

## DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at the Victory Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

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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 Scaife
	Mrs Kaye-Krzeczkowski	Mr S A Sinclair

### 120 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received Mr R Potter (holiday).

### 121 MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were agreed and signed as a true record following a correction to minute 116a) – the contractor advised that the quoted figure should be £3,500 not £3,550 for grass cutting and ground works in 2010/11.

### 122 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mrs P Dalton, Messrs G Harrison, S A Sinclair declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 08/1254 Ben Hodgson Bodyworks, Dalston Service Station.

Mr D W Hand declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 09/0024 Black Dish.

### 123 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillors J Collier, T Allison, N Clarke, PC P Bowyer and four residents attended the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Insp. D Coates, PCSO E Tonge and Councillor S Tweedie. PC Paul Bowyer introduced himself and indicated that he was currently covering the community policing role for Dalston. The Clerk read out the crime report totalling 21 incidents including 6 anti social behaviour, 5 road traffic collisions and 5 thefts. PC Bowyer added that 4 storage containers had been stolen from Barras Lane Industrial Estate.

Councillor Collier stressed the importance of the replacement sign at Buckabank relating to no vehicular access over the White Bridge – it was agreed that this should be progressed and installed. Part of the funding was coming through the Neighbourhood Forum and the rest through the Cumbria CC Area Committee.

Councillor Allison advised members that Carlisle CC was organising a 2-3 week clean up of fly tipping on highway verges including adjacent land and urged reports to be sent in. Some fly tipping was identified in Beech Lane, Stockdalewath.

Mrs Nichol indicated that the difference in ground levels between 1 The Green and the proposed Co-op development site meant that the 6ft wall to screen the waste bins and plant was inappropriate. She also raised issues regarding the potential for heat and noise from the proposed external plant.

Councillor Allison suggested that yellow lines, either single or double, could be required on both sides of Townhead Road near the junction, especially if an external ATM was included in any planning permission for the Ben Hodgson site application. It was thought that these might be required in other adjacent areas and it was suggested that a pedestrian refuge island could be helpful.

### 124 PLANNING DECISIONS

08/1241 12 Orton Grange Park, Orton Grange – erection of detached garage – approved 2 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 1 no. storage container for sports equipment to replace the existing timber shed removed – approved subject to legal agreement with 6 conditions.

## 125 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 08/1254 Ben Hodgson Bodyworks, Dalston Service Station – removal of existing garage buildings and erection of convenience store and two residential units – the Clerk reported that the Right to Speak by a Parish Council representative at the Development Control Committee meeting would be subject to the Chairman’s consent. Councillor Allison was willing to waive his rights in favour of the Parish Council if necessary. Correspondence had been received from Mrs Roberts and from Mr and Mrs Oakley, with comments on the application from Mrs Heyes. There were 43 comments on Carlisle CC Planning Portal to date. Taking into consideration the comments made at the Parish Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and through other media, it was **resolved**, proposed Mr Hand seconded Mrs Kaye-Krzeczkowski, to recommend approval subject to the following matters and conditions being considered – 12 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention.
1. Consideration to be given to relocating the waste bins and plant away from the south eastern frontage of the proposed building. The revised screening wall was thought to be unsatisfactory, because of the different height levels in relation to the adjoining residential property. Clarification was required as to the type/use of the bins and plant. The Parish Council supported the request by Carlisle City Council Environmental Health for more information on the potential noise levels generated, particularly in relation to the proposed plant.
  2. The lighting levels should be reduced from the glaring and intrusive 24 hour security lighting currently installed on the site. It needed to be more sympathetic to the Conservation Area location.
  3. The Transport Statement was inaccurate and did not reflect the normal situation in Dalston. Dalston Parish Council endorsed Cumbria Highways concerns regarding the effect of the development on local traffic conditions and safety.
  4. In the interests of pedestrian safety, it was suggested that an island refuge might be considered on Townhead Road. Either double or single yellow lines should be introduced at the junction of Townhead Road and the B5299. A change in road surface on the B5299, with a slightly raised brick section opposite the Kingsway access road might also benefit pedestrian safety.
  5. Goods delivery times should be restricted to between 8am and 10.30pm.
  6. Store opening hours should be as for the existing Co-op store from 8am to 10pm.
  7. Dalston Parish Council objected to the inclusion of an external ATM and felt that it should be located within the building. This was on the grounds of noise and nuisance to nearby residents.
  8. It was felt that two of the on-site parking spaces should be for disabled use.
  9. Shopping trolleys should be for internal use only to prevent them being left outside or taken off site.
  10. It was suggested that a Section 106 agreement should be included to cover a financial contribution towards Dalston Parish Council expenditure on parking provision adjacent to the Kingsway.
- 09/0023 Part of former Maurice Dalton, 18 The Square – change of use from plumbers workshop to bicycle repairs workshop and sales – no observations apart from recycling being handled commercially.
- 09/0037 The Bank Barn, Low Flanders – a barn conversion to a private dwelling – no observations.
- 09/0024 Black Dish, Dalston – erection of first floor extension above existing utility and study to provide 1no. bedroom. – no observations.
- 09/0050 Low Mill Barn, Dalston – conversion of barn to live work unit (revised application) – no observations.
- 07/1383 Recreation Field, The Green – variation of condition 2 of planning permission 06/1357 to allow for 400 Lux to meet the Lawn Tennis Association’s minimum level for club tennis – no observations.

