

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 9th December 2008.

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

93 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Clerk and Mr S Scaife (both ill). Mrs Dalton agreed to take notes from the meeting.

94 MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 11th November 2008 were agreed and signed as a true record. It was reported that errors in agenda item 90 - 29 expenditure and 7 income had been corrected in the Minute Book.

95 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr D C Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 –planning application nos. 08/1142 Cumdivock Farm and 08/1191 Kingswood Educational Centre, Cumdivock, agenda item 12/1 – Bingham Yates station access account.

96 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PS Steve Wright reported on the safety camera figures and prosecutions from the position on the Green. It was reported that St Cuthbert Without and Thursby Parishes were not interested in a community speed gun. No response had been received from Great Orton or Cummersdale PCs. Councillor Collier informed Members that he had obtained funds for the ‘No access to Dalston’ road sign at Buckabank. The temporary road closure to Durdar for patching was an unfortunate disruption to traffic, but necessary.

Mr Bruce Armstrong attended the meeting and spoke in favour of the Kingswood site planning application, which he felt was an attractive development. Messrs Metcalf and Miles attended the meeting and spoke in relation to the agenda item on traffic and parking.

97 PLANNING DECISIONS

08/0886 12a Orton Grange Caravan Park, Great Orton – erection of detached garage – approved 2 conditions.

08/0921/0922 Haythwaite House, Raughton Head – proposed timber double garage (LBC) – approved 3 & 2 conditions.

08/0937 13 Caldew Drive – erection of single storey bedroom to front of property – approved 3 conditions.

08/0941 25 & 26 The Square – internal alterations, extensions to rear and provision of 1st floor to provide 1no. bedroom to each dwelling. – approved 2 conditions.

08/0956 The Cottage, 25 The Square – internal alterations, extensions to rear and provision of 1st floor to provide 1no. bedroom to each dwelling (LBC) – approved 2 conditions

08/0995 3 Buebank Road – erection of single storey side and rear extension to provide sun room, study, utility and dining room. Erection of porch to front elevation – approved 2 conditions.

08/0985 Pincushion Barn, Hawksdale – insertion of a window in a former barn door opening on the north elevation and the insertion of a door to replace a window in the hall on the east elevation (retrospective, revised house type) – approved 6 conditions.

08/1007 Fountain Head – change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden – approved 3 conditions.

Planning seminar 24th November 2008 – the attendees (Messrs Auld, Craig, Rickerby & Clerk) reported on the event. A Model Standing Order for delegating powers for planning applications was made available. It was agreed to consider this at the next Policy and Resources Committee meeting. A date for the Design Statement meeting was being arranged.

98 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

08/1140 Nestle UK Ltd, Dalston Road – erection of new C.I.P. tanks with bunded enclosure and associated plant room (replaces existing C.I.P. plant which becomes redundant) – no observations except the assumption that the redundant plant would be removed. It was suggested that consideration should be given to further peripheral site planting in order to alleviate the impact of the extended factory buildings on the landscape, especially when approaching Dalston from the north.

08/1147 3 Nine Rigg – two storey side extension to provide garage and enlarged kitchen on ground floor with 1no. en-suite bedroom & 1no. bedroom above. Erection of entrance hall to front elevation – no observations, as similar extension to others in Nine Rigg. Copy letter of objection received from Mr Penney, 1 Nine Rigg.

08/1082 Primrose Cottage, Holm Hill – single storey domestic extension and minor alterations – revised plans – no observations.

08/1142 Cumdivock Farm, Cumdivock – erection of an agricultural crop store (silage) – it was **resolved** that the development would be an intrusion in the landscape. It was suggested that the building might be rotated 90 degrees to make it more of a whole unit with the existing building and that some screening might be considered.

08/1191 The Kingswood Educational Centre, Cumdivock – conversion of the existing range of buildings together with minor extensions to provide 10 live-work units; erection of car ports; the alteration of access ways; the provision of visitors' car parking spaces; landscaping following removal of mounds surrounding the quad bike track and removal of other earthworks and apparatus associated with existing activities – decision deferred beyond consultation period until 13th January 2009 meeting, when Mr Hutchinson, Case Officer had agreed to attend to clarify some aspects of the application.

