

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 13th March 2007.

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

132 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs P Dalton (holiday).

133 MINUTES

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

134 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr R J Potter declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 8/7 – Dalston Agricultural Society/Show.

Mr M Smillie declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 9d) – Station entrance.

Mr O Rickerby declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – library update.

Mr D C Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda items 5 – Kingswood Educational and Activity Centre, 8/8 – Cumbria in Bloom, 9a) & 9d) – Forge Green/Station entrance.

135 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Collier. Councillor T Allison was present. No Police report had been received.

136 PLANNING DECISIONS

07/0031 Midtown Barn, Unthank – single storey extension to garage – approved 2 conditions.

06/1312 18 The Square – display of non-illuminated fascia sign – approved 6 conditions. Agreed that the Clerk should enquire about the exclusion of the shop canopy in the determination notice, as this was felt to be needed for a butchery business.

07/0018 Bannerdale, Unthank – alterations to provide new chimney, enlarge boiler store and new window to false window – approved 2 conditions.

06/1357 Recreation Field, The Green – 9no. 6.7m lighting columns to courts 3 & 4 – withdrawn from discussion at meeting held on 9th March 2007 for further consultation and technical advice. It was reported that the Planners had been given the LTA specifications.

The Clerk reported that enquiries had been made, following complaints received, regarding the glare from the spotlights for the Dalston Hall Hotel sign and the additional ‘Steak Grill’ sign because they were impeding visibility.

137 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

07/0004 TPO Caldew Bank, Bridge End – T1 Cedar Tree, clean crown, remove low pendulous limb above rose bed in front of dwelling – no observations.

07/0119 Chalk Lodge Farm, Cumdivock – proposed new cubicle housing, silage clamp and slurry store – no observations.

07/0187 Beech House, Stockdalewath – alterations to existing metal dutch barn to provide loose box accommodation for horses – no observations.

07/9007 Dalston Wastewater Treatment Works, Carlisle Road – construction of ferric dosing kiosk – no observations.

Notification received of Carlisle Local Plan 2001 – 2016 Public Inquiry commencing 3rd July 2007 and the Pre Inquiry meeting on 10th April, 10am. **Resolved** that the Parish Council wished to reinforce its written objections (8 in total), but dependent on non receipt of any response from the Planners indicating that changes had already been made. There would be no formal attendance by Dalston Parish Council at the Inquiry, – Clerk to return forms by 27th March 2007

The Clerk reported on a copy communication from Mr Wilbraham to A Hutchinson and M Lambert, Carlisle CC regarding Kingswood Educational and Activity Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock compliance with planning conditions. Mr Auld reported on the recent Local Liaison Committee meeting and concerns raised about it being used for seeking pre approval on planning matters. **Resolved**, proposed Mr Roberts, seconded Mr Smillie that a letter was sent to Carlisle CC Planning and Legal Services seeking advice on the current situation re compliance with the conditions connected with planning application 04/1203 and asking for assurance that, in the event that the conditions were not met by the due date 5th April 2007, Carlisle City Council took the necessary enforcement action and that no students were allowed on site until the situation was rectified.

138 LIBRARY UPDATE

The meeting was suspended and Councillor Allison reported that Jim Grisenthwaite, Cumbria CC Director of Culture, was impressed with the community initiative re a static library provision. This was against a background of £28,000 cuts to the library service. A site meeting had been arranged for 20th March 2007 – Jim Grisenthwaite, Alan Welton, Cumbria CC, Trevor Allison, Carlisle CC Dalston Ward, Ronnie Auld, Dalston PC and the Clerk to attend.

139 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER

Mrs Dalton had attended the event organised by the Districts on 24th February 2007 and her report together with other relevant papers had been circulated and were noted. The Clerk reported that in a survey carried out in South Lakeland, 75% of the respondents did not support a single council for Cumbria. It was suggested that the Districts proposals would be announced shortly.