- 1 Liquor Licence Application: Ben Hodgson, Bridge End Garage – the Clerk reported on communications with Councillor Allison and residents. It was **resolved** to object to the application in relation to the proposed opening hours and concerns regarding the potential for an increase in alcohol related anti-social behaviour. A request was to be made for a Parish Council representative/s (Messrs Auld, Kelsey or Sinclair) to attend a pre-meeting with local residents concerned, District Council ward representation and the applicant, to discuss the matter, before any decision was taken.
- 2 Carlisle Funding Fair, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009 – the Clerk reported on attendance at an interesting Discussion Forum on Sustainable Communities with energy conservation and hydro power contact information being obtained. Literature and dates for CWMET, Aggregates Levy and Big Lottery Green Spaces funding was also acquired.
- 3 Communities and Local Government consultation on Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity – the Clerk felt that in general the Publicity Code appeared to cover most aspects adequately and that there was no need to change it, except that perhaps there should be recognition in the document that the Parish tier was non-political – agreed that the comments made should be submitted.
- 4 Joint Neighbourhood Forum 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009 – Messrs Auld and Craig had attended. The main topics discussed were Hadrian’s Wall Heritage Trust work, proposals for the use of underwater tidal turbines in the Solway and sewerage works at Moorhouse. Grants were awarded to the Festival Committee towards a Circus workshop and a contribution for a road sign at Buckabank.
- 5 CIEP Training Event 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Conservation Area Appraisals and Village Design Statements – Mrs Dalton, Messrs Craig, Rickerby to attend.
- 6 Invitation to Visit a Community Land Trust in Glendale, Northumberland 25<sup>th</sup> February – Councillor Allison indicated that he was attending.
- 7 Royal Garden Party 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009 ballot – nomination of Chairman agreed.
- 8 Gaitsgill Parent & Toddler Group and Dalston Rainbows thanks for grant and receipts noted.
- 9 Digital TV switchover on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009 help pack for community organisations – to advertise on website and in magazines.
- 10 Invitation from Mitre Housing to view 25 and 26 The Square cruck beams on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1-3pm – to advertise on website and posters to be displayed.
- 11 BBC Any Questions, Caldew School, 27<sup>th</sup> March - 8 tickets requested by Members.
- 12 Land Registry Presentation 26<sup>th</sup> February on registration of Council owned land – Messrs Kelsey and Rickerby to attend.

127 KINGSWAY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS AND PARKING

The Traffic and Parking Working Group had met on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 with Messrs Auld, Craig, Rickerby and the Clerk attending for the Parish Council.. The traffic implications in relation to the proposed Co-op, revised schemes for parking in the Square, the Kingsway environmental and parking scheme, traffic orders, schools area and Bridge End parking problems and the proposed Buckabank sign were all discussed. Correspondence was received from Mrs Roberts regarding parking issues and the Kingsway proposals. It was **resolved** that a Working Group comprised of Messrs Auld, Hand, Craig, Harrison, Rickerby, Cowen, Mesdames Dalton and Millar should meet within two weeks to take the Kingsway scheme forward, possibly to planning application stage, within Standing Order restrictions.