99 TRAFFIC AND PARKING

a) Letter received from Mr Metcalf, Nine Rigg regarding the problems with traffic and parking in the schools area. He attended the meeting endorsing his concerns about lack of consultation with residents; U turns at the junction with Carlisle Road, the future use of the Caldew school extension and the confusion in relation to parking enforcement by traffic wardens and the police regarding obstruction. It was **resolved**, following the suggestion of Councillor Collier, that an open meeting should be convened in the Victory Hall, with the representatives from the various parties involved attending. Mr Miles, whose son had been knocked over outside the school in September, agreed that there was a parking problem in the area and that an accident was waiting to happen.

b) Councillor Collier informed the meeting that a 'more pedestrian friendly' scheme was being developed by Capita for the Square area parking.

c) It was agreed that a meeting regarding the Kingsway parking proposals might be convened in the New Year.

100 CPCA CAPITAL AND VILLAGE HALL GRANTS

The Raughton Head church path re-surfacing project estimated cost was £4,710 plus VAT. A disability grant and funding from the Joyce Wilkinson Trust (Rosley) had already been secured leaving a shortfall of £1,700. It was agreed to apply for the maximum CPCA grant together with the applicable percentage input from the Parish Council. The Clerk was to ascertain whether the village halls wished to apply for a grant. There was no Cumbria CC funding available for the next year.

- 1 CPCA/Carlisle CC meeting 8th December – Mr Auld reported that the Growth Point Status awarded to Carlisle District would allow an increase in the number of new housing units from 450 to 600 per annum, with 150 of these in the rural areas. Any unilateral obligation in an s106 agreement relating to affordable housing on a development in Dalston Parish should be allocated to the larger area of the Rural West of Carlisle District, in order to obtain a greater environmental contribution. The Serco final report on joint collaboration was being considered by Carlisle CC and Allerdale BC and a decision taken on joint working at a meeting in January. Any arrangement agreed would not preclude shared working with other councils. The East Cumbria Countryside Project would cease to exist from 1st April 2009, but some of its current functions would be undertaken within Carlisle CC. Leader Plus funding would become available. 40,000 dwellings had cardboard and plastics kerbside collections, but it was unlikely that 6,000 households in the rural areas would obtain the service.
- 2 Communities and Local Government Communities in Control: Real people, real power Codes of conduct for local authority members and employees consultation – agreed to respond as per Mr Kelsey’s comments that it was a straightforward document, presenting no difficulties for Dalston Parish Council.. Carlisle CC Standards Committee Agenda 12th December 2008 and copy of response to Code of Conduct consultation – noted. November 2008 Standards Matters Newsletter – for information.
- 3 Mallinson Fabrications letter reporting damage to lamp post in the station yard – passed to Carlisle CC lighting for attention.
- 4 Councillor Allison letter and attached report from Helen Renyard, Carlisle CC Engineer with an update on the condition of the Sustrans cycle way from Dalston to Cummersdale. There was no obligation ‘to control the natural course of the river’, but Network Rail might be persuaded to contribute financially to protect the West Coast rail line at the eroded section adjacent to the golf course. The Environment Agency suggested obtaining some of Caldew School land for a deviation of the right of way rather than closure, as suggested by the Carlisle Local Committee on 11th November 2008, to enable the river bank to be graded at a shallower angle and reinforced with ‘rock rolls’. It was agreed that some basic maintenance was required anyway and that this should be pursued.
- 5 Mr Bain enquiry re revised Dalston Conservation Area map – Clerk responded.
- 6 Mrs Eastburn enquiry re whereabouts of Muriel Hetherington – not known.
- 7 Thanks for PC grants from Dalston Recreation Association, St Michael’s PCC, Tennis Club, Redspearlands Footpath Group, Handbell Ringers, Scout Group
- 8 Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT formerly VAC) Gazette Winter 2008 edition – Community Led Planning – for reference.
- 9 Rural Design Training Event, Kendal 13th January 2009 – information to forward to Mr Craig and Mrs Dalton.

- a) Response received from Cowens Ltd regarding the condition of the mill race. They would be open to technical advice and any funding information. The Clerk had ascertained from the Environment Agency that downstream from Cowens was an ordinary river course and any work did not need consent, but upstream, where dredging was required in the main river course both an abstraction and waste disposal licence would be required..
- b) Northern Rail had asked Network Rail for design details of the proposed new station footbridge and whether consideration could be given to retaining the existing cast iron bridge. Access to the land to the rear of the northbound platform was for maintenance of the waiting room only and not as an exit from the station. The success of the station volunteers in winning the Cumbria in Bloom 2009 Design Award was acknowledged. It was agreed that enquiries should be made about progress with the Mallinson Fabrication sign. Dog fouling on the railway footpath was of concern – signs to be requested from Carlisle CC.
- c) Alan Lyne, Redspearlands FG representative and the Clerk had met on site with David Bowe, Rosebank Sawmill, Cumbria CC Ranger and Rights of Way Officer re the replacement Parish Paths Initiative project for 2008/09 on the Cumbrian Way near Rose Castle. A quotation for the work had been received and the licence application form for extraction of gravel had been obtained from the Environment Agency. It was agreed that the

Parish Council would supplement the PPI funding and that Tarmac and BP should be asked whether they would be willing to transfer their financial support.

