

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at the Victory Hall, Dalston on Tuesday 14th July 2009.

PRESENT	Mr A R Auld (Chairman)	Mrs C Millar
	Mr D C Cowen	Mr R J Potter
	Mr D B Craig	Mrs J L Rawstron
	Mr G Harrison	Mr O Rickerby
	Mrs F Kaye-Krzeczkowski	Mr S A Sinclair
	Mr J F G Kelsey	

31 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs P Dalton and Mr D W Hand. Messrs I Newton and S Scaife were absent.

32 MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 9th June 2009 were agreed and signed as a true record.

33 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mrs J R Rawstron declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – Cardewmires Quarry.

Mr D C Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning decision 09/0463 and agenda item 8 – Cumbria in Bloom.

Mr G Harrison declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning applications 08/1254 and 09/0358.

34 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Allison, N Clarke and PC C Hird. Thirty members of the public were present. The Clerk read out the crime report. The total number of crimes, mainly burglary of outbuildings, from April to June 2009 had been 23, a drop from 27 during the same period in 2008 (theft main crime). Road accidents with injury had been minimal, but speed checks would be carried out regularly in Dalston/Hawksdale. Minor anti-social behaviour incidents were being looked into. Councillor Clarke had emailed the Clerk regarding various issues including Gaitsgill Beck and notice board, Ben Hodgson Ltd vehicle parking at Bridge End and road resurfacing work.

Comments made by Parishioners attending the meeting regarding planning applications 08/1254 and 09/0358 were:

- Application 08/1254 was not a revision – it had been redrawn with 2 residential units increased to 3. Application 09/0358 was an additional car park development.
- Townhead Road was dangerous, with no indication on the plans that a traffic island would be provided.
- A footpath had been reintroduced on the plan across the grass to the junction – inappropriate in Conservation Area public space.
- The proposed access to the car park did not appear to accommodate the existing telephone box.
- Concern regarding the height of the main building. 3D plan requested.
- Criticism of support for an inappropriate, unnecessarily large development in a rural village, despite support for the initial concept being evident at a public meeting early in 2009.
- The car park would benefit the Co-op customers and residential units only, not address the village parking problems. Questioned as to whether time restrictions would be imposed or whether it would be available to accommodate park and ride vehicles.
- Car park lighting would be intrusive, especially for 1 The Green.
- Concern regarding increased security risk for nearby dwellings with car park development.