128 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) The Clerk reported on a meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2009 with Andrew Nicholson, ECCP and Alan Lyne, Redspearlands Footpath Group. Dalston Parish should be included in the public rights of way works rolling programme in 2010/11, but some minor repairs might be undertaken prior to then. Various footpath problem areas were reported and noted. The removal and planting of willow stakes might be undertaken adjacent to the Caldew cycle path in February 2010. The Parish Paths Initiative project to replace 5 stiles with rucksack style gates on the Cumbrian Way between Rose and Bog Bridges was waiting for landowner approval before work could be instructed with the contractor.
- b) Letter received from Orchard Grounds Maintenance correcting the slight pricing error in the tender documentation. The Chairman and Clerk had also walked round Dalston, including the Cemetery, with Andrew Edgar to familiarise him with the work required. Monthly invoices will be submitted.

- c) Mr Hickson had pointed out that waste material was being dumped, by the church development contractors, in the area used for storage of excess soil for filling up sunken graves adjacent to the Cemetery – it was reported that the matter was being attended to..

129 ACCOUNTS

It was **resolved**, proposed Mr Harrison to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income.

1	Plantscape – Recreation Ground litterbin 19/01	511.75
2	E Davidson – grave digging	220.00
3	British Gas – gas supply DD 02/02	34.61
4	Systems Information Technology Ltd – computer call out & repair	64.69
5	Bingham Yates & Partners – Station access/junction fees balance	5,062.61
6	Brampton Woodworks Ltd – riverbank warning signs	301.30
7	Dalston Victory Hall – hire of Social Room 13/01	15.00
8	Bryan Craig – training travel expenses 13/01, A3 photocopies 04/02	50.32
9	Mrs E Auld – salary £633.50, expenses £40.14	673.64
10	Westwood Landscapes – Kingsway sketch design and presentation	600.00
11	E Davidson – grave digging ashes space	40.00
12	St Michael's PCC – Festival Committee Church House hire 16/11, 12/01 s137	12.00

Income:

1	J Tremble grave space purchase, burial ashes fee x 2 16/01	300.00
2	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 06/01, 13/01, 20/01, 27/01	398.00
3	L Watson (Hogg) – 1 Forge Green February rent	244.83
4	Michael Walsh – burial fee	350.00
5	Able Memorials – ashes memorial stone additional fee	10.00
6	Mrs L-J Cowen – Nook Lane Foot annual way leave	1.00
7	Cumbria Memorials – additional inscription	42.00
8	United Utilities – The Green sub-station rent	60.00

Community a/c balance 30/01/09 £2,177.59 (£1,135.28 un-presented)

Business Premium Step Saver a/c balance £30,046.10

The Clerk gave an update on the current financial position/budget, which was almost in line with what was anticipated. The Clerk advised the Council that the BDO Local Council Briefing and Audit publication had been received.

130 DALSTON DESIGN STATEMENT

Messrs Auld, Rickerby, Craig, Turnbull and Mrs Dalton had met with Pauline Goodridge, Carlisle CC Local Plans and Peter Messenger, Conservation Officer on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009. More details were required regarding scale, materials and size of buildings in settlements giving rise to the local distinctiveness of the area – feedback from hamlets to be collated by specific person willing to gather in information. Landscape problems, such as views to be protected, should be supported by Local Plan detail. Good landscape features were to be identified. Mrs Dalton had agreed to carry out the initial amendment to the original text.

131 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PUBLICATION SCHEME

Messrs Auld, Kelsey, Hand and Craig had met on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009 to agree the information to be made available under the Freedom of Information model publication scheme and the schedule of charges. It was **resolved** to accept the recommendations. The information would be publicised in the Parish magazines and on the Dalston website.

132 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interments: Edith May Bunting 28/01/09 Ward 5 Section I Space 30  
Joseph William Douglas ashes 16/02/09 Ward 5 Section J Space 12
- b) Purchase grave space: Mrs Muriel Douglas Ward 5 Section j Space 12 – approved.  
.Cumbria Memorials – Sinclair additional inscription ‘Brian G Sinclair 1934 – 2008 - approved
- c) Mr Craig agreed to inspect the headstones and sunken graves needing attention with the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.