- d) A clear response had been received from Cumbria Highways regarding the common land issue at Lakerigg, indicating that the highway verge continued right across the front of the common. The Parish Council was not liable for the stones positioned in the verge, but it was the responsibility of Cumbria Highways to take action as appropriate. It was **resolved** to send a copy of the reply to Mr Routledge's solicitor.
- e) The C1014 Buckabank-Durdar road closure had caused problems on the Unthank road, but the road sweeper had cleared the mud from the highway, which had helped the situation. The road from Barras Lane Industrial Estate to Cardewlees was due to be closed for patching.
- f) The Clerk was to ask the owners of the Oaks, Hawksdale to cut back the hedge on the property boundary in the interests of pedestrian safety.
- g) A report of a burst water main at the top of Barras Brow was to be passed on via Mr Scaife to the Highway Steward for attention.

103 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND NEW MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME

It was **resolved**, proposed Mr Craig, seconded Mrs Kaye- Krzeczkowski to adopt the new Model Publication Scheme – carried with 1 abstention. It was **resolved**; that the Parish Council would publish the necessary documents either on the website or make available in hard copy as applicable. Messrs Kelsey, Craig, Hand and Auld agreed to meet with the Clerk as soon as possible to confirm the completion of the Guide to Proactively Published Information as to how and what material would be available, together with the fees charged. Once finalised this would be publicised on the website and in the magazines.

104 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING DATE

The Annual Parish Meeting date was agreed for 28th April 2009. The suggestions for speakers were either Lindsay Cowen on Emergency Planning or Paul Mavin (Company Secretary) regarding the North Cumbria University Hospital NHS Trust.

105 ACCOUNTS

It was **resolved**, proposed Mr Harrison to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income.

1	Bingham Yates & Partners – Station access fees balance – Mr Cowen reported that there was no response to the queries raised to date – payment pending.	4,327.69 + VAT
2	Able Memorials – cleaning/repainting Raughton Head war memorial	611.00
3	E Davidson – grave digging ashes space 25/11/08	40.00
4	E-on – electricity supply DD 28/11/08	43.56
5	British Telecommunications – telephone charges 20/08-14/11 DD	58.51
6	Northern Tree Services – tree surgery at Walk Mill, Cemetery & Jubilee Garden	425.00
7	Biffa Waste Services – Cemetery waste collection 27/12/08-27/03/09	168.64
8	Mrs F Wilcock – station Cumbria in Bloom 2009 Design Award	100.00
9	A R Auld – travel expenses Planning seminar 24/11/08	6.80
10	Garthside Landscapes – grass cutting/ground works £910, Cemetery maintenance £1250	2,538.00
11	Mike Capstick – Glave Hill car park shrubs, bedding plants s137	116.00
12	Mrs E Auld – salary £633.50, expenses £29.38	662.88
13	Dalston Aggregates – flagstones & materials for Cemetery	9.40
14	Primrose Hall Committee – CPCA grant – cloakroom floor covering	100.00

Income:

1	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 11/11, 18/11, 25/11, 02/12	398.00
2	L Watson (Hogg) – 1 Forge Green November rent	244.83
3	Cumbria CC – station Cumbria in Bloom 2009 Design Award	100.00
4	Stonebridge Funeral Service – burial ashes fee	85.00
5	United Utilities – Hawksdale sub station way leave	10.00
6	City of Carlisle – CPCA grant – Primrose Hall	100.00

Community a/c balance 30/11/08 £2,703.56 (£2,470.00 un-presented)

Business Premium Step Saver a/c balance £33,882.93

106 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

A copy of the plan for the proposed Co-op building was available. The planning application was being submitted without including any additional parking provision on the show field. No information was forthcoming to date following the survey of the existing building. Capita was drawing up another plan for parking in the Square.

107 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interment of ashes: Florence Mary Walker 25/11/08 Ward 5 Section B Space 53
- b) Letter received from Mrs Sinclair regarding an additional headstone – Clerk to respond advising that one memorial per grave space only permitted except for an additional narrow tablet abutting up to the existing headstone and set at an angle to it.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.