

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 11th March 2008.

PRESENT	Mr D B Craig (Vice-Chairman)	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
	Mrs F Kaye- Krzeczowski	Mr O Rickerby
	Mr J F G Kelsey	

140 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs A R Auld (ill), G Harrison, S Scaife (ill) and S A Sinclair. Mr D B Craig took the Chair.

141 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held on 12th February 2008 were agreed and signed as a true record.

142 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr D C Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 08/0123 St Michael's Church and agenda item 9a – Station access.

Mr O Rickerby declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 08/0042 The Store to No. 20 The Bakery, Indian King Court.

143 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor J Collier and District Councillor N Clarke. Councillors T Allison and Mr Alan Routledge attended the meeting.

Mr Routledge was in receipt of the letter from the Parish Council regarding the white painted stones on Lakerigg Common and agreed that the matter had been raised previously going back to 2004. He expressed concerns regarding the safety of his property entrance and felt that there should be a speed restriction through Lakerigg. He also felt that the stones were on Cumbria Highways verge not Parish Council registered land as per the Land Registry plan. The Clerk explained that the common land registration covered the area right up to the highway. The question of grass cutting and other activities on the Parish Council registered Common was raised and it was agreed to discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

Councillor Allison indicated that he would pursue the provision of bulbs from Carlisle CC for planting at the Station entrance and he had written to Open Spaces regarding the provision of 2 suitable ornamental tree species to be planted in the grass area to the right of the entrance. He had reported the large amount of debris and litter in the gutters in Dalston and had asked for it to be removed. He expressed appreciation for the numbers of people attending the Neighbourhood Forum to query the ongoing library situation. The Clerk indicated that Capita had produced the report which had been passed to Cumbria CC but no further meeting had been arranged to discuss its contents. The Local Liaison Committee was aware that 2 planning applications were pending from Kingswood but no date had been set for a meeting. Consideration of the Dalston Tennis Club planning application for lighting had been delayed until April for technical reasons. The monthly crime report from PC C Hird was read out by the Clerk.

144 PLANNING DECISIONS

07/1069 49 & 50 The Green – separation of 49 & 50 The Green. Extension to 50 The Green to create three bedroomed accommodation over two floors – 13/11/07 refused 4 reasons.

- 07/1086 1 Smithy Cottage, Lingy Close Road – restoration of dwelling following fire damage – 14/11/07 approved 2 conditions.
- 07/1169 The Whitehouse, Hawksdale – widening of access – 20/12/07 approved 3 conditions.
- 07/1243 1 Bishops Mill – single storey side extension to provide additional bedroom and bathroom – 14/12/07 approved 2 conditions.
- 07/0063/BNN Orton Grange Caravan Park, Orton Grange – change of name – adopted.
- 07/1365 26 Sowerby Wood – erection of garage – approved 2 conditions.
- 07/1305 Dalmar House, Barras Lane Estate – display of replacement free standing sign (externally illuminated) – approved 8 conditions.
- 08/0033 10 Carlisle Road – single storey rear extension to provide kitchen/dining room and lounge; loft conversion to provide 2no. bedrooms and bathroom with dormer window to front elevation – approved 4 conditions.
- Carlisle District Local Plan Inspector’s Report – advised that the factual content was currently being checked by Planning Officers prior to being available to the public by 14th April 2008.

145 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 08/0145 7 Craikgarth – single storey rear extension to provide enlarged living room and dining area – no observations.
- 08/0042 The Store to No. 20 The Bakery, Indian King Court – change of use of storage facilities and staff rooms to 1 no. dwelling with garage revised plan – no observations
- 08/0123 St Michaels Church, The Square – external alterations comprising formation of west doorway and porch and construction of notice case within the existing porch doorway – considered to be an enhancement to the building. An enquiry on the need for a LBC application had been made, but Mr Cowen indicated that this had probably been covered by English Heritage and Church approval already having been obtained.
- 08/0167 Co-op Food Store, The Square – display of internally illuminated fascia sign, 1 no. projecting sign and 1 no. menu sign – no observations.
- 08/0139 Orton Grange Park, Orton Grange – variation of condition 2 of consent 02/1227 to permit the siting of a total of 53 residential caravans.- **resolved** to object for the following reasons:
1. The density of the units was considered to be too great in relation to the open space and it was questioned as to whether it complied with planning guidelines.
 2. There was concern as to whether the infrastructure was adequate to accommodate the increase in numbers, especially in relation to sewerage.
 3. It was questioned as to whether the proposal was for holiday homes involving the principle of reduced Council Tax.
 4. The length of permitted occupation was questioned as to whether it was for a full 12 months or, if not, if the vacancy period was recorded and checked on a regular basis.
 5. There was concern that this number of caravans in this location was sustainable or affordable.
 6. It was thought that the increase in numbers would add to the amount of traffic to the site.
- 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 – no observations.
- 08/0182 Plots 1-3 Hawksdale Pasture, Welton Road – conversion of and extension to existing buildings to provide 3no. 4 bedroom houses including garages for plots 2 and 3 – no observations.
- 08/0186 Plots 1-3 Hawksdale Pasture, Welton Road – conversion of and extension to existing buildings to provide 3no. 4 bedroom houses (LBC) – no observations.
- Carlisle CC letter requesting EIA screening and scoping opinion for land off Wigton Road, Carlisle – agreed that the Clerk should respond, as to the previous request for other parts of the proposed Morton development, in connection with traffic.

146 TRAFFIC AND PARKING/CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW CONSULTATION EVENT

The Clerk reported that Messrs A Abernethy and S Fraser, Caldew and St Michaels Schools, Mr K Crawley, Capita Symonds, Inspector P Kissack, Traffic Police, Erika London, Carlisle CC Parking Services, Mr J Collier, Cumbria CC and the District Councillors would be attending the event on 15th March 2008 to discuss matters and answer questions. Mr I Turnbull was producing some drawings for possible additional parking options. Mr P Messenger and 2 others would be presenting the

Carlisle CC Dalston Conservation Area consultation. A worthwhile pre meeting had been held on 3rd March with J Collier, C Wallace, R Hayward (Cumbria CC), K Crawley (Capita Symonds), R Auld, B Craig, O Rickerby and the Clerk (Dalston PC) attending. Messrs Haywood and Crawley had been on site at a school collection time and the resultant report and suggestions had been circulated for comment and a few responses had been forthcoming. Cumbria CC representatives had indicated a willingness to be part of a Working Group to take the traffic and parking issues forward after the event. It was suggested that Dalston should seek inclusion in the parking review being carried out in the Carlisle District as part of the City Renaissance development plans.

147 CALC EFFECTIVE COUNCIL ROADSHOW – 5TH MARCH 2008

Thirteen Councillors had attended the CALC Road Show. It was suggested that the agenda might be more widely distributed in the Parish and that the year's meeting dates could be posted on the closed notice boards. Holding an occasional meeting in another venue in the Parish was not considered to be of benefit.

148 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 CALC Consultation and Conference - 'Greater Influence for Local Councils – A Call for Action'. Conference 'Achieving Influence by Working Together' Saturday 29th March – Mrs Dalton to attend and formulate a consultation response.
- 2 Chief Executive letter re Community Empowerment in Carlisle and the possibility of setting up two pilot areas, one urban and one rural – further meeting to discuss the proposals was being held in March – noted.
- 3 Cumbria CC Extended Services - Mrs Dalton reported on 22nd February meeting. Not all the schools in the Caldew Cluster were in the Parish and it was uncertain as to whether any in the Parish were using the additional services for children and adults. The scheme did fit some of the aims of the Parish Plan.
- 4 CPCA Parish Council and Village Hall capital grants scheme 2008/09 – awards of £1,000 to Dalston Recreation Association for the installation of CCTV and outside lighting, £100 for Primrose Hall carpeting and £1,000 towards the Parish Council project to repair/replace the fencing on the Green. Grants to be confirmed at the meeting on 18th March 2008. Messrs Craig and Auld to attend.
- 5 Communication from PC G Reavell explaining delayed planned Police actions in Dalston – noted.
- 6 Invitation to Cumbria Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund Event 13th March – Clerk to attend.
- 7 Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum 25th February – Messrs Craig, and Rickerby reported that the main topics discussed were the NHS proposals and the lack of progress re the library service arrangements. Date of next meeting 18th March – apologies to be sent.
- 8 Cumbria Rural Housing Trust – March 2008 Update – noted.
- 9 Primrose Hall Committee meeting minutes 19th February 2008 – for information.
- 10 Rural Voice March 2008 Issue – for information.
- 11 CALC survey of Local Council activity and practice 2008 – Clerk completed.
- 12 Letters of thanks for grants from Barras House, Dalston Tennis Club, Raughton Head & District WI
- 13 Carlisle Environment Forum 28th February – Mr Kelsey reported that the new recycling arrangements were working well. One large bin for all recyclables was put forward for consideration but was not thought to be a good idea.
- 14 Allerdale BC consultation on the draft public art in major new developments Supplementary Planning Document – no action.
- 15 Cumbria CC Adult Social Care Proposals for the replacement of six residential care homes in Cumbria consultation – Mrs Rawstron commented that the replacement homes over the next 5 years would provide improved accommodation for single and married couples. There was no mention of how the proposals and ongoing costs would be financed.
- 16 Brochure re celebration of St George's Day 23rd April 2008 – agreed to fly the union flag.
- 17 Requests for funding from Mencap and Great North West Air Ambulance Service – no action.
- 18 Mrs Ashton family history enquiry re Hetherington – request to put information in Parish magazine and on the website – agreed.

149 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE/PROJECTS UPDATES

- a) Station access project – the work was almost completed and comments received had been favourable. Some minor landscaping/bulb planting works were required.
- b) The Clerk reported that Mark Nugent had supplied updates on the mole control work carried out in the Churchyard and on the Kingsway verge – this was now completed.
- c) The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to Mr and Mrs Routledge, following it being checked by Bendles Solicitors, regarding the removal of the stones from Lakerigg Common. It was **resolved** that Mr Faulder should be asked to remove the stones if required after a month, with Mr and Mrs Routledge being advised of the time and date that this would be carried out.
- d) Messrs Hand, Kelsey, Auld and the Clerk had met with Alan Lyne and Liz Craig, representing the Redspearlands Footpath Group on 21st February 2008. Various issues were discussed and clarified regarding grant applications to the PC and Cumbria CC PPI and the timing (August/September) of submitting projects for the Parish Council to consider as part of the budget process. None of the benches on the Redspearlands Circuit were on Parish Council land and grants were being obtained through the Neighbourhood Forum and the Ward Councillors Discretionary Fund.
- e) The Clerk reported on correspondence with a Parishioner regarding the fly tipping of household rubbish in Glave Hill car park.
- f) In addition to a conversation between Mr Hickson and Mrs Dalton, Councillor Allison and the Clerk had met with Mr Hickson regarding the repeated damage to his wall and his suggested installation of bollards on the pavement outside the Corner Shop to prevent illegal parking of vehicles which caused obstruction. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Hickson endorsing his concerns, but not supporting the idea of bollards as access was required to the rear of the Corner Shop. The Police were to be informed of the ongoing hazards and the PCSO was to be asked to address the problem of vehicles stopping on the corner and obstructing the footway and highway. Concern was also expressed about the partly obscured yellow lines. Mr Hickson also wondered whether parking could be allowed again up to the market garden entrance on Station Road.
- g) Mrs Sharon Grayson had asked for permission to plant a tree in the Jubilee Garden as a Christening gift – **resolved** to approve in principle subject to the location being satisfactory. A hornbeam or pole cherry was considered to be a suitable species and Mrs Dalton agreed to ascertain whether there was sufficient space for it.
- h) Three female volunteers had come forward to assist Mrs Millar with the Station garden and it was suggested that Messrs Newton and Scaife might be asked to assist with heavier tasks.
- i) The Clerk reported some damage to the Forge Green roof – Mr Cowen offered to organise a contractor to replace the missing slates.
- j) A washing machine had been dumped on Buebanks – the Clerk would arrange for its removal. The dog fouling and litter on the cycle track was considered to be unacceptable. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek some advice from Carlisle CC Dog Warden and that the Scouts and Caldew School should be approached about organising a litter pick.

150 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income.

1	British Telecom – telephone charges 28/11/07-19/02/08 DD 06/03/08	70.37
2	E-On – electricity charge refund DC 25/02/08	-21.61
3	Biffa Waste Services – Cemetery waste collection 29/03-27/06/08	165.89
4	Staples – cartridges/paper	67.87
5	Ray Nicholson – Cemetery tap repair	101.53
6	CALC - Conference 2 x delegates costs	20.00
7	CALC – Chairman’s training	15.00
7	Mrs M Watson – 6 months cleaning Forge Green	45.00
8	Mrs E Auld – salary £609.84, expenses £5.21	615.05
9	Derek Tolson & Sons – Station entrance phase 1	20,392.12

Income:

1	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 12/02, 19/02, 26/02, 04/03	380.00
2	Mrs L-J Cowen – Nook Lane Foot way leave	1.00
3	W M Waugh – headstone repair	35.00

4	Dalston Post Office – 10 x map packs	20.00
5	Cumbria Memorials – additional inscription	35.00
6	L Hogg – 1 Forge Green March rent	234.00
7	Step Saver a/c interest	237.85
8	M & J Cowen – headstone repair	35.00
9	Mallinson Fabrications Ltd – Station access donation	3,000.00

151 STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENT

Resolved, proposed Mr Craig seconded Mr Hand to delete Standing Orders 58 and 70 and replace them with Standing Order 70A and 70B to comply with Paragraph 12(2) of the revised Code of Conduct.

152 CEMETERY MATTERS

Grave space purchase: Mr John Tallantire Ward 5 Section H Space 59 – approved. **Resolved** that the space could be purchased for £320, as Mr Tallantire had been born and worked in the Parish for over 40 years.

The meeting closed at 9.31pm.