PLANNING DECISIONS

- 08/1219 Unit 2, Barras Lane – formation of covered loading and parking bay – approved 2 conditions.
- 09/9027 St Michael’s C of E Primary School, Carlisle Rd – single storey extension to front elevation of school to provide extended wet area and additional cloaks area – approved 2 conditions.
- 09/0391/92 Bluebell House, Green Lane – single storey rear extension to provide shower/wet room (LBC) – approved 4 & 1 conditions.
- 05/1123 4 Low Mill – alteration and extension to existing dwelling and formation of an additional three storey self catering holiday unit within the existing building (revised application – approved 6 conditions.
- 09/0373 Paragon Veterinary Group, Carlisle House, Townhead Road – erection of single storey and two storey extensions to provide additional office and treatment rooms together with additional parking – approved 6 conditions.
- 09/0438 28 Station Road – erection of conservatory to side elevation – approved 2 conditions.
- 09/0463 Cumdivock Farm, Cumdivock – replacement silage barn (revised application) – approved 2 conditions.
- 09/0399 37 New Road – variation of condition 5 of application 05/1041 to increase parking from 4 coaches to 6 coaches – approved 2 conditions.
- 09/0350 Land adjacent to Kingsway – car parking and environmental improvements – application withdrawn as per resolution of the Policy & Resources Committee on 22nd June 2009. The Clerk reported on communications with the planning officer and Cumbria Highways, consultation responses from Cumbria Highways, Carlisle CC Conservation Officer and English Heritage. It was noted that Dalston Parish Council had increased the proposed parking spaces on the Kingsway from 40 to 60 to assist with the Co-op requirements, but English Heritage considered that the overall provision was too great, following the submission of application 09/0358. The Clerk advised Members that the Planning Officer had indicated that he was minded to refuse the application. The planned Working Group meeting to discuss traffic and parking issues had been deferred, pending the revised application 08/1254 and application 09/0358 being submitted for consultation.
- 09/0302 Orton Grange Caravan Park, Orton Grange – demolition of caravan site shop, change of use of land as extension to caravan site for siting of 7no. ‘log cabin’ style static caravans for holiday use – approved 8 conditions.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 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) – comments made during discussion were:
- Initial application was half the size of the revised proposal with the addition of the car park. The footprint of the convenience store should be appropriate for a village situation and the preservation of village life. If reduced in size the residential element would be more dominant than the commercial, which had the potential to mushroom. It was the most significant development in the 21st Century for Dalston.
 - Concern regarding the building size, particularly the height of the central section.
 - The access route was dangerous and the green space should be preserved on the Square frontage.
 - Issues with previous plans had been addressed with a sympathetic design. Commerce was needed in Dalston for the whole Parish.
 - Preferable to existing Co-op layout.
- Resolved**, proposed Mr Harrison seconded Mrs Kaye-Krzczkowski that the Parish Council supported the application on the condition that the ATM was internal, there was a restriction on external trolley use and that a traffic island was included on Townhead Road – defeated 5 in favour, 6 against.
- Resolved**, proposed Mr Potter seconded Mr Cowen that the Parish Council opposed the application on the grounds of scale, although acceptable as a convenience store, the inclusion of three residential units made the development too large and the vehicular access was dangerous – carried 6 in favour, 5 against

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 – comments made were:

- Car parking site acceptable, with offloading preferable to the rear.
- Scale too large and green space of Show Field must be retained.
- Show Field was part of the village heritage and should not be eroded.
- The existing Glave Hill car park would be used by Co-op customers by choice, to the detriment of Victory Hall users.
- The Parish Council had considered the parking and traffic problems in central Dalston over many years, culminating in application 09/0350 as part of this process, but this proposal did not address the issues regarding alleviation of congestion in the Square and ever increasing traffic.

Resolved, proposed Mr Auld seconded Mr Cowen to object to the proposed development on the grounds that it was inappropriate in solving the parking problems in Dalston – carried 7 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention. It was thought that vehicles would, in preference, continue to be parked across the B5299 at the junction with the Kingsway, in the Square and in the existing car park belonging to the Victory Hall and made available primarily for its users. There was also concern regarding scale and that green space on the Show Field was being used as car parking for a convenience store.

It was agreed that the request for a site visit and the Right to Speak at the Development Control meeting should be made for both applications 08/1254 and 09/0358, with Mr Auld as Chairman representing the Parish Council.

09/0413 Land at Morton bounded by Wigton Road, Peter Lane and Dalston Road – development of land at south Morton bounded by Wigton Road, Peter Lane and Dalston Road for residential (maximum 825 dwellings); employment (40,000m² floor space) and public open space purposes as well as associated works – Messrs Auld & Kelsey reported on the site visit held on 8th July 2009 with the City Councillors raising concerns regarding traffic movements.. The Case Officer had written a report for the Development Control meeting on 10th July 2009. It was agreed to request for the Right to Speak at the Development Control Committee meeting in August, following the suggestion made by its Chairman at the site visit. The proposal to hold a joint exploratory meeting with Cummersdale PC Chairman and Vice Chairman, with Clerks in attendance, regarding the development was supported.

09/0302 Orton Grange Caravan Park – demolition of caravan site shop, change of use of land as extension to caravan site for siting of 7 no. ‘log cabin’ style static caravans for holiday use revised plans – already approved.

09/9028 Raughton Head C of E School, Raughton Head – erection of external canopy – no observations.

