

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

91 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs G Harrison, S Scaife (ill), R J Potter (meeting) and Mrs P Dalton (holiday).

92 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held on 9th October 2007 were agreed and signed as a true record following the addition of Mr S Scaife to the list of attendees.

93 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr D C Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – Kingswood Educational Centre, Cumdivock, agenda item 6 Grants - Cumdivock churchyard maintenance, agenda item 10a) Station access.

Mrs J L Rawstron declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 Grants – Dalston WI.

Mr J F G Kelsey declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 Grants – Dalston WI, Recreation Association and Festival Committee.

Mr A R Auld declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 Grants – Dalston website.

94 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillors T Allison, N Clarke and S Tweedie.

Mr Ben Hodgson attended the meeting and answered some questions put to him by the Chairman regarding his vibrant business - Ben Hodgson Bodyworks at Glave Hill. Mr Hodgson stated that he had 7 employees who travelled from Carlisle, W Cumbria and Scotland. The workers cars were usually parked in Glave Hill car park as well as 2 additional cars on a regular basis. He thought that the land in front of the showroom was part of his property and could be used for displaying cars. The car transporter vehicle was parked on the Kingsway because there was insufficient room for it on the business site. The security light had been adjusted following a check for light pollution. It was associated with an infra red camera on the forecourt. The power washing equipment had been changed, but nothing further could be done to reduce the noise level when in operation. Mr Hodgson felt that the flags were a visual enhancement. It was suggested that the business had reached saturation point on the Glave Hill site and Mr Hodgson stated that he was looking at land elsewhere to store additional vehicles. The business seemed to be congested now at a quiet time and it was felt that this should be addressed, prior to it becoming busier. It was put forward that, in the interests of public relations, the removal of the car transporter from the Kingsway and the flags would be of assistance. Mr Hodgson was thanked for his attendance.

Councillor J Collier felt that vehicles parked in the Square all day were unacceptable and that he would support any means to alleviate the problem.

95 PLANNING DECISIONS

07/0933 Hudbeck, Raughton Head – replacement of roof (LBC) – approved 3 conditions.

07/0719 The Barns, Raughtonhead Hill – conversion and (replacement) extension of Grade 11 listed outbuildings into a dwelling – refused 1 reason.

- 07/0719 The Barns, Raughtonhead Hill – conversion of Grade 11 listed outbuildings to domestic accommodation, demolition of adjoining farm shed and replacement with extension to provide living areas to new dwelling (LBC) – refused 1 reason.
- 07/0955 Greenhill, Raughton Head – proposed two storey extension to rear to provide kitchen and dining room with en-suite bedroom above – approved 2 conditions.
- 07/0962 1 Summerfields – single storey extension to provide utility room – approved 3 conditions.
- 07/0999 Dalston Hall Holiday Park, Dalston Hall - variation of condition 1 attached to planning permission 85/1103 to allow the occupation of holiday static caravans between 1st March and 31st January the following year – approved 3 conditions.
- 07/0811 Casa Pedrosa, Cardewlees – remodelling and extension of restaurant to provide improved catering facilities and 22no. en-suite bedrooms. Remodel attached building to provide self contained residential unit on the ground floor (outline application) – approved 18 conditions.
- 07/1019 Land adjacent to All Saints Parish Church, O.S. Field No. 0074, Raughton Head – installation of septic tank – approved 1 condition.
- 07/1066 Holly Cottage, 9 The Green – two storey extension to side and rear of dwelling (revised application) – approved 3 conditions.
- 07/0867 25 The Green – rear third floor extension above existing structure to provide additional bedroom with internal alterations to remaining building – withdrawn.
- 07/0868 L/Adj 25 The Green & cottage & barn to rear of 25 The Green – erection of 2no. three storey terrace town houses and conversion of existing cottage and barn into 1no. house and garage – withdrawn.
- 07/1051 Dalston Hall Holiday Park, Dalston Hall – removal of condition 2 attached to planning permission 06/1286 and addition of a condition to limit the occupation of holiday static caravans to between 1st March – 31st January the following year – approved 5 conditions.
- 07/1056 The Barns, Raughtonhead Hill – conversion of Grade 11 listed farm outbuilding and conversion of farm shed to form one dwelling – approved 11 conditions.
- 07/1057 The Barns, Raughtonhead Hill – conversion of Grade 11 listed farm building and conversion of farm shed to form one dwelling (LBC) – approved 3 conditions.
- 07/0935 Lingey Close Farm – erection of agricultural building (revised application) – following site visit, attended by Messrs Auld, Craig and the Clerk, decision deferred pending receipt of revised plans showing the relocation of the building and further consultations.
- 07/0584 Thwaite Holme Kitchens, 13 Lingy Close Road – steel clad industrial unit (brown agricultural sheeting) to be used as workshop/assembly areas and also employee welfare facilities – approved 11 conditions.
- Kingswood Liaison Group – letter from Councillor Allison and a copy letter from Geoffrey Searle for Kingswood to Mark Lambert, Carlisle CC Legal Department regarding the composition of the Local Liaison Group and concerns arising from the last meeting respectively – noted.
- The Clerk had ascertained that the trees at Village House, Carlisle Road did not contravene planning conditions.

