

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 10th June 2008.

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

18 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs S Scaife (ill) and R J Potter.

19 MINUTES

The minutes of the annual meeting held on 13th May 2008 were agreed and signed as a true record following deletion of duplicated expenditure item 11.

20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr D Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda items 5, 7b), 7e) – Kingswood, Station access footway & Cumbria in Bloom.

Mr O J Rickerby declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 7a) – Library.

21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Tweedie. Mr and Mrs Jones, Nook Lane attended the meeting and expressed concerns regarding the speed of traffic on Townhead Road. For the safety of pedestrians, particularly with prams, dogs or disabled, Mrs Jones suggested that a 20mph community way would be beneficial. A pedestrian sign might be helpful, as well as the use of speed cameras periodically. Mr Rickerby raised the problem of speeding traffic on Pow Bank corner and Mrs Rawstron indicated that there was an increasing problem at Cardewlees. It was put forward that 20 minutes only parking signs could be introduced to part of the Square.

Councillor Clarke advised the Council that she was obtaining more details regarding residential caravans in relation to planning restrictions.

Councillor Allison reported on some fly tipping on Barras Brow Lane. Carlisle CC would remove household waste but there were insufficient funds to dispose of business waste and the landowner was not obliged to remove non hazardous materials. Mr Allison updated the Parish Council on the Kingswood situation – an Appeal was pending and a mixed development planning application for 12 residential dwellings and office accommodation on the site was anticipated shortly.

Councillor Collier was pursuing with Cumbria Highways the introduction of yellow lines and 2 hour waiting restriction in lay-bys to prevent HGV overnight parking and resultant litter left by drivers. His suggestion for including the Parish section of the A595 in the proposal was supported. Cumbria CC was being very circumspect in the employment of Highway Stewards, but the Clerk indicated that a person had been employed for the Dalston area and was due to commence work shortly. An introductory meeting regarding the scheme was being planned for early July, with representatives from the Parishes being invited. Suggested dates were put forward for a traffic and parking Working Group meeting. It was reported that the type of signs needed at the top of Buckabank to prevent HGVs using satellite navigation trying to access the White Bridge road was being looked at. The Clerk reported that the mill race railings had been damaged again.

22 PLANNING DECISIONS

08/0139 Orton Grange Park – variation of condition 2 of consent 02/1227 to permit the siting of a total of 54 residential caravans – refused 2 reasons.

- APP/E0915/E/08/2065259 & APP/E0915/A/08/2065260 The Barns, Raughtonhead Hill – conversion of outbuildings to domestic accommodation & conversion and (replacement) extension of Grade 11 listed outbuildings into a dwelling – both appeals allowed 2 conditions, 7 reasons.
- 07/9008 Thackwood, near Southwaite – phased extraction of clay followed by progressive restoration to wetland/nature conservation after use – approved 37 conditions.
- 08/0128 Hawksdale Pasture, Welton Road – conversion and extension of existing buildings to provide 3no. 2 bedroom dwellings, 1no. 3 bed dwelling and 1no. new 4 bed dwelling – approved 11 conditions.
- 08/0377 Holly Cottage, 9 The Green – two storey extension to side and rear of dwelling (revised application) – approved 1 condition.
- 08/0381 Gill Farm, The Gill – proposed agricultural workers dwelling (outline) (revised application) – refused 1 reason. Concern expressed regarding refusal, with questions being raised as to whether the Kingswood application would be assessed under the same planning objectives.
- APP/E0915/A/07/2060181 Kingswood Educational Study Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock – amendment to condition 12 of 04/1203 to allow an extension of time to three planting seasons – informal appeal hearing 22nd July 2008 – Mrs Dalton to attend. It was agreed that objections should be reiterated.
- APP/E0915/A/07/2060191 & 2060188 Kingswood Educational Study Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock – variation of condition 10 from six months to twelve months retention of access road in current position; discharge of condition 10 of application 04/1203 - informal appeal hearing 22nd July 2008 – as above.
- 08/0321 Land adjacent to 12 Lingey Close – change of use from agricultural to domestic garden – withdrawn.
- 08/0193 Paragon Veterinary Group – change of use from domestic to office – approved 1 condition.
- 08/0283 Station Road – display of 2no. directional signs – refused 2 reasons. **Resolved** to ascertain why the illegal and moveable signs had not been subject to enforced removal, when improved controlled signage which was required at this location had been refused. The letter was to be copied to Councillor Collier.
- 08/0308 Lime House School, Holm Hill – renewal of temporary permission for classroom block – approved 1 condition.
- Copies of correspondence between Councillor Clarke and Carlisle CC Local Plans Officer regarding District Council Policy/Static Caravans received.

23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 08/0513 12 The Green – alteration to area above existing garage to provide covered balcony and storage – no observations.
- 08/0572 37 New Road – proposed ground floor porch with office accommodation on first floor (revised application) – no observations.
- It was **resolved** that the Policy and Resources Committee should discuss the handling of planning applications at its next meeting. It was agreed that hard copies of the CALC publication ‘A Guide to Planning’ should be obtained for Committee members.

