

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 11th December 2007.

PRESENT	Mr A R Auld (Chairman)	Mrs C Millar
	Mr D C Cowen	Mr I Newton
	Mr D B Craig	Mr R J Potter
	Mr D W Hand	Mr O Rickerby
	Mr G Harrison	Mr S Scaife
	Mrs F Kaye-Krzeczkowski	Mr S A Sinclair
	Mr J F G Kelsey	

Mrs Cynthia Millar signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests forms and was welcomed as a co-opted member of the Parish Council.

105 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames J L Rawstron and P Dalton (holiday).

106 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held on 13th November 2007 were agreed and signed as a true record.

107 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr D C Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 8a – Station access.

Mr I Newton declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – David Allen planning requirement for stable block.

108 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor S Tweedie.

The crime report for October and November had been received from PC C Hird. Emma Tonge, CPSO endorsed the fact that the area had been quieter regarding youth disorder. She advised the Council that the Police Post would be operational once the alarm and computer systems had been installed. Mr Newton reported that the youth club was working well with only Dalston children attending. Mrs Millar requested that the station area was checked by the CPSO at school arrival/departure times. A request had been made by PC G Reavell to use a drug sniffer dog in Dalston Churchyard and Cemetery – agreed.

Councillor Collier reported that the railway bridge belonged to Network Rail and that, following the incident of a car going through the railings onto the track, the installation of barriers was being looked at.

Councillor Allison advised the Parish Council that the Kingswood Liaison Group meeting had been postponed following the action for non determination of planning applications having been taken against Carlisle CC, possibly as a reaction to the sanction made on Kingswood. The surface on a damaged 600m stretch of the cycle path was being repaired and financial support from the Carlisle CC Ward Councillors' fund was being made available for a section of necessary riverbank repairs. The Ward Councillors had held a Patch meeting in Dalston and were considering supporting grasscrete work along the Green. Councillor Clarke also attended the meeting.

109 PLANNING DECISIONS

07/0984 Nestle UK Ltd, Dalston Road – new loading dock extension and associated hard standing (retrospective) – approved 1 condition.

07/0495 Dalston Hall Holiday Park – proposed formation of 9 holiday lodge pitches, road and car parking and new sewerage treatment plant – approved 7 conditions.

07/1114 Bridge End Service Station, Bridge End - – 1 double sided free standing display unit – approved 7 conditions.

- 07/1123 Moordyke, Unthank – conservatory to rear elevation (revised application) approved 2 conditions.
- 07/1180 Nestle UK Ltd – new external sugar silo to link into new ‘dry mix’ building and provision of ground floor plant room adjoining the silo (retrospective) – approved.

110 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 07/1206 Barras Lane Industrial Estate – formation of a new vehicular access – no observations.
- 07/1239 Greenlea, Buckabank – change of use of land from agricultural to residential to facilitate new vehicular and pedestrian access – no observations.
- 07/1213 Dalston Hall Holiday Park, Dalston Hall – proposed new access road to existing treatment plant, repositioning of existing pitch and proposed formation of 2 new holiday lodge pitches – no observations.
- 07/1243 1 Bishops Mill – single storey side extension to provide additional bedroom and bathroom – no observations.
- 07/0063/BNN Orton Grange Caravan Park, Orton Grange – change of name to Orton Grange Park – no observations.
- 07/1288 Barras Lane – proposed extension of existing concrete batching plant to allow for the formation of an additional bay for the storage of aggregate – no observations.
- 07/1316 Land adjacent Green Farm Cottage, Stockdalewath – erection of dwelling and garage with treatment plan (revised proposal to include minor amendments to the roof) – no observations.

Carlisle CC Local Plans preparation of supplementary planning documents informal consultations/website questionnaires on 1) trees on development sites, 2) planning obligations, 3) well designed housing 4) designing out crime – Mr Craig and the Clerk to look at the documents and respond if appropriate.

It was suggested that the stable block development on Townhead Road might require planning permission. It was agreed that Mr Newton would speak to David Allen, the owner, regarding this.

