

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 9th January 2007.

PRESENT	Mr A R Auld (Chairman)	Mr I Newton
	Mr D B Craig	Mr R J Potter
	Mrs P Dalton	Mr O Roberts
	Mr G Harrison	Mr S A Sinclair
	Mr A G Jackson	Mr M Smillie
	Mr J F G Kelsey	

104 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J L Rawstron and Mr O Rickerby (ill). Messrs D C Cowen and D W Hand absent.

105 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12th December 2006 were agreed and signed as a true record. The Clerk advised the Council that the words 'Mrs Dalton' had been inserted in item 97b line 1 of the minute book copy.

106 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr A G Jackson declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning decision 06/1188 18 Brow Nelson & adjoining land.

107 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillors S Tweedie, T Allison, PC C Hird and M Mooney, Carlisle CC Town Clerk & Chief Executive attended the meeting. PC Hird reported on very few incidents of crime. There had been a burglary at Hawksdale, reported drug abuse in the Cemetery, an incident of motor vehicles on the cycleway and 3 motoring accidents.

Maggie Mooney stated that Carlisle CC had voted on three matters in relation to the Local Government White Paper 1) Concern regarding the Cumbria CC bid, in its current form, for one unitary authority for the whole of Cumbria and opposition to it 2) Carlisle CC to work with other Districts on an enhanced two tier approach 3) Support for written complaint to Government about the process and current position regarding Cumbria CC. She explained that Carlisle could become a Town Council, but it was trying to gain City regional status at the same time. With an enhanced two tier system, continuing and additional support for Parish Councils would be provided to enable them to take on devolved responsibilities if they wished to do so. Democracy would work from the grass roots upwards with the full involvement of community committees and aggregations of Parish Councils.

Councillor Allison expressed concern about the time frame being imposed by the Government, the disparity of opinions and lack of cooperation between the County and District Councils and the low public awareness of the LG White Paper implications. Councillor Tweedie felt that there were concerns in relation to the position of Officers if Cumbria CC became a continuing unitary authority. He felt that there was a need for more commercial involvement and younger personnel.

Parish Councillors raised concerns regarding costs, the lack of a counter bid from the Districts, the ability for joint working and sharing services between the Districts, adaptation to change and the facilitating of local services. With less than 3,000 residents it was thought to be unlikely that Dalston would become an administrative centre.

108 PLANNING DECISIONS

06/9001 Thackwood Landfill Site, Southwaite – extension to existing clay extraction and landfill operation – refused.

- 06/9004 Thackwood Landfill Site, Southwaite – variation of condition 1 of planning permission 00/9002 (for waste transfer site) – refused.
- 06/9005 Thackwood Landfill Site, Southwaite – extension of general purpose building and modifications to site surfacing and drainage – approved 17 conditions.
- 06/1188 18 Brow Nelson & adjoining land – change of use of land from agricultural to domestic and formation of new access – approved 3 conditions.
- 06/1263 2 Glebe Close – bedroom, bathroom and en-suite extension plus conservatory – approved 2 conditions.
- 06/1310 Sunnybank, Stockdalewath – proposed two storey extension to the rear elevation of Sunnybank to provide dining room & bedroom – approved 2 conditions.

109 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 06/1331 The Farm House, Moss End Farm – demolition of redundant barn and erection of a two storey extension to provide a kitchen/dining room on the ground floor with an en-suite bedroom above, together with the demolition of the existing garage and erection of a replacement garage – amended description – no observations.
- 06/1407 Oaklea, Townhead Road – erection of conservatory – no observations.
- 06/1357 Recreation Field, The Green – 9no. 6.7m lighting columns to courts 3 & 4 – no observations.
- 06/1438 Bluebell House, Green Lane – retrospective application for demolition of garden wall and construction of new wall along edge of property boundary (LBC) – no observations.
- 06/1445 Bluebell House, Green Lane – internal and external alterations to cottage (LBC) – no observations.
- 06/1439 Hawksdale Pastures – revised application for conversion with extensions of redundant farm buildings into four dwelling units – no observations.
- 07/0001 Beaver Cottage, Townhead Road – erection of conservatory to rear elevation – no observations.

