

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 8th January 2008.

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

118 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs F Kaye- Krzeczowski and Mr S Scaife (holiday).

119 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held on 11th December 2007 were agreed and signed as a true record.

120 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.

121 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor J Collier and District Councillor S Tweedie. Councillors T Allison, N Clarke and Mr G Ellis attended the meeting.

The monthly crime report from PC C Hird was read out by the Clerk. There was an increase in road traffic incidents in the Barras Lane and Cardewlees areas. The Police Post would be operational once the alarm system was installed, but the base would not be for public use. Councillor Allison commented on the appalling condition of the roads in the Parish and that he had received a rather negative response regarding safety matters and the damaged signs that he had raised with Capita. It was **resolved** that the Parish Council should endorse the concerns about the lack of attention to the deficiencies reported, by letter to the Cumbria CC Chief Executive and Eric Martlew MP. The action being taken by the Parish Council was to be included in an article in the Parish magazines and on the website. Councillor Allison also expressed disappointment in the lack of progress regarding a static library provision. The Clerk advised the meeting that the Capita report was to be available for discussion shortly. The Kingswood Group was appealing against non determination of planning applications by Carlisle CC. The Planners were apparently unaware of the proposals to change the age range and an increase in the numbers of children using the site to 200 was to be put forward.

122 PLANNING DECISIONS

07/1115 Dalston Hall Holiday Park, Dalston Hall – erection of workshop/storage shed – approved 5 conditions.

07/1117 Caldew School, Carlisle Road – erection of single storey extension to form autism unit – approved 2 conditions.

07/1137 First Engineering Services Ltd – erection of non illuminated signage – approved 5 conditions.

07/1134 Newby Cross House, Lingey Close, Newby Cross – change of use of land from public highway to domestic garden; erection of 1.8m high boarded fence and access gates – approved 4 conditions.

07/1206 Ravenstock MSG Ltd, Barras Lane Industrial Estate – formation of a new vehicular access – approved 2 conditions.

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) – approved 6 conditions.

07/1050 Barn C, Moss End Farm, Welton Road – conversion of barn to a dwelling (revised proposal) – approved 9 conditions.

123 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

07/1239 Greenlea, Buckabank – change of use of land from agricultural to residential to facilitate new vehicular and pedestrian access – copy letter of support for application from Mr D Bell. Letter from Mr I Gordon requesting further consideration of two aspects of the planning application by the Parish Council relating the height of the hedge and landscaping – no further observations thought to be necessary. Agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr Gordon regarding his efforts with satellite navigation companies and revisions needed to their mapping in relation to HGVs trying to use the White Bridge road.

06/1414 Orton Grange, Wigton Road – erection of 2no. substations to house electric meters for residents (retrospective application) – planners to be advised that the Parish Council was unable to comment as the location of the proposed developments were not identified on the plans provided.

07/0935 Lingey Close Farm – erection of agricultural building (revised application) – no observations on new site location.

David Allen stable block in a field on Townhead Road – Mr Newton reported that the planning enforcement officer had indicated that the shed without a permanent concrete base in a field with an agricultural holding number did not require planning permission. **Resolved** that further confirmation was required, including whether a site inspection had taken place.

124 TRAFFIC AND PARKING/CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW CONSULTATION EVENT

The Clerk advised the Parish Council of the Event date – Saturday 15th March 2008 10am-1pm in the Victory Hall. Messrs Auld, Craig, Rickerby and the Clerk had met on 2nd January 2008 and it was **resolved** to confirm the proposed format and arrangements suggested. It was agreed that a meeting a few days prior to the event should be arranged with the Cumbria County Council highways representative, Councillor John Collier and the Client Services Director. A meeting with David Black, Ian Blamire, Chris Henderson and Nick Utting (Dalston Agricultural Society) had been arranged for 18th January 2008 to readdress any possibilities for parking facilities on the Show Field. The head teachers from Caldew and St Michael's schools, the District and County Councillors and Eric Martlew MP would hopefully be in attendance at the March event. The Carlisle CC Conservation Area Review consultation would also be taking place the same day with Peter Messenger, Conservation Officer speaking following an introduction from the Parish Council, John Collier and the Cumbria CC representative commencing at 10.30am. It was hoped to have a display/information on 1) 20mph zone, 2) Time limited parking in the Square – design of parking bays and required signs 3) Alternative parking – grasscrete examples, 4) Schools area parking – suggestions for improvements. It was suggested that Ian Turnbull might be asked to produce some ideas for landscaping of additional parking areas. The O.S. plans were to be marked with alternative suggestions. The preliminary Square regeneration plans were also to be on display. Businesses were to be invited by letter to the event. Mrs Rawstron agreed to ask Dalston WI members to provide some refreshments. It was suggested that enquiries with Cumbria Highways might be made about installing additional bollards on part of the Kingsway and downgrading it from an unclassified road to a bridleway as part of the environmental improvements.

