

## DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** held at Forge Green, Dalston on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

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### PRESENT

Mr R Auld	Mr J Kelsey
Mr T Baxter	Mrs C Millar
Mr B Craig (Chairman)	Mr I Newton
Mr C Drouet	Mr R Potter
Mrs F Kaye-Krzeczkowski	

65. APOLOGIES

Cllr P Ebbatson, D Gray, & O Roberts.

66. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010 were agreed and signed subject to the following amendments:-  
Minute No. 46/7/10 – spelling of 'centre'.

Minute No. 53/7/10 – amend to 'Agreed: *that* Cllr Auld to contact solicitor .....

Minute No. 54/7/10 – to delete '*Also discussed that a housing needs survey should be combined with the plan*' and replace with '*housing needs survey was also discussed*'.

67. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations recorded.

68. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr T Allison & N Clarke in attendance. No members of the public present.

Cllr Clarke advised that she had been contacted by Inspector N Thompson regarding parking issues at Bridge End Pub and the Garage. She advised that Inspector Thompson is to arrange a meeting with Mr R Hayward, Highways, to pursue a reduction of the speed limit to 30 mph. Cllr Clarke also requested an update on the insertion of bollards at Bridge End. Advised by Chairman that a plan of the area had been circulated to all residents, requesting their views on improvements to the area. Chairman to arrange meeting of the Gardens & Maintenance Committee to discuss these suggestions, when all plans returned.

Cllr Allison reported on complaints received concerning the dangerous parking of vehicles on the pavement at Post Office Corner. Cllr Allison has approached the Post Office tenant to discuss possible solutions. The tenant has indicated that he may be willing to offer a financial contribution towards the provision of a lay-by on the grassed area opposite. However, general feeling did not seem to support this suggestion, it being felt that this could further exacerbate visibility issues at the junction. The insertion of bollards was discussed, however, Cllr Allison advised that an earlier site meeting held with Highways had indicated that they would not support the insertion of bollards in this area. It was suggested that the parking problems should be looked at in totality alongside general traffic and visibility problems in the area.

**Agreed:** To arrange site visit with Richard Hayward & Pieter Barnard, Highways, Cllr Allison & Parish Council. Clerk & Cllr Allison to arrange.

Cllr Allison also reported on an informal HGV survey undertaken at night, by a resident concerned about the amount of HGV's travelling through the village. The survey indicated that all vehicles using the road were local business's entitled to use the route. However, Cllr Allison to write to the business's to request that deliveries are made through working hours and not in the evening.

Cllr Allison advised on a letter he had written to B Walker, Westwood Nurseries concerning the incorporation of a re-cycling site into the proposed Westwood Garden Centre. Advised that B Walker has written to Dobbies requesting this.

69. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Resolved:** Date of next meeting to be Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010.

70. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 10/0418 Buckabank Farm, Dalston – erection of steel portal frame building housing for calf and young stock – approved.
- 10/0465 South Muse, Buckabank – single storey extension to rear elevation to provide 1no. bedroom and kitchen/dining area; demolition of conservatory and removal of window to provide internal passage to extension (LBC) – approved.
- 10/0481 Paragon Veterinary Group, Carlisle House, Dalston – erection of single storey and two storey extension to provide additional office and treatment rooms together with additional parking (revised application) – approved 5 conditions.
- 10 /0493 Fountain Head, Dalston – erection of conservatory to rear elevation (LBC) & 10/0572 – approved.
- 10/0513 Buckabank Farm, Dalston – erection of steel portal frame youngstock and calf housing building – approved.
- 10/0525 18A Carlisle Road, Dalston- two storey side extension to provide garage on ground floor with en-suite Bedroom above – approved 2 conditions.
- 10/0558 Nestle UK Ltd., Dalston – demolition of existing concrete canopy and erection of nitrogen balloon enclosure and associated plant – approved.
- 10/0567 Dalston Hall Hotel, Dalston – renewal of unexpired permission of 05/0214 for first floor extension and ground floor conversion to form 8no. rooms in east wing and erection of two storey lodge comprising 12no. rooms (LBC) – approved 4 conditions.
- 10/0531 25 The Green, Dalston – erection of end terrace three bedroom dwelling – refused.
- 10/0429 Westwood Garden Centre, Orton Grange – Permission granted subject to legal agreement - 27 conditions.
- 10/0476 Riverside, Stockdalewath – Change of use of barn to create 1No. dwelling along with ancillary residential accommodation for adjoining barn conversion (revised application) - approved 8 conditions.

71. PLANNING DECISIONS

- 10/0542 Top Flat, Caldew Bank, Cummersdale (LBC) – insulation of floor and ceilings above top flat.  
**Resolved:** no observations.
- 10/0635 Low Flanders, Dalston (LBC) – two storey side extension to provide kitchen, dining and family room on ground floor with 1no. en-suite bedroom above.  
**Resolved:** to object to the application, the extension being considered to be out of keeping and unsympathetic with the existing listed building in character and materials (Policy LE12 – Proposals affecting listed buildings & Policy CP5 – Design). Items noted as being incongruous being the dormer windows, roof line and corner quoins stones.

72. CLERKS TRAINING – CEMETERY MANAGEMENT, NEWCASTLE

**Resolved:** Clerk to attend training course on cemetery management at a cost of £95.00 + travel costs.

73. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 – SOUTHERN BYPASS

Cllr Allison advised of his intention to get the Southern Bypass included on the LTP3, as a recognised project. To enable its inclusion, he is preparing a report to substantiate the need for a bypass. The report will include traffic counts, accident statistics, pinch-point issues (i.e. Durdar crossroads & Dalston) and likely increased use projections - given new developments such as Dobbies and the Morton residential development. Cllr Allison requested financial support totalling £200 from the Council, to fund a traffic count. **Resolved:** to fund £200 towards traffic count. It was requested that the count should take place on a working day, outside of school holidays. Also, that the data is made available to the Parish Council.

Cllr Clarke left at 8:15 pm

74. KINGSWAY CAR PARK & ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Clerk reported on conversations held with the Land Registry (LR), regarding the registration of land. Outlined how the LR are unable/relevant to comment on evidence to support adverse possession cases, advising that professional advice from a solicitor should be obtained. Cllr Craig circulated a report to Cllrs on a meeting held with R Hayward, Area Engineer & Pieter Barnard, Highways. R Hayward having verbally agreed to send the P.C. a legal document stating that the Kingsway is highway and therefore ownership rests with the Highway Authority. Receipt of this would mean that the Council is no-longer required to prove or register ownership of the land, prior to undertaking any development on the Kingsway. Licenses would be issued by the Highway Authority to allow the P.C. to develop the car park, the licences

containing schedules for associated groundwork's, trees and street furniture. County Highways would also agree that the work be carried out to a 'lesser standard' to enable the P.C. to construct the car park in accordance with what has been agreed and not to Highway's adoptable standards. The Council would therefore be responsible for future maintenance and upkeep of the area.

**Resolved:** once confirmation of the above is received in writing from R Hayward, a working group meeting would be convened.

75. BRIDGE END – CLOTHES RECYCLING BIN

Clerk reported on conversations held with Trading Standards concerning charity clothing banks. Determined that the siting of a charity clothing bank, by a registered company, with the landowners permission is not illegal. Also advised that Carlisle City Council do not own the land at Bridge End, however, land ownership was still being determined.

**Agreed:** Clerk to write to residents and advise on situation to date and to determine who owns the land.

76. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Cumbria County Council – Temporary Road Closure B5299 Goose Green to Nether Welton from 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010 for 2 weeks.
- 2 Carlisle City Council – Forward plan of key decisions 1<sup>st</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010.
- 3 CALC Circular – July/August 2010
- 4 Carlisle City Council – Statement of Community Involvement – notification of adoption.
- 5 Hydro Electric Scheme – Council advised on a meeting held with J Coulthard who had indicated his willingness to work with the Council on the scheme. Also advised that funding for the scheme may be available via Newcastle University. Considered imperative that this issue is progressed quickly while the chance of funding may be available. **Agreed:** Cllr Ebbatson to lead on this project and arrange a meeting between Mr J Coulthard, Mr Roberts, Cllr Drouet, Cllr Auld & Cllr Craig.

Cllr Allison left at 9:00 pm

77. GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Parish Paths Initiative – Clerk reported that estimates to replace 3 x step stiles with backpacker kissing gates on the Cumbria Way and 3 x step stiles with kissing gates at Sowerby Wood footpaths had been received. Unfortunately, despite using recycled gates, the estimate had totalled £1,415.00 + VAT, a grant only being made available through the P.P.I. for £1,000. The P.C. was therefore asked to consider funding the shortfall of £415.00.

**Resolved:** Balance of £450 to be funded from projects budget.

78. ACCOUNTS

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

**Expenditure:**

1	O2 - Mobile Phone – D/D 06/07/10	26.32
2	Carlisle City Council – Office & Cemetery Rates – D/D 01/07/10	93.00
3	British Gas – Gas bill – D/D 30/07/10	34.92
4	G Jeffrey – Remedial work to 13 headstones & 2 sunken graves	450.00
5	Staples – Stationery & External Hard Drives x 2	144.34
6	J Harrison – Gas safety checks & servicing Forge Green property	176.25
7	Orchard Grounds Maintenance – July cemetery maintenance	377.66
8	Orchard Grounds Maintenance – July grounds maintenance	291.66
9	Andrea McCallum – Salary £631.60 & Reimbursements £57.69	689.29
10	L Auld – Reimbursement of lunches – Cumbria in Bloom judges	17.20
11	HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE & NI June-August	763.42
	Total	£3044.06

**Income:**

1	Nestle – Cumbria in Bloom donation	150.00
2	Ken Patton Funeral Directors – Burial Fee	100.00
3	C Collins – Rent 2 Forge Green – July 2010	400.00
2	L Watson Rent 1 Forge Green – July 2010	244.83
3	JS Jackson, Stonemason – Inscription Fee	42.00
Total		£ 936.83

Community a/c balance 31/07/10 £2,286.20 (£80.00 un-cashed)

Business Premium Step Saver a/c balance £43,738.30

Income to 31st July 2010 = £ 44,162.72

Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010 = £12,982.38

79. CEMETERY MATTERS

No internments or purchases to report.

80. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010 at 7:15pm at Forge Green.

The meeting closed at 9:05 p.m.