09/0031 S211 Greenhead House, 37 The Green – fell cherry tree to the rear – no observations.

Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework Site Allocations Policies Proposals Map additional sites for consultation - Cardewmires Quarry (M08) large extension to Buebank Lane. Report received from the three members and the Clerk attending the Cardewmires Quarry site visit on 24th June. It was **resolved** to respond to the consultation that Dalston Parish Council reiterated its previous comments regarding the development of a leisure link, either pedestrian or footpath/cycle way, between Dalston village and Cardewmires Quarry. Access provision to the facilities developed following the completion of the excavation of gravel should be considered to be an integral part of the landscape restoration work. Parish Council members attending the site visit generally supported the development proposals and appreciated being kept informed of the future plans for the quarry. A response from the Cumbria CC Principal Planner indicated that the Peter Lane waste facility might be for a small heat and power scheme to produce fuel from waste.

08/0600 Westwood Nurseries, Orton Grange - garden centre retail development incorporating restaurant/café and farm food hall, with ancillary works including car parking, access, ‘greenhouse’ horticultural interpretation centre, outdoor display/demonstration areas and landscaping – request that a representative had permission to speak at the planning meeting when application 08/0600 was considered was reiterated.

37 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Members were informed about the appointment of Mrs Andrea McCallum as the new Clerk following the interviews, conducted by 6 members of the Policy and Resources Committee on 3rd July 2009. The contract of employment details, expenses and other arrangements as put forward by the Policy and Resources Committee were accepted subject to the details being finally agreed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman with the new employee. It was **resolved**, proposed Mr Kelsey seconded Mrs Millar to proceed with the renovations of the Forge Green office as per the estimates obtained from the four contractors for a total of £3,907.67. 4 filing cabinets were priced at £736.56. The laptop computer and associated software had been ordered for £449.56. It was agreed that further discussion regarding internal painting of Forge Green should be included on the next agenda.

38 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 CPCA/Carlisle CC Joint meeting 15th June – The Chairman and Clerk reported on a well attended, but unsatisfactory meeting. The main topics on the agenda were affordable housing and needs surveys in rural areas, community empowerment, the Carlisle CC transformation programme, tourism review and the Brampton Area Economic Action Plan. A special meeting had been held of the District Chairmen on 1st June to identify the opportunities for taking forward the Government's community empowerment agenda. The proposed outcomes were a CPCA workshop to identify priority topics for greater community influence and a conference, with nationally invited speakers, to seek ways for joint urban/rural community involvement. Mr Auld reported that LAG (Local Area Agreement) funding was available for agriculturally related businesses/diversification – notification to be included in the Parish magazines/website.
- 2 Tarmac Ltd, Cardewmires – communication with Mr Garbutt, Estates Manager and details of Tarmac Cumbria Quarries Biodiversity Action Plan consultation draft response by 1st September – Clerk to complete.
- 3 Carlisle Educational Charity – Grants for Students – information & application forms – noted.
- 4 CPCA capital and village hall grant schemes second round 2009/10 – submission deadline 28th August 2009. Agreed to apply for grant towards IT/office equipment. The Parish halls and meeting places were to be advised of the availability of funding.
- 5 Councillor Allison, Cumbria CC notification of Local Capital Scheme for Dalston & Cummersdale Division - £12,000. Projects to be identified prior to September. Needs to be put forward were litterbin refurbishment and shrub planting in area in Low Moorlands.
- 6 Northern Gas Networks grants up to £5,000 for schools, community groups and charities – information to be passed to Recreation Association re upgrading of playground equipment..
- 7 Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum 13th July 2009 – Messrs Craig and Auld reported that the main topic discussed was the Garland development and schooling. The Recreation Association had been awarded £500 towards the fireworks display.
- 8 Councillor Allison email with suggestion for bus service revision to include Townhead Road, Glebe Close and Nook Lane at selected times – **resolved** to write in support any efforts made to improve the service.
- 9 Environment Agency – restoring rivers project involving the Eden – noted.
- 10 Vitalise essential breaks for disabled people and carers funding request – no action unless identified as being relevant to Parish residents.
- 11 Letter from Mr Kelton requesting funding to support Moorhouse youth football team in Sunday League – Clerk to respond suggesting Neighbourhood Forum Youth Budget and Parish Council November grant application opportunities.

39 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Cumbria in Bloom, Tidy Village and Neighbourhood Awards judging on 14th July 2009 – the tour had gone well, the judges were impressed with the leaflet supplied and the village looked immaculate. Particular thanks were expressed to Messrs Auld, Kelsey, Rawstron and the Clerk for their input. General thanks were to be included in the Parish Papers and website, with a written appreciation to be sent to the contractor.
- b) Report of 3 broken fingers on the signpost at Cowrigg – Parish location to be checked. Painting/cleaning of the cast iron signposts was to be included in a future agenda. The wooden fingerpost at Hawksdale was in an awkward position for grass cutting – request

to move it. The lych gate light was reported to be not working – to report to Carlisle CC lighting department.

40 ACCOUNTS

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

1	E Davidson – grave digging ashes space 24/06/09	40.00
2	Longhorn Carlisle Glass – emergency window repairs 2 Forge Green	196.78
3	Staples – copy paper	14.48
4	E Penrice – litterbin and kissing gate repairs	124.18
5	Orchard Ground Maintenance June grounds maintenance	283.33
6	Orchard Grounds Maintenance June cemetery maintenance	370.00
7	St Michael’s PCC – Festival Committee hire of Church House s137	24.00
8	Westwood Nurseries – compost & plant food s137	19.90
9	Carol Douglas - hosepipe and drum Churchyard watering s137	43.00
10	Mrs Rickerby – Scarecrow trophy engraving s137	9.50
11	Festival Committee – Dalston Emblem flag s137	50.00
12	St Michael’s PCC – 2008/09 grant notice board	500.00
13	Mrs E Auld – salary £637.77, expenses £50.70	688.47
14	Mrs C Millar – hosepipe extension Station use s137	22.98
15	E Davidson – grave digging 16/07/09	220.00

Income:

1	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 02/06, 09/06, 16/06, 23/06, 30/06, 07/07	595.50
2	L Watson (Hogg) – 1 Forge Green July rent	244.83
3	Able Memorials – additional inscription x 2	78.00
4	Mrs Ellams – sheep wash rent 2009	1.00
5	Corner Shop – fishing permits	147.00
6	Ken Patton – burial ashes fee	100.00
7	Cumbria CC – Neighbourhood Forum grant – Kingsway project	1,000.00
8	Mrs Kaye- Krzeczowski – map pack	2.50
9	Cumbria Memorials – additional inscription	42.00
10	City of Carlisle – concurrent services grant	6,129.00
11	Able Memorials – addition fee for inscription	6.00

Community a/c balance 30/06/09 £2,676.07 (£440.82 un-presented)

Business Premium Step Saver a/c balance £50,858.18

41 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interments: Kathleen Beak ashes 24/06/09 Ward 4 Section C Space 34d
Edna Haslam 16/07/09 Ward 5 Section I Space 14
- b) Additional inscriptions: Able Memorials – Wigham headstone ‘also loving wife Margaret devoted Mam, Nan and new Nanna died 7th January 2009 aged 88 years’ – approved.
Little headstone ‘also his wife Patricia Veronica 1928 – 2008 much loved Mum, Nana and friend Nos da, weiai di ya y bore’ (Welsh for goodnight see you in the morning) - approved
Cumbria Memorials Direct – Bunting headstone ‘also his dearly loved wife Edith May loving Mam, Grandma and Great Grandma died 23rd Jan. 2009 aged 98 years’ – approved.
- c) Biffa Waste Services Transfer Note – Clerk to complete.
- d) Suggested date/s for Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial meeting put forward.

The meeting closed at 9.33pm.