110 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Copies of the Property and Maintenance Committee minutes were distributed. **Resolved** to install warning signs on the riverbank adjacent to the Green. **Resolved** to apply for a license for limited gravel extraction at Bridge End and for the re-arrangement of some stones on the Green section of the riverbank. The four contractors submitting the lowest tenders in 2006 were being invited to quote for a 2 year contract for grass cutting, ground works and Cemetery maintenance in 2007/08 and 2008/09 - estimates to be considered at the February meeting.
- b) Agreed that three out of Messrs Auld, Sinclair, Craig, Roberts, Mrs Dalton and Mrs Rawstron would interview potential tenants for 1 Forge Green – date and time to be arranged
- c) Reported that the Beech Lane junction with the Stockdalewath-Ivegill road was flooding and very dangerous – Clerk to advise Cumbria Highways of need for attention.
- d) The tree debris accumulated on the central buttress of the White Bridge was to be reported to Cumbria Highways.
- e) Flooding on the approach road to Unthank and the erosion of the road edge and banking near the Skiprigg junction were to be reported to Cumbria Highways.

111 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER

Cumbria CC and the District Councils were presenting their submitted proposals at a seminar organised by CALC on 3rd February 2007 – Messrs Auld and Kelsey agreed to attend. Any comments were to be forthcoming by the meeting on 16th January 2007.

112 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Carlisle District draft Statement of Community Involvement – compilation of response following circulation of document for comments – **resolved** to submit.
- 2 Copy of Primrose Hall Committee AGM Minutes 28/11/06 – information only.
- 3 Letter of introduction from Chris Bagshaw, CALC Parish Development Officer.
- 4 Bingham Yates & Partners acknowledgement of appointment for Station access

improvement work. Letter re increase in survey quotation from £250 provisional figure to £295 – **resolved** to accept. No provision for search fees included in specification – agreed that costs could be incurred if applicable.

- 5 Cumbria and Lake District Joint Structure Plan 2001 – 2016 Adopted Plan, April 2006.
- 6 Information Commission notification of annual Data Protection registration fee and notification of Registry Entry for confirmation of details.
- 7 Notification of Cumbria Youth Alliance staff and volunteer training weekend 19th – 21st January 2007 – information to be given to Scouts and Recreation Association.

113 POLICE MATTERS

Request from Inspector David Coates regarding Parish Council funding for accommodation rental for PCSO premises in central Dalston – **resolved** to consider paying for office premises dependent on price, location etc. Various potential locations were discussed, with Church House being put forward as the best possibility. The meeting was suspended to allow PC Hird to speak about IT and vehicle expenditure that could be involved. The Clerk indicated that these would be covered by Cumbria Constabulary.

114 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following monthly expenditure and record of income:

1	Cumbrian Newspapers Ltd - advert 1 Forge Green vacancy	20.56
2	Carlisle CC – Parish Paths Initiative path work carried out by ECCP	587.50
3	Mrs E Auld – salary £561.21, expenses £4.72	565.93
4	Inland Revenue – PAYE/NIC	760.17
5	Barclays Bank – safe custody fee	1.00
6	Powergen - electricity	53.03
7	E & M Services (Northern) Ltd – Forge Green outside light repairs	217.28
8	E Davidson – grave digging 10/01/07	170.00
9	E Davidson – grave digging ashes space 16/01/07	30.00
Income:		
1	United Utilities – electricity way leave	28.24
2	Mr & Mrs White – 2 Forge Green rent 05/01/07	95.00
3	Bank of England – 3½% war stock interest 01/12/06	4.37

115 CEMETERY MATTERS

Interment – Iris Watson 10/01/07 Ward 5 Section E Space 41
 Christopher David Scott 16/01/07 Ward 5 Section G Space 38 ashes only.

The meeting closed at 9.06pm.