24 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Cumbria CC Working in Your Locality & Highway Stewards scheme – the Clerk reported that Stewards were working in 6 areas of Cumbria, with a further 4 about to start and the remaining appointments to progress. It was agreed that 2 representatives, Messrs Auld and Scaife, might hopefully be able to attend the scheme explanatory meeting to be arranged for the Dalston area at the beginning of July.
- 2 Carlisle CC Local Plans – consultation on the proposed removal of payphones in Carlisle District – comments made previously included in the Carlisle CC schedule of views. Agreed that any Dalston website consultation submissions should be added to the comments.
- 3 CPCA/Carlisle CC Exec meeting 5th June 2008 report – nobody had been able to attend.
- 4 CALC final paper on ‘Greater Influence for Local Councils – A call for Action’ – available on CALC website – for information.
- 5 CALC training courses – the three Councillors attending the New Councillors event reported that the training session had been beneficial.
- 6 Cumbria Housing Trust event ‘Owning the Assets’ 26th June – Mr Rickerby hoped to attend.

- 7 VAC Community Planning Workshops – dates noted.
- 8 Dalston PCC invitation to Annual Village Service Sunday 15th June – PC representatives to attend.
- 9 Carlisle CC Standards Committee agenda 5th June meeting & Report on Local Assessment of Complaints – for information.
- 10 PCSO Emma Tonge Mobile Police Station dates and information. Dalston Police Post drop in on 7th July 2008.
- 11 Dalston Recreation Association request for 5th November Bonfire Event on the Green – agreed provided the refurbished railings were not damaged.

25 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Library – the Clerk reported that a Cumbria CC Fire Safety Officer had inspected 28 The Square and advised on potential requirements. The Carlisle CC Access Officer was looking at the premises on 11th June and the Working Group was meeting the same day to discuss library provision further.
- b) Station access footway – following discussion **resolved**, proposed Mr Kelsey seconded Mrs Kaye-Krzeczkowski to accept the quotation from Derek Tolson & Sons for carrying out the specified remedial work for £2,980 plus VAT.
- c) Forge Green repairs – Mr Cowen had inspected the repairs carried out and suggested that he met with Mr Gregory to discuss them – agreed. Some further defects were found in 1 Forge Green and plumbing work was required – N Dalton to be contacted.
- d) Recycling facility – copies of correspondence between Mrs Walton and Carlisle CC had been received regarding screening of the containers. It was **resolved** that 2-3 sturdy infill shrubs (evergreen) should be provided and planted by M Capstick
- e) Cumbria in Bloom – the Clerk reported that judging was to take place on Thursday 10th July commencing at 10am. Mr Rickerby offered to compile the leaflet and Mrs Rawstron to drive the judges round the village. The Clerk agreed to organise posters and to ask St Michaels' school about carrying out a wildflower survey of Forge Green meadow.
- f) Traffic and parking Working Group – agreed that the meeting should be on 25th June 2008.
- g) Reported that the footpath from Village House, Carlisle Road was tilled right up to the edge in the field at the Barras Lane end – agreed that the Clerk should raise this with the landowner from Floshe, Durdar.
- h) Grass cutting – complaints were made regarding the grass not being picked up in central areas and unsatisfactory work in various areas including the Recreation Ground – the identified matters were to be passed on to the Contractor for attention.
- i) Tennis Club waste collection – Mr Hand agreed to ask the Tennis Club to make proper arrangements for the rubbish bin to be emptied.

26 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income.

1	E-on – electricity DD	80.45
2	CALC – New Councillor training x 3 05/06/08	45.00
3	Helping Hand Retail – 2 x litter pickers s137	43.18
4	British Telecommunications – telephone 04/03-15/05/08 DD 04/06	60.12
5	Garthside Landscapes – grass cutting £925, Cemetery £1,250	2555.63
6	Mrs E Auld – salary £602.79 (- £4.70 adjustment), expenses £8.37	611.16
7	Biffa Waste Services – Cemetery waste collection & EPA charge	254.01
8	Rosebank Sawmill – station platform area bark s137	83.43
9	E Davidson – grave digging	40.00
10	Nicholson & Coulthard – Festival scarecrow competition trophy s137	43.90

Income:

1	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 13/05, 20/05, 27/05, 03/06	385.00
2	Corner Shop – fishing permits	80.00
3	City of Carlisle – Station access ward councillors discretionary grant	3,000.00
4	A & A Dinning – cremated remains space purchase	80.00
5	L Hogg – 1 Forge Green June rent	234.00
6	Cumbria Memorials - headstone	55.00

7	Business Premium/Step Saver a/c – interest 04/03-01/06/08	232.63
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Community a/c balance 02/06/08 £1,109.99

Business Premium Step Saver a/c balance £46,061.51

It was agreed that the Clerk should make enquiries regarding a new Minute Book including the price and availability of another Guard Book.

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CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interment of ashes: William Frederick and Sylvia Lilian Smith 12/06/08 Ward 4 Section C Space 31c. It was arranged that Mrs Millar would attend in the Clerk's absence.
- b) Grave space purchase: Trevor B Smith Ward 4 Section C Space 31c – approved.
Beattie Memorials: granite Desk Marker 'Treasured memories of Christopher David Scott precious son, brother and uncle died 5th Jan 2007 aged 39 years' – the Clerk advised the Council that the memorial would be fixed onto a shaped granite slab, sunk horizontally in the ground and abutting the existing headstone to ensure that the additional marker appeared to be an integral part of it, rather than a second memorial on the grave space. The Clerk had written to the applicant and Beattie Memorials indicating what would be acceptable.
- c) Mr Newton offered to install two cremated remains area path marker stones and attend to painting over the graffiti on the litterbin etc as required.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.