140 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Cumbria CC Minerals and Waste Development Framework Pre-submission consultation on Preferred Options – **resolved** to seek further information from Cumbria CC Planners about the proposed operations on up to 2 hectares of land at Peter Lane, Cummersdale. Information to be requested on what a mechanical biological treatment plant, waste transfer station or materials recovery facility involve, the transport implications of the three alternatives, the numbers of vehicles which might be envisaged accessing the site and the routes involved. The consultation response was to be determined at the next meeting.
- 2 H & H Bove correspondence received re the gas pipe easement to Malanridge, Lakerigg. The Clerk also report on communication with D Ward, Mounseys Solicitors re common land issues at Lakerigg. Agreed that the matters raised should be included on the Property and Maintenance Committee agenda for 4th April 2007.
- 3 Communities and Local Government – the Clerk reported on the response made to the Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members. Comments included a) better interpretation of verbal bullying required, b) reported behaviour outside official duties should be limited to criminal offences c) the word ‘family’ and a better definition of ‘friend’ should be included.
- 4 CPCA/Cumbria CC meeting 15th March 2007 agenda and papers – J Kelsey to attend.
- 5 Caldbeck Rambler bus service – response from Cumbria CC indicating that the Saturday service only was being retained on a slightly revised route. Copies of the leaflet for distribution to be made available shortly. **Resolved** that the service should be advertised in the Parish magazines and on the website.
- 6 Anonymous letter re 10 Nook Lane Close hedge – Clerk attended to matter by requesting that the work should be carried out by the occupiers.
- 7 Dalston Agricultural Society – response re the proposal for car parking provision on part of the Show Field and that £6,000 annual rent would be required. **Resolved** to reply indicating that the Parish Council was unable to proceed on the terms put forward and that it was

disappointed in the input forthcoming from the Agricultural Society to this potential community facility. The Parish Council could not take on this level of annual commitment as well as the car park development costs involved.

Request letter re parking on the Green for Dalston Show 11th August 2007 – **resolved** to authorise parking on the Green for the day, subject to the usual arrangements being in place.

- 8 Cumbria in Bloom – application forms for competitions and information literature – **resolved** to enter Dalston. 2007 Launch Event, 19th April, Houghton Hall – the Clerk and Mrs Rickerby to be invited to attend. Oliver Rickerby offered to produce the leaflet, which should reflect the four seasons. St Michael’s School garden project – agreed that Mr Fraser should be asked in writing to consider the development being entered in the youth category of the competition.
- 9 Dalston with Cumdivock PCC Annual Report and Accounts 2006 – for information.
- 10 Copy of Rural Voice – noted.
- 11 Invitation to enter Dalston Festival 2007 Scarecrow competition – ideas to be brought to the next meeting.

141 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Resolved to exclude members of the public and press from the meeting pursuant to section 1(2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as required. Copies of a report on further information regarding possible alterations at Forge Green had been distributed. After lengthy discussion, **resolved**, proposed Mr Kelsey, seconded Mr Roberts to reject Option 1 to revamp the existing meeting room, office and w.c. only – unanimous. **Resolved**, proposed Mr Kelsey, seconded Mr Harrison to take Option 2 forward (development of whole building, including upstairs for housing and roof renovation) by obtaining a clearer idea of the net cost – carried 9 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention. Grant funding possibilities were to be ascertained, further development of the design with an architect and discussions with the Housing Associations which had expressed interest in the top floor plus other options re off loading, were to take place. A preliminary estimate of the value of the top floor development had been obtained from H & H King. A working group was set up to take the matter forward comprising of Messrs Roberts, Harrison, Cowen, Hand, Auld and Rickerby. It was suggested that another review of the existing community facilities should take place. It was evident from discussion that members continued to support the sale of Forge Green, with alternative premises being available nearer the centre of Dalston.
Resolved to let 2 Forge Green on a 6 months short hold tenancy. Mrs Rawstron, Messrs Roberts and Craig agreed to interview an interested party.
- b) The Clerk reported that Matthew Lowrie, Garthside Landscapes had accepted the Cemetery, grass cutting and ground works contracts for 2007/08 and 2008/09, having given assurances about undertaking both contracts.
- c) **Resolved** to apply for funding through the Cumbria County Council Parish Paths Initiative for the bridleway and footpath work as put forward by Redspearlands Footpath Group during 2007.
- d) The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to Mr Pickering, Cumbria CC with copies to P Stybelski, Chief Executive and J Collier, Cumbria CC Councillor regarding the lack of communication from Cumbria Highways to Bingham Yates in connection with the Station entrance project. ECCP had recently been passed the hedge removal and other works by Carlisle CC and were now working in conjunction with Bingham Yates to progress this. Because of the position of the underground services the hedgerow to be removed will require cutting and killing rather than grubbing out. Enquiries were to be made regarding a car ‘for sale’ being parked on the Station entrance island.
- e) **Resolved** that flytipping on the road near Westwood Nurseries, Buebank Lane and the Raughton to Crown Inn road should be reported to Carlisle CC for removal. Items for Cumbria Highways attention were: Signs: damaged bend signs by Hawksdale House, the broken off direction sign to Welton at Bridge End, the twisted Barras lane Industrial Estate sign at Station Road junction, the damaged direction sign by Cumdivock Church, the missing finger to Stockdalewath on the Highbridge sign and the nearby High Head Castle sign. Mud: reports of excessive mud on the roads, particularly the roads to Raughton and Cardew from Dalston, the appalling condition of the road left following forestry work carried out on Beech Lane, near Stockdalewath. Flooding: at the Beech Lane junction with the Stockdalewath to Ivegill Road – previously reported but unattended to. Potholes: to note for attention but too numerous to identify specific ones.