125 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Tom McMullen – dates for CALC Effective Council Roadshow not yet received – Clerk to pursue.
- 2 Carlisle CC Standards Newsletter re personal and prejudicial interests – copies distributed.
- 3 VAC Gazette, letter and leaflet re increased funds for community projects – noted.
- 4 Cumbria CC Carlisle Northern Development Route PFI Project – preferred bidders appointment – noted.
- 5 Cumbria CC invitation to Development of Extended Services in the Dalston Area meeting on

- 22nd February 2008 – Mrs Dalton agreed to attend for part of the day.
- 6 Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum 21st January 2008 – Messrs Auld and Craig to attend.
- 7 Redspearlands Footpath Group January Newsletter – possible issue regarding the provision of a bench/land ownership on the Redspearlands Circuit. Agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Messrs Hand, Kelsey and the Clerk to discuss this and PPI involvement with RFG representatives.

126 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE/PROJECTS UPDATES

Resolved, proposed Mr Potter seconded Mr Harrison 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. Two tenders had been received for carrying out the Station access project. The Clerk advised Members that applications for the Cumbria Waste Management Environmental Trust and Aggregates Levy Fund would not be determined until April and the work could not commence until May. It was reported that over £9,000 in grants was going to be available and the Clerk agreed to confirm the input from BP and contact Network Rail again. **Resolved**, proposed Mr Kelsey seconded Mr Hand to accept the lowest tender from Derek Tolson & Sons of £34,510.00 plus a recommended contingency sum of £2,000.00 for carrying out the work- carried 11 in favour, 2 against. It was agreed that Bingham Yates and Partners fee rates were reasonable to date and the cost for supervisory work would be in the region of £1,500.00. **Resolved**, proposed Mr Harrison seconded Mr Craig to thank Bingham Yates & Partners for the pre contract work undertaken and to appoint them for the post contract work for full supervision – carried 11 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention. Bingham Yates was to be instructed to draw up a Minor Works Agreement (JCT or ICE) between the contractor and the employer. It was agreed that the Clerk should pursue the regularisation and land ownership matters and Mr Rickerby offered to assist with this. It was **resolved**, proposed Mr Kelsey to write to the Leader of Cumbria CC, with a copy to Councillor Collier, expressing concern that the inefficiencies and lack of co-operation of some of its officers had led to increased costs for Dalston Parish Council.

- a) Railway bridge repairs –The Clerk reported that Network Rail had assessed the site and design details of the safety barriers were being completed by Cumbria CC for passing on to Network Rail for approval as a priority. It was hoped to commence the works in the current financial year, with resurfacing work taking place at the junction at the same time.
- b) A cast iron signpost at the junction to Bell Bridge near Raughton Head and a weight limit sign at Cumdivock had been broken off/knocked over by vehicles due to icy conditions. The Clerk reported that Cumbria Highways had been informed. It was suggested that the cast iron signpost could be repaired with a collar inserted into the ground. Mr Craig suggested that consideration should be given to listing of the cast iron signposts.

127 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income.

1	City of Carlisle – traffic and parking questionnaire analysis printing	17.50
2	G Jeffery – 11 x headstone, 8 x grave space repairs	505.00
3	Mrs E Auld – salary £609.86, expenses £33.95	643.81
4	Garthside Landscapes – Cemetery maintenance £1,250, grass cutting/ground works £910 October - December	2530.00
4	Inland Revenue – PAYE/NIC	781.54
5	Barclays Bank – safe custody fee	1.00
6	E Davidson – grave digging 04/01/08	200.00
7	Powergen – electricity credit re meter change	-10.24
8	Information Commission – Data Protection registration 04/02/08	35.00

Income:

1	J Tremble – burial fee x 2	580.00
2	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 11/12, 18/12 25/12/07	270.00
3	Co-op Funeral Services – additional inscription	35.00
4	J Hill & Sons – child burial fee, grave space purchase x 2	705.00
5	United Utilities – way leave	29.14
6	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 01/01/08	95.00

7	L Hogg – 1 Forge Green January rent	234.00
8	Co-op Funeral Services – burial fee	290.00

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CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interments: Finnian James Harrod 20/12/07 Ward 5 Section J Space 6
Edward McGuinness 04/01/08 Ward 5 Section I Space 57

- b) Grave space purchase: Edward John Hawks Ward 5 Section J Space 6 & 8 – approved.
Additional inscription Carrick memorial ‘also Renvena died 3rd October 2007 aged 87’ – approved.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm.