

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at Forge Green, Dalston on Tuesday 12th January 2010.

PRESENT	Mr A R Auld (Chairman) Mr DC Cowen Mrs P Dalton Mr G Harrison	Mr JF Kelsey Mrs C Millar Mr RJ Potter Mr SA Sinclair
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127 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Craig, Mr DW Hand, Mrs Kaye-Krzeczkowski (holiday), Mr I Newton, Mrs J Rawstron, Mr O Rickerby & Mr S Scaife.

128 MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 8th December 2009 were agreed and signed as a true record following the amendment of:-

Minute No. 122 a) – Gardens & Maintenance. To delete the word '*Kelsey's Meadow*' and replace with '*wildflower meadow at Forge Green*'.

129 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declaration of a personal & prejudicial interest was recorded by Mr R Potter to Planning Application No. 09/1042 & 09/1043.

The Council was informed of advice from CALC concerning the proposing of a motion by a Cllr who had declared a personal interest in the item. CALC advised that technically, there is nothing that prevents a Cllr who has declared a personal interest from tabling a resolution, although this situation is not considered ideal. However, it would be wiser in future if another Cllr proposes the item, who did not declare an interest.

130 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public was present.

PC C Hird & Sgt. S Jamieson attended the meeting, at the request of Cllr N Clarke to outline Police enforcement procedures concerning parking at Bridge End. Main points included:-

- Police advise that they must remain neutral in this issue but are working towards a long-term solution with Cllr Allison. Suggested that bollards or planters may be positioned in future – Cllr Allison to fund these improvements.
- PC Hird has determined that most of the area in question where parking issues have arisen is unclaimed land, not public highway.
- If vehicles are parked dangerously or causing a total obstruction of the footpath then Police will ask owner to remove the vehicle, if this is not done then will ticket the vehicle and/or remove the vehicle. If the vehicle is parked on the footpath but sufficient room is available for pedestrians, this is not classed as an obstruction and Police cannot issue tickets.
- PC Hird advised that he had received personal abuse over the telephone on this issue and asked that this be minuted.

Pc Hird then gave a general crime report for the area:-

- Two incidences of theft of diesel from vehicles had taken place, one at New Road and one at Barras Lane.
- Three incidents of Anti Social Behaviour; two of snowball throwing and one at the Blue Bell Inn.
- Six incidents of road traffic accidents, which was to be expected in the recent weather conditions.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Clarke & T Allison due to their attendance being required at a City Council meeting. In her absence, a report by Cllr N Clarke was considered. Items included:-

- Speeding down Hawksdale Hill – R Hayward, Highways Dept. to investigate the possibility of jiggle bars on the approach to Bridge End.

- Bench at Bridge End – Cllr Clarke asked the Council to consider the movement of the bench. This was considered by the Council and **agreed:** bench to remain in position.
- City Councillor Ward meetings, Dalston – Cllr Clarke & Allison are considering having regular ward meetings alongside the Police.
- Copper Beech, Caldew Drive, Tree Protection Order - Cllr N Clarke advised of an application for a tree protection order to be raised. **Agreed:** Cllr Auld, Kelsey and Dalton to be informed as to the tree this is to be applied for.
- Grit Bin, Buckabank & Raughton Head – advised that these bins had been regularly filled but residents had witnessed motorists taking away as many as six bucket full's for personal use. **Agreed:** Gardens & Maintenance Committee to consider producing a P.C. plan to cope with adverse weather conditions in future.

131 PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON CARLISLE ROAD – EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

It was agreed for this agenda item to be moved forward to allow Police input to be considered.

The impact of the experimental TRO on the parking of vehicles on Carlisle Road, Caldew Drive and Ninerigg was considered. PC Hird advised that Police are unable to issue tickets, this being the responsibility of the local authority, but he can request that wardens patrol the area. However, the Police can and will ask vehicles to move.

Resolved: to submit a letter in response to the consultation, main points including:-

- The regulation has made no difference to the parking of vehicles in the area, cars continuing to park on the pavement and area's covered by waiting restrictions.
- The scheme will not succeed without active enforcement and parking controls – which can only be achieved by a co-ordinated agency response.

