

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at Forge Green, Dalston on Tuesday 10th November 2009.

PRESENT	Mr A R Auld (Chairman)	Mr I Newton
	Mr DB Craig	Mrs C Millar
	Mr DC Cowen	Mr R J Potter
	Mrs P Dalton	Mr O Rickerby
	Mr DW Hand	Mr SA Sinclair
	Mr JF Kelsey	
	Mrs F Kaye-Krzeczkowski	

92 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G Harrison (illness) & Mr S Scaife (illness).

93 MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 6th October 2009 were agreed and signed as a true record.

94 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr AR Auld declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – website & festival committee.

Mr DC Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – Church House.

DB Craig & C Millar declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – festival committee.

O Rickerby declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – recreation association.

95 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Allison & PCSO E Tonge.

One member of the public was present.

Mr M Stakim, Dalston Pharmacy advised the Council of plans to incorporate the Post Office and Pharmacy as one business. This would be facilitated by the purchase of the Corner Shop for the necessary increased floor space. MS advised that he intended to keep the Corner Shop's core services e.g. the delivery of newspapers, cards, drinks, etc. but would introduce some new services e.g. increased stationery lines and introduce some new P.O. services e.g. passport applications and lottery services. Advised that the P. O. will hold a public consultation on the possible changes in the near future. Post Box is to stay in current position in the centre of the village and it envisaged that there will be no gap in service when the current P.O lease expires.

MS left at 7:30 p.m.

96 PLANNING DECISIONS

09/0757 1 High Forge, Bridge End, Dalston – erection of first floor extension above existing ground floor to provide bedroom and bathroom to rear elevation – approved.

09/0809 Sally Gray, Cumdivock – single storey lean to rear extension to provide extended sitting room together with first floor extension to provide en-suite, dressing room and terrace for existing master bedroom – approved.

09/0816 The Barn, Low Flanders – barn conversion to provide private dwelling (revised application) – approved – 3 conditions.

09/0817 The Barn, Low Flanders – change of use of barn to 1 no. dwelling (LBC) (revised application) – approved – 3 conditions.

09/0836 Dalston Highways Depot, Barras Lane – replacement of corrugated asbestos sheet roofing with profiled steel roofing to part of vehicle maintenance building – approved.

97 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

09/0834 Nestle UK Ltd, Dalston – new external enclosed free standing access stair including ground level ramped access with handrail protection system – no observations.

09/0874 Hawksdale Pastures, Dalston – raising ground levels of garden areas of plots 1 & 3 using excavated subsoil from site – no observations.

- 09/0887 Haddon Grange, 48 The Green, Dalston – single storey rear extension to provide kitchen and breakfast room together with internal alterations and a new covered porch/study to front entrance – no observations.
- 09/0930 Windyfell, Raughton Head – enclosure of open courtyard – no observations
- 09/0937 Kingsway, Dalston – Formation of car park with associated landscape and environmental improvements (revised application) – no observations.
- 1-8 Hawksdale Pastures, Welton Road, Dalston - Street naming & numbering proposal received – no comments.

98 GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Resolved: to award the following grants to local organisations:-

1.	Cumdivock Art Group	Display stand for exhibitions	£75
2.	Redspearland Footpath Group	Publicity materials	£250
3.	Raughton Head PCC	Churchyard grass cutting & spraying	£1345
4.	Dalston Ladies Choir	Supply of sheet music	£150
5.	Dalston Parochial Church Council	Church House – Installation of new heating system & insulation	£700
6.	Gaitsgill Parent & Toddlers	Play equipment	£100
7.	Dalston Scouts	Replacement of 5 tents	£400
8.	AR Auld	Website hosting & maintenance costs	£150
9.	Dalston Recreation Association	Insurance	£300
10.	Dalston Festival Committee	Insurance	£425
11.	Raughton Head WI	Public speakers	£100
12.	Cumdivock WI	Updating of toilet access for wheelchair users	£200
13.	Dalston Parent & Toddler Group	Play equipment	£200
14.	Dalston Tennis Club	Coaching costs	£200
15.	Junior Black Reds FC	New team set up costs	£300
16.	Dalston Brownies	Materials for arts & crafts	£150
17.	Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill	Redecoration of hall, kitchen & toilets	£500
		Total	<u>£5545</u>

Grants were awarded under the following powers:-

Local Government Act s137 – 8, 13, 15, 16

Churchyard Local Government Act 1972 s214 - 3

Recreation and Halls Local Government (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976 s19 – 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17

Local Government Act 1972 s144 – 2

Local Government Act 1972 s145 – 1, 4, 11

99 PRECEPT 2010/11

Resolved: to set the Precept for 2010/11 at £40,480.

100 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING DATE 2009

The Annual Parish Meeting date was agreed for Tuesday 27th April 2009.

101 DALSTON & CUMMERSDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

A verbal report of the meeting held on the 26th October was received. The Council was awarded a grant of £670 towards the cost of the kissing gates for the Cumbria Way footpath at Rose Castle.

102 CARLISLE PARISH COUNCIL ASSOCIATION MEETING

A verbal report of the meeting held on the 2nd November was received. Cllr Auld reported that the meeting was long and quite complex. A wide range of matters pertinent to the business of the CPCA were discussed, including some items of planning. This included:-

- 87% of planning decisions made by Carlisle City Council in 2008 were achieved via delegated power's, this is aimed to be 90% in 2009.
- 55 retrospective applications were considered in 2008.
- It was highlighted that P.C.s often have insufficient understanding of the way in which responses to planning applications should be made, these often being thrown out due to non compliance.
- CPCA to approach Planning Dept. to obtain a condensed version of a planning help pack for circulation to Clerks and Cllrs.

103 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Allerdale Borough Council – Draft Statement of Community Involvement – invitation to comment by 20th November 2009. **Agreed** no comment necessary.
- 2 Cumbria Highways – Working Together August 2009 - received.
- 3 Cumbria Waste Management – annual review & accounts 2008/9 – received.
- 4 Eden District Council – Local Development Framework, notification of amendments to policies CS7 principles for housing & C10 affordable housing notification – for information.
- 5 North West Air Ambulance – donation request letter. **Agreed** no donation payable.
- 6 Communities in control; real people, real power – Government response to the making and enforcement of byelaws – for information..
- 7 Brampton Neighbourhood Policing Team newsletter – received and displayed.
- 8 CALC Circular November 2009 – distributed for information.
- 9 CPCA/Carlisle City Council joint meeting to be held 30th November 2009 – advance notification. Chairman advised that papers to be discussed to include proposals for issue based locality working between parish councils and local government. Example areas were this has being identified as beneficial being road maintenance, planning applications, etc.
- 10 Carlisle Environmental Action – minutes of the meeting held 29th October 2009 – received.
- 11 Cumbria in Control User Involvement Consortium – notification of service user consultation on changes to social care funding – noted.
- 12 Dalston Agricultural Society letter dated 4th November 2009 – letter was circulated for information. **Agreed:** to respond that no further action considered necessary.

104 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Pot Holes at Forge Green – A request from residents had been received to remedy pot-holes in the parking area. **Agreed:** quarry waste to be purchased, Cllr D Cowen to estimate amount and residents to distribute.
- b) Forge Green Office external lighting – Clerk to obtain estimates for replacement external lights.
- c) Forge Green Office – Cllr Craig to purchase doorbell.

105 ACCOUNTS

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

1	Mrs E Auld – salary £689.25 & expenses £0.78 & gratuity £15,925.58	16,615.61
2	Mrs A McCallum – salary £633.27 & expenses £42.83	676.10
3	G Jeffery – Graveyard Maintenance	480.00
4	Carlisle Business Supplies – Box A4 paper	12.59
5	CALC – Freedom of Information Course (Min No. 81/10/08)	19.50
6	Society of Local Council Clerks – membership fee (Min No. 81/10/09)	127.00
7	Cumdivock Reading Room – CPCA grant for emergency lighting.	300.00
8	Orchard Grounds Maintenance – October Cemetery maintenance	370.00
9	Orchard Grounds Maintenance – October grounds maintenance	283.33
10	O2 – mobile phone DD	25.76
11	British Gas – Gas bill 18th July to 12th October 2009 DD	30.77
12	Staples – Ink Cartridges	64.84
13	Royal British Legion – Remembrance wreaths	30.00
14	Dalston WI – Refreshments for Cumbria In Bloom Celebration 7 th October	50.00
15	RA Auld – Computer keyboard	19.99
16	BT – Broadband charges 23 rd October to 31 st January 09	94.74
17	Eden Woodland Consultants – Penn Beck Clearance (Min No. 59/9/09)	506.00
18	BT – Phone bill from 23 rd to 31 st October 2009	5.02

Income:

1	C Collins – 2 Forge Green Rent 20/10/09-17/11/09	398.00
2	L Watson (Hogg) – 1 Forge Green November rent	244.83
3	Mr Pattinson, Chalkfoot – Rent for Toddle Row 2009	10.00
4	Carlisle City Council – CPCA grant for emergency lighting	300.00
5	Corner Shop – Fishing permits	33.00
6	Corner Shop – 6 x map packs	12.00

Community a/c balance 31/10/09 £1,787.72 (£86.00 unrepresented cheques)

Business Premium Step Saver a/c balance £46,890.94

A summary of the accounts to date indicated that currently £3,126 over budget.

106 E AULD – RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Cllrs were notified of a collection that had taken place and asked for suggestions on how the collection should be spent.

Agreed: Chairman to notify J Rickerby on suggested gifts, the presentation to take place at the Christmas fair.

107 BANK ACCOUNT

Cllr P Dalston & D Hand signed additional bank mandate to change account facilitator from E Auld to A McCallum.

108 CEMETERY MATTERS

a) Headstone: Cumbria Memorial Direct – ‘Lydia Brady – in loving memory of Lydia Brady dearly loved wife, mother, nana and great nana 9/8/1937 – 19/7/1909 R.I.P.’- approved.

b) Safety inspection undertaken 30th October 2009, five headstones to be secured. Clerk to action.

Mrs McCallum left the room at 8:58 pm.

109 CLERKS PROBATIONERY PERIOD

The Chairman reported on a meeting held at Bannerdale on the 31st October 2009 attended by members of the Clerk’s Employment Group and ad-hoc committee set-up to deal with the appointment of the new Clerk. It was reported that the 3 months parallel working had gone well. The Contract of Employment remained unsigned, this being because of the intention of the Parish Council to investigate possible private pension arrangements for the Clerk. Chairman progressing this matter with the Chairman of Stanwix Rural Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm.