interest	66.09
9	Cumbria CC – Parish Paths Initiative grant	267.50
10	Carlisle CC – CPCA grant Station entrance	527.50
11	CPCA – Cumbria CC grant Station entrance	1137.80

The Clerk reported that the annual audit date was 24th May 2007 and that this had been advertised as required.

157 CEMETERY MATTERS

Letter received from Mrs Sowerby regarding the interment of ashes of her late husband in the family grave space and the installation of an additional memorial stone. The Clerk suggested that there was sufficient space on the existing headstone for the additional inscription ‘Christopher John Sowerby 1948-2006 In Loving Memory R. I. P.’ – approved. **Resolved** that the Clerk should reply indicating that the Parish Council would be amenable to a narrow additional inscribed stone set at an angle against the existing one, but that the preference was for the inscription to be on the headstone in situ. TechTrek Technologies (UK) Ltd letter received regarding bereavement services e-management and digitisation of records – agreed to place on a future agenda for consideration. Department of Constitutional Affairs (DCA) advisory letter on memorial safety and the discharge of management responsibilities by Burial Authorities.

The meeting closed at 9.33pm