PC C Hird & Sgt. S Jamieson left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

132 PLANNING DECISIONS

09/0937 Kingsway, Dalston – formation of car park with associated landscape and environmental improvements (revised application) – approved 9 conditions.

09/0954 Nook House, Cumdivock – proposed livestock building – approved 1 conditions.

09/0958 Orton Grange Caravan Park, Orton Grange – renewal of permission for temporary sales office (retrospective application) – approved until 30th September 2010.

09/01001 Plots 1-3 Hawsdale Pasture, Welton Road, Dalston – conversion of and extension to existing buildings to provide 3no. 4 bedroom houses (LBC) (revised application) - approved 3 conditions.

1/09/90 14 Cardewmires Quarry, Cardewmires – extension of operation of quarry until 2026 – approved.

09/0708 Bridge End Service Station – erection of single storey extension to provide spray booth – approved 3 conditions.

09/1020 & 1021 Raughton Farm, Raughton, Dalston – conversion of agricultural barn into additional living accommodation providing kitchen/dining room and utility room – approved 4 conditions

133 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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, Carlisle, for residential (maximum 825 dwellings), employment (40,000m² floor space) and public open space purposes as well as associated works. **Resolved:** no observations on the re-positioning of the possible primary school and allotments but to reiterate the P.C's original comments from the 29th June 2009 to the original development.

Cllr R Potter left the room at 8:10 p.m.

09/1042 Cardew House, Cardew, Dalston – proposed free range hen building and egg packing station – phase 1 – no observations.

09/1043 Cardew House, Cardew, Dalston – proposed free range hen building – phase 2 – no observations.

Cllr R Potter re-entered the room at 8:15 p.m.

- 09/1066 Westwood Nurseries – garden centre retail development incorporating restaurant/cafe, with ancillary works including car parking, access, outdoor display/demonstration areas and landscaping (revised application). **Resolved:** to object to the development as per the P.C's original response dated the 10th July 2009. Furthermore, to comment that the revised building design lacked character, the design detracting from the rural environment in which it is situated.
- 09/1091 The Old Barn, Raughton Head Hill – change of use of agricultural land to residential garden together with the siting of garden shed and oil tank – no objections.
- 09/1100 Barras House, Barras Close, Dalston – change of use from warden's house 2no. residential flats with support – no objections.
- 09/1106 Roewath Cottage, Stockdalewath – removal of existing single storey extension and erection of replacement two storey extension to provide hydrotherapy pool on ground floor with 2no. bedrooms above together with en-suite extension on existing roof terrace – no objections.
- 09/1065 Gill Farm, The Gill, Dalston – erection of 70mx25m slurry lagoon (part retrospective). **Resolved:** to comment that it should be ensured that adequate fencing is erected around the lagoon, for the protection of children - a footpath being in close proximity to the lagoon.
- 09/1095 Former telephone exchange station, Hawksdale Road – change of use from telephone exchange station to short term holiday accommodation. **Resolved:** to object to the application as it is considered to be an inappropriate residential development in a rural situation. There are also no recognised footpath routes in the area.
- 09/1078 Former Mushroom Farm, Orton Grange – demolition of existing disused buildings and structures and erection of 1 no. bungalow (outline application) – no objections.
- 09/1098 Nestle UK- Temporary (36 months) siting of 21m² container for use as a staff shop together with fencing and 6 parking spaces – no objections.

134 CARLISLE ROAD – MOVEMENT OF 30 MPH SIGN

The request by Cllr Allison to move the 30 m.p.h. sign at Carlisle Road was considered. **Agreed:** Clerk to respond to Cllr Allison and advise that although the movement of the sign is supported in principle, it was considered a Highway Dept responsibility to action this.

135 KINGSWAY CAR PARK

Report received on meetings held between the designer and the highways department. Discussion involved the planning permission conditions, the need to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and Secretary of State approval notice and the costs of these further actions.

A Cllr enquired about drainage requirements for the car park, as local resident had informed him that a drain ran alongside the Kingsway. Clerk to pass this information to designer.

Resolved: Clerk to apply for TRO at a cost of approximately £1,000 and Secretary of State approval prior to instructing Westwood Landscapes to start detailed design and production information at a cost of £2,900.