111 TRAFFIC AND PARKING QUESTIONNAIRE ANALYSIS

Appreciation was expressed to Mr Auld for producing the traffic and parking questionnaire analysis. It was **resolved** that the summary of the results and the conclusions drawn from the five categories of comments should be published in the Parish magazines and on the website, together with a note of thanks to all respondents. It was agreed that some enforcement of parking regulations should be vigorously requested from Carlisle CC, particularly in the schools area. The Clerk reported on the Dalston Conservation Area Review and the report presented by Peter Messenger, Carlisle CC Conservation Officer, to the Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 29th November 2007. The Clerk and Mr Auld attended the meeting and had suggested that the required public consultation on proposed changes to the conservation area contained in the report should include a public meeting and exhibition to be undertaken in conjunction with the Parish Council traffic and parking consultation event. This action was being recommended to Carlisle CC Executive for approval on 17th December 2007. It was **resolved** that a joint event should go ahead. Mr Sinclair agreed to check Victory Hall available dates for a Saturday morning event and Messrs Craig and Rickerby offered to assist the Clerk and Chairman in planning the format of the event and display material. It was felt that the schools head teachers, police representatives, County and District ward councillors and appropriate officers should be in attendance to answer questions and provide information as required. The Clerk reported on the Carlisle Parking Strategy Study being carried out by Capita Symonds and the response made in relation to Dalston issues.

112 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Carlisle Partnership – Growing Carlisle – An Economic Strategy for the Carlisle City Region – Clerk reported on consultation response submitted and points raised by the Carlisle CC Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2 Cumbria CC Minerals and Waste Development Framework consultation on changes to the Preferred Options Core Strategy – Mr Rickerby commented that the document was not particularly relevant and a bit vague. There was no further information on the waste processing plants, but Hespin Wood appeared to be the favoured site.

- 3 Cumbria NHS PCT 'Closer to Home' consultation – Mrs Kaye-K felt that it was a glossy document with not much to comment on, but that she would respond directly as appropriate.
- 4 Raughton Head PCC letter requesting renewal/cleaning of lettering on war memorial – **resolved** that the Clerk should obtain two quotes for cleaning, with an indication as to the method used.
- 5 Cumbria CC Transforming Passenger Transport review and 'drop in' sessions – Councillor Collier was unaware of any opportunities for public consultation in the area, or whether the Wednesday (620 Caldbeck – Carlisle) bus service would be affected in the possible changes, but offered to make enquiries.
- 6 Carlisle Environment Forum 6th December – Mr Kelsey reported that the main topic was on the way that the Centre for Landscape and Environmental Arts Research based at the University of Cumbria explored and promoted how the arts could contribute to our understanding of landscape and the environment..
- 7 Carlisle Partnership – Carlisle Communities for Health funding – agreed to pass on the information to Age Concern Day Centre at Barras House.
- 8 CPCA/Carlisle CC Executive meeting 3rd December 2007 – the Clerk and Mr Auld attended and reported that presentations were made on the Cumbria in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards and the Housing in Rural Carlisle including Community Land Trusts document. Ms Maggie Mooney, Carlisle CC Chief Executive, spoke about progress on the Local Government White Paper since the failed Cumbria CC Unitary bid. There was a concentration on social enterprise and community ownership of assets, but there were political difficulties in being a hung council. The Parishing of urban areas was not yet on the political agenda in Carlisle. Disappointment was expressed by various people present about the dissipated effort and lack of progress by the District Councils. CLASB (Cumbria Local Authority Strategic Board) members were due to meet and a review of the pilot Community Boards would be undertaken. It was felt that the unitary door might still be open. The Deputy Chief Executive spoke about 2,000 migrant workers in Carlisle District. There was a review of the race equality scheme, a report on migrant workers needs being undertaken and an excellence program was being supported financially by central government.
- 9 RHS Britain in Bloom Campaign Review – Clerk to complete questionnaire.
- 10 Primrose Hall AGM minutes 27th November 2007 – noted.
- 11 Rural Voice December 2007 issue – noted.
- 12 Redspearlands Footpath Group December Newsletter. Clerk reported on communications regarding PPI work – **resolved** that the Clerk, Messrs Kelsey and Hand should meet with Alan Lyne to discuss projects and methods of operation.
- 13 CEEAC (Cumbria Energy Efficiency Advice Centre) literature and magazine article – agreed to include in Parish magazines and on the website.
- 14 FELLs Cumbria under Siege information and Windfarm Status map
- 15 Letters of thanks for grants from Dalston Football Club U14s, St Michael's School, Dalston Scout Group, Tuesday Club, Dalston WI and RFG.
- 16 CALC Selectives – leaflets on training programme – for information.