96 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 07/1069 49 & 50 The Green – separation of 49 & 50 The Green, extension to 50 The Green to create three bed roomed accommodation over two floors - no observations.
- 07/1086 1 Smithy Cottage, Lingy Close Road – restoration of dwelling following fire damage – no observations.
- 07/1114 Bridge End Service Station, Bridge End – 1 double sided free standing display unit – no observations.
- 07/1123 Moordyke, Unthank – conservatory to rear elevation (revised application) – no observations.
- 07/1050 Barn C, Moss End Farm, Welton Road – conversion of barn to a dwelling (revised proposal) – no observations.
- 07/1115 Dalston Hall Holiday Park, Dalston Hall – erection of workshop/storage shed – no observations.
- 07/0984 Nestle UK Ltd, Dalston Road – new loading dock extension and associated hard standing – no observations.

- 07/1117 Caldew School, Carlisle Road – erection of single storey extension to form autism unit – **resolved** to support proposal but concerns re traffic and the impact of this not being addressed.
- 07/1134 Newby Cross House, Lingey Close – change of use of land from public highway to domestic garden; erection of 1.8m high boarded fence and access gates – no observations except to reinforce the necessity to retain the existing public footpath unimpeded..
- 07/1137 First Engineering Services Ltd, Barras Lane Estate – erection of non-illuminated signage 0 no observations.
- 07/1169 The Whitehouse, Hawksdale – widening of access – no observations.
- 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 site – no observations except for planting of riverside trees.

The Clerk reported that the neon sign under the eaves at David Allen Accountants, Barras Lane did not require planning permission, but the main business sign did and an application would be forthcoming. The planting scheme was to be completed with hawthorn hedging at the appropriate time.

97 GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Dalston Parish Council **resolved**, proposed Mr Kelsey seconded Mrs F Kaye-Krzeczkowski to award grants to local organisations as follows:

	ORGANISATION	PROJECT	GRANT
1	Dalston Football Club U14's	Set up costs for new team to play in Sunday League.	100.00
2	Barras House	Potting Shed for garden.	200.00
3	Redspearlands Footpath Group	Parish Paths Initiative running expenses.	150.00
4	Raughton Head PCC	Churchyard grass cutting & paths maintenance. Safety rails and wicket to boiler house steps.	1,455.00
5	Raughton Head & District WI	Teapots, milk jugs & sugar bowls.	98.00
6	Gaitsgill Parent & Toddlers	Replace books and toys.	100.00
7	1 st Dalston Brownies	Indoor & outdoor activity equipment.	150.00
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14	Tuesday Club, Gaitsgill	Subsidy for outings & coach hire	100.00
15	Dalston Recreation Association	Public address system	250.00
16	Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill	Seat cushions, induction loop and wall heater parts.	200.00
17	Inglewood Explorer Scout Unit	Feather Flags.	250.00
18	Dalston Tennis Club	Coaching costs	250.00
19	A R Auld	Dalston website hosting, maintenance and upgrade	150.00
20	St John's, Cumdivock	Churchyard grass cutting/maintenance	125.00
21	St Michael's After School Club	Replacement carpet in After School Room	200.00
	TOTAL	(Total awarded 2006 £5,170)	£5,328.00