136 PARISH COUNCIL & VILLAGE HALL GRANT SCHEME 2010/11

Council advised that village halls within the Parish had been advised of the scheme and to notify the Clerk of applications prior to the 22nd January 2010. The Council was asked to suggest suitable projects for the Parish Council application. **Resolved:** Clerk to apply for grant for the Kingsway environmental project redesign fees.

137 STANDING ORDERS

A set of re-formatted Standing Orders was circulated to members, alongside a paper of amendments. Cllrs to notify Clerk of any required changes before Clerk to re-issue.

138 CODE OF CONDUCT – PERSONAL INTEREST FORMS

Copies of Cllr Personal Interest Forms had been circulated with the agenda for Cllrs perusal. Cllrs were reminded by the Clerk of the need to report changes in personal circumstances to enable correct documentation to be held on file. Cllrs to notify Clerk of any changes required

139 CORRESPONDENCE

To note items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

- 1 Draft Nuclear National Policy Statement – Notification of exhibition taking place at the Sellafield Centre 11th-13th January 2010 on current government policy - noted.
- 2 Carlisle City Council – Forward Plan of key decisions 1st January – 30th April 2010- noted.

- 3 Cumbria Police Authority – Carlisle Police Community Liaison Forum 12th January at Tullie House - noted.
- 4 Cumbria Youth Support Services – Youth Capital Strategy 2009-2001 - noted.
- 5 Eden Rivers Trust – Newsletter Winter 2009 - noted.
- 6 Carlisle City Council – Rural Voice December 2009.
- 7 Carlisle City Council – Carlisle & District Local Plan 2001-16 – noted.
- 8 Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum – Tuesday 26th January at 7:00 pm at Creighton Rugby Club.

140 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Forge Green external lighting – an estimate for £310 + VAT was considered.
Agreed: to defer decision until Policy & Resources meeting held on the 19th January 2010.
- b) Forge Green Garden – to consider an estimate for £825 to landscape Forge Green garden.
Agreed: to defer decision until Policy & Resources meeting held on the 19th January 2010.
- c) Tree Survey – to consider an estimate of £2208 for tree works in village & cemetery.
Resolved: essential works to be undertaken at a cost of £1,400, subject to Policy & Resources group approval.

141 ACCOUNTS

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

Expenditure:

1	O2 - Mobile Phone – D/D 04/012/09	25.76
2	British Telecom – Phone Bill 26/08/09-27/10/09 Bannerdale line – D/D	73.49
3	E-ON – Electric Bill for Forge Green Office 17/08/09-27/11/09 – D/D	78.37
4	Orchard Grounds Maintenance – November cemetery maintenance	370.00
5	Orchard Grounds Maintenance – November grounds maintenance	283.33
6	Staples – Stationery	30.09
7	Burnetts Solicitors – Professional charges for lease's for 2 & 3 Walk Mill	172.50
8	Dalston PCC – Village hall grant 2009/10 – Church house water heater	250.00
9	A McCallum – Salary £631.60 & Reimbursements £64.32	695.92
10	HMRC – Tax & NI Payment Oct-Dec 09	8844.06
11	Westwood Nurseries – Kingsway Car Park , re-design & submission fees	1213.22
Total		£12,036.74

Income:

1	Elliot & Watson – Grave space purchase	400.00
2	United Utilities – Wayleaves payment – Hawksdale	10.00
3	J Tremble – Burial Fee 7 th December 2009	350.00
4	Carlisle City Council – Neighbourhood Forum Grant for Kissing Gates	670.00
5	L Auld – 6 x mugs	15.00
6	I Wicks – Rent & Lease charges for 3 Walkmill	135.00
7	United Utilities – Wayleaves payment – Bridge & Green	30.93
8	Carlisle City Council – CPCA grant for heater at Church House	250.00
9	Barclays Bank – Interest Payment 07/09/09-07/12/09	5.26
10	C Collins – Rent 2 Forge Green 22/12/09-19/01/10	500.00
11	Carlisle City Council – Penn Beck clearance recharge	506.00
12	Bank of England – War stock interest	4.37
Total		£2,876.56

Community a/c balance 31/12/09 £5,733.29 (£580.00 un-presented cheques)

Business Premium Step Saver a/c balance £19,952.20

142 CEMETERY MATTERS

No internments or purchases to report.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.