- f) Concerns were expressed regarding the suitability of the railings on the railway bridge at Barras Brow – to be passed on to Network Rail again for inspection and attention.
- g) Wild flower plugs for planting at Forge Green to be ordered as soon as possible by Mr Cowen.
- h) Damage to the triangle of land at the bottom of Buckabank caused by building works vehicles to be reported to Allan Builders for attention.

142 DATES AND AGENDAS

- a) Annual Parish Meeting 24th April 2007. Mrs Rawstron confirmed that Dalston WI would provide refreshments. The Clerk reported that Jim McCracken, Fire Fighter and Community Safety Adviser and Mike Gardner, Carlisle CC Officer were the guest speakers on home safety and recycling/waste services respectively. Suggestions were put forward for a Festival Committee update and input from the youth groups about the use of grants awarded – Clerk to follow up.
- b) Policy and Resources Sub-Committee 27th March 2007. Messrs Smillie and Kelsey to advise the Clerk of details for the agenda.
- c) Property and Maintenance Committee 4th April 2007. Lakerigg and insurance to be on the agenda. Mr McKnespiey, Ross Lloyd to be asked to check the insurance papers.

143 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income.

1	British Gas – 1 Forge Green electricity 23/10/06-20/01/07	6.26
2	British Telecommunications – telephone charges 21/11/06-20/02/07	103.70
3	Bendles – 1 Forge Green tenancy agreement	88.12
4	J Kelsey – travel expenses CALC meeting 03/02/07 34 miles @ 40p	13.60
5	Mrs P Dalton - travel expenses Districts meeting 24/02/07 37.5 miles @ 40p	15.00
6	Biffa Waste Services Ltd – Cemetery waste collection 31/03-29/06	151.22
7	Cumbrian Newspapers Ltd – 2 Forge Green vacancy adverts EN & S/C News	23.17
8	Bingham Yates & Partners – Station entrance contract	2,220.40
9	Bingham Yates & Partners – Forge Green consultation/survey time	239.70
10	Mrs M Watson – 6 months cleaning Forge Green offices Oct-Mar	45.00
11	Mrs E Auld – salary £561.21, expenses £21.18	582.39
12	E Davidson – grave digging ashes space 15/03/07	30.00
13	Redspearlands Footpath Group – PPI expenditure hedge cutter	145.00
14	Dalston PCC – Festival Committee Church House room hire x 4 s137	20.00
15	British Gas – 1 Forge Green electricity 21/01-31/01/07	1.52

Income:

1	L & D White – 2 Forge Green rent 16/02, 23/02, 02/03/07	285.00
2	Caldbeck PC – use of telephone and computer 19/08-20/11/06	26.63
3	Hunsonby PC - use of telephone and computer 19/08-20/11/06	25.70
4	B Parsons – burial ashes fee 15/03/07	85.00
5	L Hogg – 1 Forge Green March rent (1 week rebate)	180.00
6	Mrs L-J Cowen – Nook Lane Foot way leave 2006	1.00
7	Cumbria CC – Parish Paths Initiative grant	732.50
8	L & D White – 2 Forge Green rent 10/03/07	95.00
9	L Hogg – 1 Forge Green electricity 21/01-31/01/07	1.52

144 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interment ashes: Albert Frederick Cope 15/03/07 Ward 4 Section C Space 33b
- b) Correspondence received re burial records for Bendle/Cox and Bell – Clerk responding.
- c) Reported that Carlisle CC had installed the new litterbin as requested.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.