

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT	Mr A R Auld (Chairman)	Mr I Newton
	Mr D B Craig	Mr R Potter
	Mr D W Hand	Mr O J Rickerby
	Mr G Harrison	Mr S Scaife
	Mrs F Kaye-Krzeczkowski	Mr S A Sinclair
	Mr J F G Kelsey	

52 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames P Dalton (holiday), C Millar, J L Rawstron (personal) and Mr D C Cowen (work).

53 MINUTES

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

54 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr J F G Kelsey declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 08/0689 Caldew School extension to front elevation – Carlisle Road resident.

Mr D W Hand declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 08/0731 Maurice Dalton Ltd 18 The Square external staircase and door.

55 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Allison, N Clarke, J Collier and S Tweedie. A letter was received from Mr Allison regarding 1) the condition of the Sustrans cycleway 2) Caldew School planning application. It was agreed that a get well message was sent to PC Colin Hird. PCSO Emma Tonge reported on an increase in the road traffic incidents, thefts from motor vehicles and elsewhere. Security advice was given. The Police were taking some action regarding parking outside schools and officers intended to ticket some traffic regulation offenders. PCSO Tonge spoke about the Speed Watch operating in Brampton. A speed gun cost £2,000 for use by specified members of the community. Registration numbers were recorded and two written warnings given prior to a penalty being issued by the Police. Signs and visibility jackets were required for use by the community volunteers. Complaints were made about Ben Hodgson sale vehicles being parked on and obstructing pavements – the Police were intending to address this.

56 PLANNING DECISIONS

06/1414 Orton Grange, Wigton Road – erection of 2no. substations to house electric meters for residents (retrospective application) – approved 1 condition.

08/0702 Moryn House, The Square – extension to existing conservatory to form sunroom together with a single storey extension to front elevation to form a utility room – approved 1 condition.

08/0682 8 Lingyclose – demolition of existing single storey side extension and construction of two storey side and rear extension to provide extended living area, garage, store, utility, playroom and hall to the ground floor and 1no. en suite bedroom, 2no. bathrooms and balcony together with granny annex to the first floor – approved 4 conditions.

08/0757 Lime House School, Holm Hill, Hawksdale – renewal of temporary permission for temporary classroom – approved 1 condition.

08/0567 Kingswood Educational Centre, Cumdivock – mixed use development comprising a) alterations and minor extensions to some of the existing buildings b) change of use of the building known as Windermere from Use Class C2 to Use Class B1 c) change of use of the

remaining buildings as altered and/or extended (as relevant) from Use Class C2 to Use Class C3 (12 single dwelling houses) d) erection of car ports to serve the dwelling houses e) the alteration of existing access ways f) the provision of parking areas for the offices and for visitors to the dwelling houses g) landscaping following removal of mounds surrounding the quad bike track and removal of other earthworks and apparatus associated with existing activities – withdrawn.

- 08/0644 Kingswood Educational Study Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock – variation of condition 5 of 04/1203 to increase the number of students from 160 to 200 – withdrawn.
- 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 – appeal allowed without compliance with conditions 10 and 12 of planning permission 04/1203 but with one new condition.
- APP/E0915/A/08/2060185 Kingswood Educational Study Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock – relocation of existing activities from the approved siting – appeal allowed.
- APP/E0915/A/08/2060191 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 – appeal allowed as per 2060181.
- APP/E0915/A/08/2060188 – appeal withdrawn at the start of the hearing. Costs were awarded to Kingswood in full for appeals B & D, partially for appeal A and rejected for appeal C.
- 08/0661 Shiel Green, Townhead Road – demolition of garage/utility and the erection of a new garage/utility (pitched roof to replace flat roof) – approved 3 conditions.
- 08/0689 Caldew High School, Carlisle Road – single storey extension to front elevation to provide an enlarged dining area, music class band practice and new entrance to music/drama area. Extension to existing bus lane. Formation of new vehicular access to caretaker’s house and kitchen areas. Alterations to window openings to courtyard elevation together with provision of 2 no. storage containers for sports equipment to replace the existing timber shed removed – decision deferred for a site visit. Parish Council representatives would be permitted to attend and speak at the 1st October 2008 site meeting. The right to speak at the Development Control Committee meeting was denied, unless a revised application was received, as the PC response was out with the 21 day consultation period.
- 08/0594 Land at Hallfield – change of use from agricultural land to residential garden – approved 4 conditions.

57 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported on comments submitted on behalf of the Parish Council re planning consultation

08/0600 Westwood Nurseries, Orton Grange – garden centre retail development incorporating restaurant/café and farm foodhall, with ancillary works including car parking, access, ‘greenhouse’ horticultural interpretation centre, outdoor display/demonstration areas and landscaping – a report was given on the meeting with E Martlew MP on 8th September 2008. Parish Council members present had raised the main issue of additional traffic generated and queried the figures in the Green Travel Plan, had doubts about a park and ride facility working in the Carlisle area, the affect of the development on existing local businesses and the un-sustainability of a large multiple franchise retail enterprise in the open countryside. Mr Martlew disagreed with the Parish Council views on employment issues in the rural area, accepted that the additional traffic could be a problem, put forward the park and ride solution and indicated that he would object to the development if there were any indications of it being an outlet for Tesco as a supermarket. A Traffic Impact Assessment was being carried out by consultants on behalf of Carlisle City Council. Mrs Dalton, Mr Craig and the Clerk had attended the Cumbria CC Development Control Committee site visit as PC representatives.

Carlisle Growth Point funding announcement and Local Development Framework – Call for Sites – no specific sites in the Parish were identified for the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.

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removed – revised plans. It was **resolved** to reiterate the previous objections, to express concerns about the lack of space in the school parking area for buses turning as well as cars and suggest the need for a traffic management strategy. It was agreed that Messrs Auld and Kelsey would attend the site visit on 1st October and that the Parish Council should request the Right to Speak at the Development Control Committee meeting on 3rd October 2008.

08/0731 Maurice Dalton Ltd, 18 The Square – external staircase to serve first floor accommodation together with new external door. Relocate ground floor door serving single storey accommodation – no observations.

08/0774 Buckabank Farm – erection of agricultural livestock building – no observations.

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08/0769 BP Dalston Terminal, Barras Lane – construction of one storage tank and associated bund to store up to 200m³ of bioethanol, together with ancillary structures including unloading pumps and drainage facilities within the easting terminal boundary – no observations.

08/0807 Coach House, Bridge End – removal of balcony together with erection of single storey side extensions to provide garage and store – no observations.

08/0851 4 The Square – remove mono pitched slate roof and replace with dual pitched roof and brick gable end (LBC) – no observations.

08/0850 CNDR Compound, Cumbria Highways Depot, Barras Lane – erection of single storey office onto existing compound – no observations.

08/0852 Lynwood Lodge, Dalston Hall Caravan Park – proposed upgrading and redevelopment of existing touring caravan and camping site and formation of an additional 11 touring caravan pitches – no observations

08/0886 12A Orton Grange Caravan Park – erection of detached garage – **resolved** to comment that the erection of a fixed garage was a contradiction in terms with 12A Orton Grange Caravan Park.

Eden Housing Association e-mail re 25/26 The Square pending planning application for refurbishment of the two cottages – information only.

Dalston Conservation Area Review update – the Clerk reported that Carlisle CC Executive had accepted in principle the revised Conservation Area boundary for Dalston and that the report was being considered by the Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9th September 2008.

Mr Rickerby suggested that an Article 4 (2) Direction might be relevant in Dalston, particularly for The Square Conservation Area to restrict certain types of development which can have a detrimental effect on the character, amenity and appearance of an area. It was **resolved** that the Conservation Officer was asked for his views on this and whether it should be included in the revised Dalston Design Statement, when it was undertaken.

58 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

It was agreed that a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee should be held on 23rd September 2008. Items for the agenda were to include the budget, Parish Plan review, burial ground fees, chairman and vice-chairman term of office, training, community empowerment and succession planning.

59 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 VAC ‘Speed Dating’ Community Planning Workshop 16th September, Corby – no attendance.
- 2 Cumbria CC Cumbria in Bloom 2009 Design Awards submissions by 30th September – David Allen & Co, Barras House, St Michael’s School and the Station Group to be advised of the opportunity for a category entry.
- 3 Cumbria NHS PCT consultation on mental health services for adults – deadline 30th September – agreed to submit PC response based on Mrs Dalton’s comments.
- 4 Bingham Yates & Partners – copy correspondence and photographs re defects correction period report including 2 observations – noted.
- 5 Cumbria CC letter re managing radioactive waste safely – a framework for implementing geological disposal – **resolved** to support the County Council expressing a without commitment interest to examine whether there should be a repository in Cumbria.
- 6 Redspearlands Footpath Group copy correspondence with Councillor Bowman, Carlisle CC Economic Development Portfolio Holder re rural tourism connected with footpaths and bridleways in particular BW114036 from Stockdalewath to Lambfield – for information.

- 7 Communications with residents and Councillor Collier re Dalston station disabled access – Mrs Dalton, Messrs Craig, Collier and the Clerk had met on site at the station to assess the situation and Mr Collier agreed to make further enquiries regarding land ownership.
- 8 CPCA AGM – 6th October Victory Hall, Dalston – provision of refreshments and attendance discussed.
- 9 Calling Cumbria project report – for information
- 10 Dalston Agricultural Society letter of thanks for support of the event and use of the Green on Show Day.

60 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Three quotations received for cleaning and renewing the lettering on the Raughton Head war memorial – **resolved**, proposed Mrs Kaye-Krzeczkowski seconded Mr Craig to award the contract to Able Memorials for £520 plus VAT..
- b) The Clerk updated Members on the current situation and correspondence re Lakerigg Common. It was **resolved** to obtain an estimate of time and cost for registering the strip of common land between the Land Registry unit and the highway. A response from Cumbria Highways to the queries raised regarding responsibility for the land adjacent to the road was to be followed up. A copy of an email from Mr Routledge to Mr Allison was noted.
- c) The next Property and Maintenance Committee meeting agenda was to include grass cutting, ground maintenance and Cemetery contract schedules for renewal, seats, litterbins and notice boards, care of trees, assets inspections, PPI/Redspearlands FG/footpath and bridleway network. It was agreed to proceed with the order from Brampton Woodworks for 2no. riverbank safety signs.
- d) The Clerk reported that Dalston had won the Environment category of the Village of the Year competition and had attained Silver Gilt standard in the Cumbria in Bloom awards. Barras House was Runner-Up in the Residential Home category, with St Michael's School gaining a Certificate of Merit in the Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards. It was agreed that the judges' comments should be included in the magazines and on the website.
- e) It was **resolved** to write a letter of support for the continuance of East Cumbria Countryside Project following the withdrawal of funding by Eden District Council.
- f) Other matters: 1) Mr Scaife reported that he was meeting with Steve Winters, Highway Steward to discuss matters requiring attention. 2) It was agreed that the Dalston logo was not required on the new notice board on order. 3) It was agreed that a letter of thanks was sent to Mrs Swatts for keeping the Bridge End bus shelter clean and tidy. 4) Complaints had been received regarding grass cuttings being dumped on the highway verge outside 18 Brow Nelson. 5) Fly tipping and litter on Sowerby Wood Road – to be reported. 6) Complaints had been received regarding Nestle workers congregating and smoking at the end of the track, part of the Redspearlands Circuit, between the factory and Caldew School playing fields. The litter bin was not being used. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Human Resources Manager at Nestle regarding the problem. 7) The footpath linking Carlisle Road with the Station required some undergrowth clearance and shrub pruning – Network Rail was to be asked to carry out some annual maintenance work.

61 1 & 2 FORGE GREEN TENANCIES AND RENT REVIEWS

The Clerk reported on recent correspondence relating to both tenants – the issues raised had been addressed. It was **resolved**, proposed Mr Craig seconded Mrs Kaye-Krzeczkowski to increase the rents from 1st November 2008 by 5%. The new rents would be £56.50 and £99.50 per week for 1 and 2 Forge Green respectively.

62 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income.

1	British Telecommunications – telephone charges 21/05-19/08 DD	58.13
2	Derek Tolson & Sons – Station entrance kerbing work	3,501.50
3	Mrs S Diver – litter picking gloves	14.98
4	System Information Technology Ltd – PC callout re wireless router	88.13
5	N D Plumbing and Heating Services – 1 Forge Green tap repairs	110.93
6	Mrs M Watson – cleaning Forge Green 6 months	45.00
7	Cumbria County Council – Raughton Head seat & litterbin licence	130.00

8	Mrs E Auld – salary £667.29, expenses £68.08	740.11
9	United Utilities - ½ year Cemetery water rates	30.55

Income:

1	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 05/08, 12/08, 19/08, 26/08	380.00
2	City of Carlisle – CPCA (County CC) grant – fencing on the Green	1,000.00
3	Walkers - headstone	55.00
4	City of Carlisle – concurrent services grant	6,157.00
5	L Hogg – 1 Forge Green September rent	234.00
6	Dalston Post Office – 100 Dalston postcards	16.00

Community a/c balance 29/08/08 £797.74

Business Premium Step Saver a/c balance £48,718.51

BDO Stoy Hayward – the Clerk reported on the PC response to the audit 2007/08 queries raised. The papers had been submitted before 1st September 2008, following consultation with CALC and the Internal Auditor. Members were advised of the alterations made to the figures in the Statement of Accounts to reflect the 3½% War Stock capital expressed in the manner requested.

63 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

No progress to report.

64 CEMETERY MATTERS

Walker's - black granite headstone 'In loving memory of a dear aunty Ethel Hilary Scott born July 10th 1921 died April 5th 2008 daughter of Rainforth and Ethel Scott Loved and Remembered' – approved.

James Rae & Sons – additional inscription 'also Mary Emley Thompson who died August 22nd 2007 aged 95 years' – approved subject to payment of £35 fee.

Communication from Jack Sils, Independent Memorial Inspection – noted. Messrs Craig and Scaife agreed to carry out a Cemetery inspection with the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.33pm.