Grants were awarded under the following powers:

5 – 14, 17, 19 – General Expenditure s137

4, 20 – Churchyard Local Government Act 1972 s214

1, 2, 15, 16, 18, 21 – Recreation and Halls Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19

3 – Local Government Act 1972 s144

98 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The Chairman reported that Mr Oliver Roberts had resigned from the Council following the last meeting and his letter had been acknowledged. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should also be sent from the Parish Council for over 25 years of valuable service to Dalston. The vacancy had been advertised for the required period and a bye-election had not been called for. The Clerk had ascertained that Mrs Cynthia Millar was willing to stand. It was **resolved**, proposed Mrs Rawstron seconded Mr Craig to co-opt Mrs Millar onto Dalston Parish Council.

99 TRAFFIC AND PARKING QUESTIONNAIRE

The Clerk reported that 1,200 residential and 100 business questionnaires had been printed and most of the household ones had been distributed. The preliminary results from 171 returns analysed were indicating a clear pattern, with the main problem areas being in the vicinity of the Glave Hill garage and the schools area in addition to the Square. It was agreed that enforcement action should be requested by Carlisle CC traffic wardens to try and alleviate the obstruction of footways currently occurring

100 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 CPCA AGM 11th October – Mr Auld and the Clerk attended. The main presentation was given by Joel Rasbash, Cumbria CC Equality Officer. It was thought that there were 5,000 migrant workers (500 children in schools) in the County, but the official figure was 3,000. Thirty six different languages were spoken, the main concentrations were Carlisle, Maryport and the Lake District, the age profile was 18-35 years and 50-60% probably intended to stay. Jocelyn Holland was elected as Chairman and Ronnie Auld was elected to replace Pauline Dalton who had resigned from the Executive Committee. It was reported to have been a frustrating year because of the unitary bid - the rural voice now needed to be heard in an enhanced three tier system. Thanks were expressed to the County, District and CALC officers supporting the Parishes.
- 2 Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum 16th October – Messrs Craig and Rickerby reported that one of the main matters raised was the condition of the cycle track between Dalston and Cummersdale and its ongoing maintenance. Cumbria Fire Service gave a short presentation and the PCSO gave an update on police matters. Grants awarded to organisations in Dalston were to Caldew School for the summer camp, Redspearlands Footpath Group, U14s Football Club, and Age Concern for classes at Barras House..
- 3 Carlisle Environmental Action AGM 18th October – Mr Kelsey reported on a short meeting with small attendance. He advised that a TV programme was being shown about the cycle track and had made a suggestion that cycle racks should be provided in Denton Holme. It was agreed to continue the Parish Council membership.
- 4 Encroachment on Village Greens Workshop 26th October – the Clerk reported on an excellent event led by Jo Chaffer, with a barrister specialising in property law in attendance to answer queries. Items discussed were:
 - The various Acts governing the legislation on village greens including the Commons Act 2006 – still lack of clarification in some areas.
 - Village green management responsibilities for local councils and scope for bye-laws.
 - Encroachments include buildings, fences, car parking areas, gardens, dumping, unauthorised grazing and anything permanently altering the surface.
 - Public use of greens for sports and recreation to be encouraged and items to enhance the enjoyment of these, such as goalposts, are permitted.
 - Driving and parking of vehicles on greens is not lawful. Local councils can allocate a portion of the green for parking provided it does not impede the reasonable use of the green for lawful sports and activities.
 - To protect the edges of greens from vehicle erosion, the kerb can either be built up or a post and chain fence installed.
- 5 CALC AGM 10th November – Mesdames Dalton and Rawstron attended. The main speaker was Mike Muir, Impact Housing who gave an accomplished presentation on the affordable

