

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at the Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill on Tuesday 11th August 2009.

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

Mr J Ebbatson welcomed everyone to Primrose Hall, built in 1885 by Lt. Col. Salkeld, sold to a tobacco company and now leased (for 10 years) from the Church Commissioners, the current landlords. He led a short tour of Gaitsgill highlighting bank damage and erosion on the River Roe and Pen Beck, excessive undergrowth choking the Pen Beck, the dirtiness of the public telephone box and overhanging trees behind the notice board.

42 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs R J Potter and O Rickerby. Messrs D C Cowen, I Newton and S Scaife were absent.

43 MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14th July 2009 were agreed and signed as a true record following a spelling correction to Minute 36.

44 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mrs J R Rawstron declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – Cardewmires Quarry. Mrs P Dalton and Mr G Harrison declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 09/0358.

45 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillors T Allison, N Clarke and PCSO E Tonge and eight members of the public were present. E Tonge read out the crime report which included 6 incidents of anti social behaviour, 3 of burglary/theft, fly tipping and a suspicious male observed in the Raughton Head area. PCSO Tonge was trained in the use of a radar gun and speed checks would be carried out regularly. It was suggested that Cumbria Highways should be asked about a byelaw to prevent playing with a football in the Square.

Councillor Clarke expressed pleasure that the meeting was in Gaitsgill. She reported that following a site meeting in March with residents, some elderly, regarding the condition of the Pen Beck and River Roe, the Eden Rivers Trust had contacted Mr Roy May and indicated that some work might be carried out by its volunteers. The Environment Agency would permit remedial action on the beck, but not the river without a license.

Councillor Allison had communicated with the Parish Council regarding the allocation of Cumbria CC Ward funding, the Co-op development including car park provision and the Dalston bus service. He intended to seek residents' views on possible alterations to the current service route in the light of changes to the village profile. The Chairman suggested that there could be scope for holding a meeting with bus company representatives, Parish Council and interested residents attending.

46 PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS

There were no planning decisions to report.

08/1254 Ben Hodgson Bodyworks, Dalston Service Station – removal of existing garage buildings and erection of convenience store and three residential units (revised proposal submitted 30/04/09) – the Clerk reported that the Right to Speak at Carlisle CC Development Control Committee meeting had been granted for applications 08/1254 and 09/0358. Mr Auld, as

the representative, was asked to express the general support in the Parish for the Co-op building development itself. The Clerk advised members that a video would be made for the Development Control Committee meeting for both applications. The building size of the retail area was 290sqm and storage area 80sqm.