113 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE/PROJECTS UPDATES

- a) Station access project - the Clerk reported on email communication with Bingham Yates, Cumbria Highways, Carlisle CC and BP Oils. BP had offered £1,800 to the project, Mallinson Fabrications had intimated a percentage contribution, but Cumbria CC could not get involved financially. A copy of the tender documents which had been sent to four contractors had been received – a response was due by 18th December 2007. It was **resolved**, proposed Mr Kelsey seconded Mrs Kaye-K, that Messrs Craig, Cowen and Harrison should peruse the tenders and select the contractor to be appointed if satisfied with the details submitted.
- b) Railway bridge incident – following the accident on 30th November 2007 the Clerk had written to Councillor Collier and Cumbria Highways, regarding the safety of this location, with copies of various previous requests for barriers to be installed attached. Verbal indications in response were that Network Rail would be prioritising the location and paying for the installation of barriers, already designed, in this financial year, with Cumbria Highways improving the road surface.
- c) The Clerk reported that repairs to lights at the Lamp and Bridge End had been passed to Cumbria Highways, together with a repeated request to attend to a blocked drain on Townhead Road.

- d) Mr Harrison requested that the White Bridge was cleaned – it was agreed that enquiries should be made with contractors in the spring.
- e) Concern was expressed that the common land at Lakerigg was being encroached upon by the placing of stones, grass cutting and use of the area by Mr Routledge and that it must not be lost through adverse possession. It was **resolved** that the file should be closed at Atkinson Ritson Solicitors due to failure to undertake actions requested and represent the Parish Council within an appropriate timescale. It was **resolved** that the Clerk should send a letter, checked by Mrs Rawsthorne, Burnetts Solicitors, to Mr Routledge requesting the removal of the stones from the common land and cessation of other unauthorised activities on Parish land, within a month of receipt.

114 CPCA CAPITAL AND VILLAGE HALL GRANTS

It was **resolved** that a grant application should be made towards the repairs/renewal of the Green fencing. Mr Craig agreed to draw up a more detailed specification for the works in order to obtain tender prices from 3 contractors – Mallinson Fabrications, Nicholsons and Byers Bros. The Victory Hall and Primrose Hall Committees were to be asked whether they had any grant requirements for projects.

115 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income.

1	City of Carlisle – traffic and parking questionnaire printing 17/11/07	132.00
2	British Telecommunications – telephone charges 22/08-19/11/07 DD	66.53
3	Powergen – electricity DD 06/12/07	29.21
4	H & E Trotter – cleaning out Forge Green drains & septic tank	240.00
5	Biffa Waste Services – Cemetery waste collection 29/12-28/03/08	152.75
6	Mrs E Auld – salary £729.40 (increase 1 st April), expenses £18.49	747.89
7	Barry Faulder – Cemetery access lane wall retained % 12 months	298.00
8	E Davidson – grave digging 13/12/07 & 14/12/07	340.00

Income:

1	Mrs E A Campbell – grave space purchase & interment ashes fee	165.00
2	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 20/11, 27/11/07, 04/12/07	295.00
3	L Hogg – 1 Forge Green December rent	234.00
4	United Utilities – Hawksdale sub station way leave	10.00
5	Step Saver a/c – interest 01/09-02/12/07	288.63

116 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was fixed for 29th April 2008 and the Victory Hall booking was to be confirmed. It was suggested that the Mayor of Carlisle should be invited to be the Guest Speaker.

117 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interments: Eleanor Jane Nicholson 13/12/07 Ward 5 Section I Space 16
John Walton 14/12/07 Ward 4 Section C Space 6
- b) The Clerk and Mr Craig had identified and authorised a further 11 headstone repairs. Repairs for two of the headstones were being paid for by the families concerned.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.