

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at Forge Green, Dalston on Tuesday 9th February 2010.

PRESENT	Mr D B Craig (Chairman) Mr DC Cowen Mrs P Dalton Mr G Harrison Mr O Rickerby	Mrs F Kaye-Krzeczkowski Mr I Newton Mr RJ Potter Mrs J Rawstron
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143 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A R Auld (holiday), Mr DW Hand, Mr JF Kelsey (holiday), Mrs C Millar, Mr S Scaife & Mr SA Sinclair.

144 MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 12th January 2010 were agreed and signed as a true record following the amendment of:-

Minute No. 132 Application No. 09/1001 – To amend to read Hawksdale Pasture.

145 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declaration of a personal interest was recorded by:-

Cllr P Dalton – Planning application No. 10/0050 Dalston Agricultural Showfield & recycling facility at Glave Hill car park.

Cllr G Harrison – Planning application No. 10/0050 Dalston Agricultural Showfield.

146 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Six members of the public were present.

PCSO E Tonge sent her apologies and a report was read that included:-

- Crime Report - two incidences of theft, one of tools and one of diesel. Incident of anti social behaviour on cycle track, criminal damage of window to St Michael's Church, report of suspicious vehicle at Barras Lane Industrial estate.
- Safer, Stronger, Communities – public meeting to be held on Thursday 11th February at Dalston Victory Hall at 7:00 p.m. Opportunity for residents to raise issues concerning community and disorder issues.

Cllr T Allison advised the Council on current issues, this included:-

- School Parking – Cllr Allison advised that he was aware of the problems with parking at both schools within Dalston. Advised that the incorporation of a bus service from the Garlands Estate to Caldew School was going well and this had reduced the number of cars discharging pupils. St Michael's school is considered unsuitable as parents wish to personally drop off children. Dialogue taking place with St Michaels over possible Steward being employed to provide supervised care, prior to school opening time.

Cllr N Clarke reported that:-

- Dedicated seat at Low Moorlands - currently investigating the placement of a seat dedicated to Cllr J Robinson at Low Moorlands, to be situated where the trees have been removed. This is to be financed by Cllr Clarke. Asked that the P.C. consider this item in future.
- Changes to Bus Service No. 75 – had resulted in Cummersdale passengers having to buy two tickets. **Agreed:** to write a joint letter with Cummersdale P.C. requesting that bus's are re-directed via Townhead Road. Cllr Clarke to forward draft to Cllr Craig.

A resident of Dalston reported that:-

- A large tree branch had been washed down the river and was wedged against a pillar at the White Bridge pillar. **Agreed:** Clerk to contact Environment Agency about removal.

- Ditches, Nook Lane – recent ditch clearing had left debris and had made it difficult to pass other vehicles. **Agreed:** Clerk to contact owner and request that verges be re-instated to a suitable standard.

147 PLANNING DECISIONS

- 09/1065 Gill Farm, The Gill, Dalston – erection of 70mx25m slurry lagoon (part retrospective) – approved 1 condition that 1.9 metre high fence and gates are erected prior to being brought into use.
09/1100 Barras House, Barras Close – change of use from Wardens House, 2no. residential flats with support – approved.

148 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10/0001 Various locations within Dalston – carry out works to trees as specified in the Dalston village & cemetery tree survey 2009 – no observations.

10/0017 Gill Farm, The Gill, Dalston – earth banked silage clamp – no observations.

10/0046 Lambfield Farm, Raughton Head – construction of slurry lagoon (part retrospective).

Resolved: to submit an observation that adequate fencing should be erected around the lagoon for the protection of children and stock.

10/0050 Dalston Agricultural Showfield, Glave Hill, Dalston – formation of car parking areas to serve Dalston Medical Practice along with proposed convenience store/two residential units; subject of planning application No. 08/1254. Provision of reinforced grass surfacing to area between two car parking areas. Formation of access to Dalston Medical Practice from Townhead and access convenience Store/two residential units from Glave Hill (08/1254).

Resolved: to recommend refusal of the development for the reasons stated below:-

- the application is considered piecemeal – in an attempt to address problems in design and the requirements of different user groups;
- concerns over visibility when exiting at Glave Hill were raised, Cllrs believing that visibility is impaired at this exit. Cllrs also highlighted that this exit is situated on the only pedestrian footway into the village from Townhead Road, users being subjected to increased traffic entering and exiting the car park;
- it was also agreed that previous comments made on Application No. 09/1384/p/08 revision F, still apply and be taken into consideration.

149 DALSTON LIBRARY

This item was requested to be brought forward by Cllr Allison – no objections received to this request. A Cllr reported that discussions with the owner of the former Post Office building had indicated that he may be willing to enter into a lease agreement for the purpose of a Library.

Agreed: Cllr Allison & Clarke to progress this item on the P.C. s behalf and report to next meeting

150 NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MEETING

A verbal report of the meeting held on the 26th January was given by the Chairman. This included:-

- current Police priorities in Dalston are speeding and Anti Social Behaviour.
- a presentation by Mr J Huston, Carlisle Environment Forum – advised of new Chairman and their current aim to increase membership.
- a presentation by J Magnay, Waste Services Operations Manager on recycling.

151 PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY No. 114036

Notification of the diversion order for public bridleway No. 114036, for a distance of approximately 190 metres around Roewath Cottage, Stockdalewath was considered. Clerk reported on behalf of the Redspearlands Footpath Group that they had no objections to the diversion. A member of the public advised Cllrs of her reasons for objections to the diversion.