- 09/0358 Land adjacent to Dalston Service Station – formation of car parking area to serve proposed convenience store and two residential units; subject of planning application ref. 08/1254 amended plans – further revised plans were received on the night and presented for consideration after matters raised by Cumbria Highways, Carlisle CC Conservation Officer, County/District Councillor Allison and the Parish Council at the Working Group meeting held on 24th July 2009 had been communicated to the developers. Following discussion, **resolved**, proposed Mr Kelsey seconded Mr Hand by a narrow margin to support the revised improved plan 1384/p/08 revision D – 5 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention. It was felt that the revised design satisfied the need for HGV access and turning space to the proposed development and for the provision of the required number of parking spaces in association with application 08/1254. However, there were still concerns expressed regarding the loss of vista across the Show Field in the Conservation Area and pedestrian safety on Townhead Road, particularly close to the junction. It was regretted that the necessary parking and vehicular servicing arrangements could not be contained on the initial application site due to the scale of the proposed building.
- 09/9005/14 Cardewmires Quarry, Cardewlees – Section 73 application to extend the operation of Cardewmires Quarry until 2026 – both Clerks and Mr Craig attended and reported on Cumbria CC Development Control Committee site visit on 10th August 2009. Committee members had raised small concerns re reinstatement of the site on completion of excavation, wheel washing of vehicles exiting the site and the risk of flooding/causeway link.
- 09/0543 Nestle UK Ltd – provision of a lagoon to contain accidental spills at the effluent treatment plant; relocation of boundary palisade fence - agreed that the Dalston factory manager should be asked for a Parish Council site visit. **Resolved** to ask the planners to include conditions for: 1) as much screening as possible on site 2) attention to potential for odours, 3) site should be tidied, particularly to the rear of the main plant adjacent to River Caldew and the Public Right of Way.
- 09/0594 Nestle UK Ltd – extension to the existing production and process building to form Booster 3, nitrogen balloon enclosure and hygienic link corridor - **resolved** to comment that 1) need for more screening as the factory was becoming increasingly prominent 2) additions were being made but little was being removed resulting in greater visual impact 3) site visit for Parish Council members being requested.
- 09/0590 12 Caldew Drive – erection of conservatory to rear elevation – no observations.
- 09/0605 37 New Road – erection of two storey extension to provide lobby on ground floor, with office and en-suite to bedroom above – no observations.
- 09/0445 Low Brownelson House – change of use of field for use as new menage with post and rail timber fencing – no observations.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Cumbrian Newspapers Ltd – the Clerk reported that an apology letter, in response to Parish Council concern, had been received for including the July 2009 agenda in full in the Cumberland News after the event – to be mentioned in Parish magazines.
- 2 Councillor Allison letter re bollard installation at a) Bridge End, b) Crumbs corner, c) Corner Shop. No traffic regulation orders were required for installation. Councillor Allison, Peter Messenger, Conservation officer, the Chairman and Clerk had met on site at Bridge End to discuss the matter in relation to parked cars on the highway verge and footway. It was **resolved** that bollards would be inappropriate and provocative at this site, but the Parish Council supported the introduction of bollards using Cumbria CC Ward local capital scheme funding at Crumbs corner by the pedestrian crossing and at the Corner Shop if agreed with Cumbria Highways. It was hoped that funding could also be directed to shrub and bulb planting in Low Moorlands in the area where overgrown trees had been removed. Following receipt of a copy letter from Cumbria CC to Ben Hodgson regarding the illegal removal of the grass verge, it was agreed to write enquiring about the timescale of reinstatement required and any subsequent action proposed.
- 3 CALC Training Prospectus Sept. 2009 – March 2010 – new Clerk to attend CiLCA sessions.

- 4 Cumbria Housing Group – Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) consultation (August 2009) – Andrea McCallum gave a brief report on the summary.
- 5 Safer Stronger Cumbria – Cumbria Local Policing Summary 2009 – filed.
- 6 Cumbria CC Carlisle Northern Development Route PFI – award of contract – noted.
- 7 Submitted Draft NW Plan Partial Review and Sustainability Appraisal Summary – no response.
- 8 North West Regional Strategy Update August 2009 – noted.
- 9 Carlisle CC letter re Business Rates bills – noted.
- 10 Cumbria in Bloom Presentation of Awards 3rd September – Messrs Auld and Kelsey to attend. Enquiries were being made about attendance of Neighbourhood Award representatives.
- 11 Cumbria CC East of Carlisle review of bus services 66 & 75. It was agreed that consideration should be given to using Nook Lane to include residents on that side of Dalston in the route. It was suggested that a meeting should be set up of interested parties.

48 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Councillor Clarke reported that Eden Rivers Trust volunteers would be willing to undertake some overgrowth clearance from the Pen Beck in Gaitsgill. Cumbria Highways was responsible for one bank only and adjacent properties the other. Councillors Allison and Clarke agreed that £1,500 support from Carlisle CC Ward Discretionary Fund could be made available to ‘kick start’ any identified remedial work as appropriate. They agreed to pursue the matter/work required on behalf of the Parish. Annual maintenance would need to be discussed at a future meeting and it was suggested that a scoping project was to be set up regarding necessary remedial work. The Clerk agreed to contact BT Payphones regarding the condition of the public telephone box. A query was raised regarding any problems identified with septic tanks in the village – they were considered to be satisfactory.
- b) Forge Green office renovations were reported to be in hand and progressing satisfactorily. It was agreed to revise the CPCA grant application to cover the purchase of filing cabinets and office chairs. Mr Craig agreed to obtain three quotes for Forge Green external painting as per the Cumbria CC specifications.
- c) The Clerks were meeting with Andrea Bonacker and Geoff Fewkes, Cumbria CC for a PPI site visit on 20th August. Approval for a proposed project for stile replacement with kissing gates on a section of the Cumbria Way was agreed.
- d) The Clerk reported on on-going dialogue regarding the litterbin and recycling bins emptying service. Mrs Dalton suggested that a different coloured plastic bag might be requested for disposal of excess rubbish deposited at the recycling centre for removal with the household collection.
- e) It was agreed that the grass cutting contractor should be thanked in writing, on the website and in the Parish magazines for the satisfactory manner in which the work was being undertaken.
- f) Overhanging tree branches on Riverside were reported to be causing problems on the footway towards the bridge – the Clerk was to attend to the matter.

49 ACCOUNTS

It was **resolved** to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income.

1	Inland Revenue – PAYE/NIC 20/07/09	717.73
2	E Davidson – grave digging 24/07/09	220.00
3	British Gas – gas supply 31/07/09 DD	34.98
4	Staples - cartridges	105.89
5	Rose Bank Sawmill – Glave Hill car park fence repair	86.25
6	Orchard Grounds Maintenance – July Cemetery maintenance	370.00
7	Orchard Grounds Maintenance – July grounds maintenance	283.33
8	Dalston Victory Hall – PC meeting room hire 14/07/09	15.00
9	CALC – CILCA Session 2 training fee 05/10/09 A McCallum	25.00
10	Primrose Hall Committee – PC meeting hall hire 11/08/09	12.00
11	Raughton Head PCC – CPCA grant, PC 25% grant plus shortfall - path resurfacing work	2,085.00

12	Mrs E Auld – salary £637.77, postage £7.01, computer etc. £516.99	1,161.77
13	Compass Cabling Systems Ltd – Forge Green electrical work	1,835.20
14	B Craig – network cables	18.87

Income:

1	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 14/07, 21/07, 28/07	298.00
2	L Watson (Hogg) – 1 Forge Green August rent	244.83
3	Michael Walsh – burial fee	350.00
4	John Tremble – burial fee	350.00
5	Stan Jackson - headstone	65.00
6	Dalston Post Office – 200 postcards	32.00
7	Carlisle CC – CPCA grant – Raughton Head church path resurfacing	1,500.00
8	Stan Jackson – additional inscription	42.00

Community a/c balance 31/07/09 £1,713.33 (£373.58 un-presented)

Business Premium Step Saver a/c balance £58,487.18

50 DALSTON FESTIVAL

It was agreed that the Dalston Festival had been a huge success and that written thanks were to be expressed to the Festival Committee as well as appreciation on the website and in the Parish magazines. Praise was given to Mrs Millar for her fancy dress costume, the ‘Miss Dalston in Bloom’ Parish Council scarecrow was admired, the new Clerk was congratulated for her quiz team’s success and the PC team for its excellent effort. The webmaster reported that there had been 8,000 distinct visits to the Dalston website to date in August.

51 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interment: Lydia Brady 24/07/09 Ward 5 Section J Space 15
- b) Stan Jackson – grey granite headstone ‘In loving memory of a dear husband Edwin McKinlay died 26th October 2006 aged 86 years Also his beloved wife Ruth McKinlay died 17th January 2007 aged 91 years Together again’ – approved.
Stan Jackson – additional inscription ‘Also Mary Winifred Macleod nee Jackson 1909 – 2005’ – approved.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.