housing situation in rural Cumbria. He stated that need was very evident with the average house price at £216,000 and an average rural income of £17,000, a third of which needed to be spent on the basics of energy, a car and water. There was full employment, but low wages in the service sector, the ageing population and a fast increasing migrant workforce, meant greatly increased need for affordable housing. Short term planning and lack of government input meant that the housing associations could not cope now, or really plan for the future. The future would depend on sustainable energy and a mixed tenure approach. CALC officers remained unchanged with Melvyn Redgers as President and Winston Collinge as Chairman. A presentation was made to Stan Simpson on his retirement from CALC and he was made a Vice President. An update was given on the current situation with unitary governance - the County and Districts were communicating but there was no progress to report. Guy Richardson spoke about the role of CALC and the need for the role of Parish Councils to be appreciated. Stuart Pape, Cumbria CC Head of Community was to report on the Community Board Pilots, but this was not included in his talk on the implementation of the White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities'.

- 6 Carlisle Partnership – Growing Carlisle – An Economic Strategy for the Carlisle City Region – **resolved** that the Clerk should submit a consultation response based on the Councillor comments made.
- 7 Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum – letter requesting support for a bench on the cycleway near Dalston – **resolved** that this was not suitable because of future maintenance liability and the danger of vandalism in an 'out of sight' location.
- 8 Cumbria CC letter re Trial Service Development Highway Response Teams – Replacement. Notification of 10 day working period by Permanent Repair Teams in Dalston commencing 26th November – agreed that the Clerk should submit priorities for attention.
 - Potholes especially in the vicinity of Cardewlees, Hawksdale and Union Bridges.
 - The white pedestrian line on the Union Bridge.
 - Blocked drain on the White Bridge to Buckabank road.
 - Signs required at Buckabank because of increasing inadvertent use of above road by HGVs depending on satellite navigation to approach Dalston.
 - As a result of the above, vehicles being turned round at the bottom of Mitchell Brow creating a mess with verges etc. on the White Bridge approach road triangle.
 - Vegetation clearance required from the footway and highway to the East of the White Bridge.
 - The road between Gaitsgill and Thrangholme near the Skiprigg turn breaking up on the river side.
- 9 Cumbria CC Minerals and Waste Development Framework consultation on changes to the Preferred Options Core Strategy – comments by 14th December – Messrs Auld and Rickerby to consider.
- 10 NW Air Ambulance request for financial support – no action.
- 11 Cumbria NHS PCT 'Closer to Home' consultation – deadline 4th January 2008 - F Kaye-Krzczkowski and O Rickerby to comment at next meeting prior to response.

101 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE/PROJECTS UPDATES

- a) Station access – A meeting was held on site at the Station entrance on Monday 5th November 2007 with Chris Wallace, Peter Barnard (Cumbria Highways), Chris Walters (Bingham Yates), John Collier (Cumbria CC), Trevor Allison (Carlisle CC), David Cowen (Dalston PC) and the Clerk present. Further to the meeting a letter summarising the options for progressing with the project was received from Bingham Yates –details circulated to Councillors. Cumbria Highways had also outlined the options and indicated that they would move/replace the signs – the suggested position for the Dalston sign opposite the Barras Lane Industrial Estate entrance was agreed. Councillor Allison had indicated in writing that the Carlisle CC ward councillors might be in favour of making available £1-2,000 from the small community project fund towards the improvements. Additional funding would need to be confirmed and sought and the Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged with the new Operations Team Leader at BP Oils on 14th November. Mallinson's intentions re their signage and provision of the Station entrance archway needed to be firmed up. It was **resolved**, proposed Mr Kelsey seconded Mr Hand (8 in favour, 1 abstention) to instruct Bingham Yates to proceed with the project as per the proposals in their letter put forward as the alternative to the 'adoption' route, to have the access area made good and re-surfaced, with a pedestrian footway marked out from the main road to the car park, across the Station yard entrance to link in to the already identified path to the

platform access. The 'island' at the main road entrance was to be reduced in size, allowing better visibility for vehicle drivers, particularly exiting the area. The necessary schedule of works was to be put out to tender with three contractors on the Cumbria County Council approved list. The new surfacing was required to be edged with a flat channel kerb as suggested. Some consideration needed to be given to the area adjacent to the new railings and gate on the left hand side of the yard in order that the marked footway could be linked in to the existing pedestrian path – Bingham Yates to discuss this with Mallinson Fabrications. The demarcation needed to be very clear in all areas for future liability reasons. Mr Battersby, Carlisle City Council had suggested through Councillor Allison that Dalston Parish Council registered an interest in the area of 'unclaimed' land with the Land Registry - it was **resolved**, proposed Mr Craig seconded Mrs Rawstron that this should be pursued.

- b) The Clerk reported on the Parish Paths Initiative work proposed for 2008/09, to replace stiles with kissing gates on footpath 114046 Barras Lane in order to make the route more easily accessible – it was agreed to support the suggestion and apply for a grant from the Cumbria CC PPI funding scheme.
- c) The Clerk reported on dialogue with the Environment Agency regarding unlawful extraction of gravel from the river. The Agency also felt that the material had been removed in a way that would damage the riverbank – the Clerk had responded to the enquiries as required.
- d) Various complaints had been received by the Clerk regarding the lack of kerbside recycling facilities in some rural parts of the Parish – these were being pursued with Carlisle CC.
- e) Mesdames Rickerby, Smith and the Clerk had met to compile the order for summer 2008 bedding plants from Carlisle CC. It was hoped that St Michael's School children could be involved in growing plants from seeds for planting in public areas.

102 PRECEPT 2008/09

It was **resolved**, proposed Mr Hand seconded Mr Kelsey that the precept for 2008/09 should be set at £33,600 – carried unanimously.

103 ACCOUNTS

The Internal Auditor had inspected the accounts for the first six months and found them to be satisfactory. He suggested that a note of explanation for large variance from the budget figures should be attached to the accounts.

It was **resolved** that Mr D Hand should be the replacement signatory for the Barclays and National Savings bank accounts following the resignation of Mr Roberts.

It was **resolved** to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income:

1	British Gas – gas supply April-October 2007	40.23	
2	Garthside Landscapes – Aug/Sept grass cutting & maintenance £910, Cemetery maintenance £1250, VAT £378	2,538.00	
3	Dalston Poppy Appeal – 2 x wreaths £30 plus donation £8 (incorrect wreaths supplied) s137	38.00	
4	Staples – laminator & pouches, paper, cartridges etc	141.30	
5	Mrs E Auld – salary £594.52, expenses £44.95	639.47	
6	Mr G Jeffery – headstone repairs x 20	700.00	
7	Mr D Cowen – OS map £46.10, wild flower plugs £114.36, internal auditor gift £40.19, St John's churchyard maintenance £125.00	325.65	
8	Cumbria Police Authority – St Michael's Police Post refurbishment ½ costs s137	3,807.00	
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Income:

1	Cumbria Memorials – additional inscription 12/10/07	35.00
2	Caldbeck PC Clerk – use of Dalston PC computer and telephone 21/02-20/08/07	66.46
3	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 09/10/07	95.00
4	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 16/10, 23/10/07	195.00
5	Beattie Memorials – additional inscription 30/10/07	35.00
6	Mr Pattinson – Toddle Row rent 2007	10.00
7	Mr & Mrs Rutherford – land to rear of 2 Walk Mill rent 05/11/07	50.00
8	Mrs L Hogg – 1 Forge Green November rent	234.00
9	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 30/10/07	90.00
10	Mr I Wicks - land to rear of 3 Walk Mill rent	50.00
11	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 06/11, 13/11/07	195.00
12	Cumbria Memorials – cremated remains memorial stone	55.00

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CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Cumbria Memorials black granite cremated remains memorial stone: 'In loving memory of Annabella Barrie 1912 - 2007' – approved.
Beattie Memorials additional inscription: 'Also Daphne, dear Wife, Mother and Gran who died 23rd July 2007 aged 74 years Loved and Remembered Always' – approved.
Grave space purchase Elizabeth Anne Campbell – Ward 4 Section C Space 43d
- b) The Clerk reported that Biffa Waste Services had insisted that to comply with government legislation laminated notices should be attached to the Cemetery waste bins requesting that items of glass and cardboard should be disposed of in the recycling bins in Glave Hill car park..
- c) G Jeffery had reported that there were some more damaged headstones on the river path – Mr Craig and the Clerk to inspect.

The meeting closed at 9.43pm