Resolved: The Council has no objection to the outlined proposed diversion from point A-D. However, clarification is needed on the longstanding issue of access to the bridleway.

Cllr Clarke left at 8:50 pm

152 POST OFFICE BRANCH RELOCATION

The proposed relocation of the Post Office to 2-4 Vicars Cottages was considered.

Resolved: Clerk to respond to the public consultation advising that Cllrs would have preferred for the Post Office to have stayed in its current location in the centre of the village. However, if this is not feasible the movement to 2-4 Vicars Cottages is preferential to losing the service.

153 PARISH CHARITABLE TRUST

The formation of a Parish Charitable Trust was discussed, interested members being advised of a meeting to be held in April. Cllr Dalton, Cowen, Rickerby, Rawstron & Potter expressed interest in attending this meeting.

154 POLICY & RESOURCES GROUP MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th January 2010 were circulated to members, alongside identified actions for the Council to consider.

Cllrs were asked to consider if current levels of fidelity guarantee insurance levels are considered sufficient at £60,000. **Resolved:** Current fidelity guarantee insurance to remain at £60,000.

Budget 2009/10 - payment to L Auld. Notification had been received that this was a compensation payment. Investigations ongoing as to if Employers NI payments should have been made on this payment. **Agreed:** Clerk to contact M Smillie.

Risk Assessment – advised that this should have been termed a 'risk inspection'. Cllrs advised that Clerk currently compiling a list of assets, by area, for Cllrs to inspect.

155 RECYCLING FACILITY AT GLAVE HILL CAR PARK

Correspondence from Dalston Victory Hall Committee was considered, requesting the views of the Parish Council on the movement of the recycling facility to Barras Lane Industrial Estate. Consideration was also given to correspondence from Jan Magnay, Waste Services Operations Manager, Carlisle City Council who is not in favour of movement of the site, believing that the move would lead to a reduction in recycling levels and increased fly tipping.

A member of the public present at the meeting, who lives within close vicinity to the existing site, indicated that she was in favour of the movement of the bins due to noise disturbance when the bins are emptied. This often in the early morning and at weekends.

Agreed: Clerk to write to Victory Hall Committee to determine when the current lease for the recycling bins expires.

156 CORRESPONDENCE

To note items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

- 1 Cumbria Highways – Notification of road closure on Newbiggin Road starting 8th March 2010 for 1 week - noted
- 2 Requests for donations from Mencap, Great North Air Ambulance & Red Cross – Clerk to write and notify of Dalston grant allocation policy.
- 3 Cumbria County Council – notification of changes to Service 75 – Cotehill/Carlisle/Dalston - noted.
- 4 Dalston Festival Committee – Notice of festival committee meeting to be held 15th February, any P.C. members being invited to attend. Cllr Newton & Craig indicated their intention to attend.

157 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Army Cadet Force Tree Planting Scheme – consideration was asked to be given to areas of planting for 30 wild cherry, rowan and silver birch trees. **Agreed:** Cllrs to inform Clerk of suggested areas.
- b) Tree Survey – to consider an estimate of £2208 for tree works in village & cemetery. **Resolved:** costs approved. Also **agreed:** future works in Churchyard to be subject to an arboricultural report and included in the Parish Plan and subsequent budgets.

158 ACCOUNTS

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

Expenditure:

1	O2 - Mobile Phone – D/D 06/01/10	25.81
2	E Davidson – Grave digging 19/01/10	40.00
3	A McCallum – Salary £631.60 & Reimbursements £22.60	654.20

4	Shaw & Sons Ltd – Exclusive right of burial book	324.30
5	Orchard Grounds Maintenance – January grounds maintenance	283.33
6	Orchard Grounds Maintenance – January cemetery maintenance	370.00
7	Staples – Stamps	4.68
8	Dalston Recreation Association – CPCA Village Hall grant for kitchen units	400.00
Total		£2102.32

Income:

1	CPCA Village Hall grant for Dalston Recreation Association - kitchen units	400.00
2	L Watson – Rent 1 Forge Green 1/1/10 0 31/1/10	244.83
3	Grange Over Sands Civic Society – Engraving recharge	8.95
4	Walkers Funeral Directors – Burial fee	100.00
5	Cumbria County Council – Grant for Bollards	2000.00
6	HM Customs & Revenue – VAT Reclaim	743.98
Total		£3497.76

Community a/c balance 31/01/10 £2,936.12 (£200 un-cashed cheque)

Business Premium Step Saver a/c balance £13,852.20

159 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interments: Margaret Sinclair ashes 19/01/10 - Ward 4, Section C, Space 35e.
Constance Kavanagh ashes 29/01/10 – Ward 4, Section C, Space 32a.
- b) Headstone: Memorials of Distinction – black granite headstone 'In loving memory of Frances Hannah Waugh (Cardewlees) who died 9th November 1963 aged 79 years, beloved wife of John Waugh who died 9th March 1971 aged 91 years also their son William Martin Waugh who died 9th November 2009 aged 85 years' - approved.
- c) Purchases: William & Constance Kavanagh 29/1/10 Ward 4, Section C, Space 32(a)
Neil & Dawn Carruthers 29/01/10 Ward 4, Section C, Space 32(b)
- d) Clerk advised that the grave digger was to increase his fees for a full interment to £240.00, an increase of £20.
Agreed: Clerk to carry out review of charges for March meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.37 p.m.