

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** held at Forge Green, Dalston on Tuesday 16th November 2010.

<u>PRESENT</u>	Mr R Auld	Mrs F Kaye-Krzeczkowski
	Mr T Baxter	Mr J Kelsey
	Mr B Craig (Chairman)	Mrs C Millar
	Mrs P Dalton	Mr I Newton
	Mr C Drouet	Mr O Rickerby
	Mr P Ebbatson	Mr O Roberts

124. APOLOGIES
Cllr D Cowen & R Potter.

125. MINUTES
The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th October 2010 were agreed and signed, subject to the following amendments;-
Minute No 105 – PCSO Wright.

126. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Cllr C Drouet recorded a personal interest in planning application No. 10/0043.
Cllr P Dalton recorded a personal interest in item 6 – recycling site.
Cllr R Auld recorded a personal and prejudicial interest in item 18 - grants to local organisations, website. Also a personal interest in item 18 – grants to local organisations, Festival Committee.
Cllr T Baxter recorded a personal interest in item 7 – proposed lay by plans for Carlisle Road.
Cllr I Newton, Dalton, Kelsey, Millar, Craig, Auld & Ebbatson recorded a personal interest in item 18 – grants to local organisations.

127. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
County Councillor T Allison, City Cllr N Clarke, PC Colin Hird and PCSO Fiona Wright in attendance. No members of the public attended.

Cllr N Clarke advised that she had been working on issues connected to the closure of the White Bridge and the 'lifting of the road surface at Hawksdale Bridge, this being pursued with R Hayward, Highways Engineer. Also reported that she is currently involved with Neighbourhood Watch and would relay details of Dalston co-ordinators to Cllr Dalton. Aims to heighten awareness of Neighbourhood Watch through the inclusion of articles on the scheme in Parish newsletters/magazines. Cllr Auld advised that he would be happy to insert a piece in the Parish Paper.

Cllr Drouet advised that a resident had raised concerns over the signage of the closure of the White Bridge. Signage of the closure being considered inadequate. Cllr Craig advised that he was pursuing this matter with R Hayward.

Cllr Allison reported that he had received sixty three letters of support from residents, to extend the bus service up Townhead Road, the bus turning in Glebe Close. To change the route, a variation order needs to be applied for through the County Council and Cllr Allison requested the Parish Council's support. **Agreed:** Clerk to make a formal response to Cllr Allison, supporting the variation order.

A Cllr queried why no safety signs had been erected, as yet, on the Denton Holme to Dalston cycleway, in the area where the footpath/cycleway had collapsed. Cllr Craig advised that Network Rail had not responded to any letters sent regarding ownership and maintenance responsibilities, therefore progress to date, had been difficult. Cllr Clarke advised that she would progress this matter with A Nicholson, Green Spaces team.

Cllr Allison advised that he had been notified of another incident involving a pedestrian and a vehicle parked on the pavement at the Corner Shop. Possible solutions to the problem were discussed, i.e. bollards (pavement not considered wide enough), enforcement (difficult to enforce, PC Hird advised that if enforce on pavement parking was undertaken in

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this area, it would have to be enforced throughout the village) and the introduction of a new lay-by for parking. However, no solution seemingly apparent.

Agreed: Cllrs Allison, Clarke and Craig to approach Mr R Hayward, Highways Engineer for suggestions.

PC Colin Hird and PCSO Fiona Wright attended the meeting and commented on the following issues:-

- The parking of bulker vehicle at Caldew School overnight by a resident of Carlisle Road was noted. Advised that this issue is in-hand, investigations undertaken indicate that the vehicle has got to be delivering or collecting from the area to be allowed to park overnight. PC Hird to progress this issue.
- HGV parking on Green – PC Hird monitoring situation. Vehicles are allowed to park overnight in the village if delivering or collecting from the area. Vehicle in question was delivering to Nestlé. Vehicles are not allowed to park overnight at Nestlé (for health & safety reasons) and are therefore, parking overnight in the village, which is legally allowed.
- Mud and condition of highway at Buebanks Lane – reported that agricultural vehicles were responsible for mud on the highway. PC Hird agreed to visit farmer and advise of his obligations to clean the highway.
- Speeding vehicles at Buckabank – Police currently targeting speeding in the area, three sessions to date having been considered successful. Has also requested that the speed unit visits and targets the area.
- Speed Indication Device – several volunteers have offered to operate/recharge the device. Areas to be covered by SID to include Buckabank and Carlisle Road.
- Police Newsletter – new style newsletter now available to view on the Cumbria Constabulary website. PC Hird to investigate if this can be linked to the Dalston website.

128. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10/0895 Dobbies Garden Centre, Westwood Nurseries, Orton Grange – display of internally illuminated fascia, totem and signage boards. **Resolved:** no observations.

10/0914 Red Gill, Gaitsgill – erection of slurry pit. **Resolved:** no observations.

10/0915 Red Gill, Gaitsgill – erection of crop and implement store. **Resolved:** no observations.

10/0916 Red Gill, Gaitsgill – erection of silage clamp. **Resolved:** no observations.

10/0917 Land south west of Ellesmere Way and adjacent to Wigton Road – erection of a district centre including class A1 foodstore, a petrol filling station, restaurant/cafe, hot food takeaway, crèche & ancillary development including landscaping and car parking.

Resolved: to object for the following reasons:-

- Scale of development – the size of the proposed development as a whole, is considered too large for the location. The proposed food store, in particular, being considered far too large for development and catchment area. The council has been informed that the food store is 2-2½ times larger than what was considered appropriate for the area and included in the Local Plan by the Inspector.
- Increase in traffic - Many of the potential visitors to the development from the south and north of Carlisle, Penrith direction and from the Caldbeck area would come through Dalston village. Traffic and parking is a major issue in Dalston and one which is currently being pursued by the Parish Council. The existing infrastructure is inadequate and cannot sustain more traffic.
- Sustainability of local business – Dalston is a village with many small, diverse, retail outlets and business's. It was commented that the opening of a large retail centre will have a detrimental financial impact on these businesses, perhaps leading to the loss of services.
- Impact on Carlisle City Centre - the Council considers that the development of a District Centre would have a negative impact on Carlisle City Centre.

10/0918 5 Railway Cottages, Station Road, Dalston – erection of single storey rear extension to provide garden room. **Resolved:** no observations.

10/0956 Barn E, Moss End Farm, Dalston – erection of single storey detached double garage. **Resolved:** no observations.

10/0993 Westwood Garden Centre – variation on condition 2 & 3 (elevation drawings) of previously approved permission 10/0429 to enable minor material amendments for the revision of the external site layout.

Resolved: to comment that the Council requests that a re-cycling facility is included on the site. Dalston currently experiencing problems with an overburdened re-cycling facility, many of the users of the facility being determined as travelling from the West of Carlisle.

10/0038 52 The Green, Dalston – works to trees in conservation area. **Resolved:** no observations.

10/0043 Oaklands, Hallfield, Eilers Mill, Dalston – removal of Hollies, Cypress and row of Leyland Cypress and other works. **Resolved:** no observations.

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Westwood Garden Centre – stopping up of part of highway U1134 (off A595)

Resolved: to comment that the Parish Council requests that the Department of Transport ensures that all other infrastructure and planning requirements are agreed and in place, before commencement of the works.

129. PLANNING DECISIONS

10/0788 Standingstone, The Square, Dalston – erection of first floor extension to provide en-suite bedroom together with garage extension to create double garage - approved.

10/0831 25 The Green, Dalston – erection of end terrace three bedroom dwelling – refused.

130. RECYCLING SITE – GLAVE HILL

Cllr Allison reported on progress to date on sourcing alternate sites. Suggested area at Barras Lane considered unsuitable, due to traffic concerns and evening access to site. No response from Dobbies received to date. Advised that Mike Gardner, Carlisle City Council is to write to all business's in Dalston, advising that the site is for domestic use only. Discussion undertaken the suitability of other suggested sites at Stockdalewath, Raughton Head, Gaitsgill and Unthank, but none of the areas suggested were considered suitable.

Resolved: to write to Victory Hall Committee, the Parish Council recommending that the site at Glave Hill is closed on a temporary basis, possibly leading to permanently.

131. CARLISLE ROAD, DALSTON – LAY-BY

Cllr Allison reported to the Council on the results of a survey of residents, to determine if they wanted time restricted parking and resident parking permits in the lay-by, opposite St Michaels School. Results indicate that five out of the seven respondents support the introduction of restrictions.

Resolved: to support the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order for parking time restrictions and resident parking permits in the lay-by.

132. WHITE BRIDGE, DALSTON – CLOSURE OF BRIDGE

Reported that Cumbria County Council are currently working towards a permanent repair of the Bridge to be undertaken next summer. Delays due to Environment Agency restrictions as to the time of year when repairs can be undertaken.

133. BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW OF CUMBRIA

Advised that the Local Government Boundary Commission is currently undertaking a review on the number of elected County Councillors within Cumbria County Council, the Parish Council being invited to respond. The aim of the review being to make sure that every councillor, in every area, represents the same number of electors. Dalston and Cummersdale districts currently have 32% more electorate than the county average. A joint meeting was held with Cummersdale Parish Council on the 1st November that discussed the implications of the review; with regard to the number of electors to County councillors in the parishes of Cummersdale & Dalston.

Resolved: to submit a response to the Boundary Commission suggesting that “ the number of County councillors should be based on a compensatory electorate of 6,000, thereby increasing the average electorate per County councillor by 1370, thus, removing the requirement to increase the number of County Councillors in Cumbria”.

134. PARISH SALT SCHEME

Clerk advised that the initial offer of salt/grit supplied to the Parish Council had been withdrawn. However, County Highways now advised that if the Parish Council determined that additional grit/salt is required, this shall be distributed.

135. DALSTON VILLAGE GREEN – REQUEST FOR PLEDGED BENCH

The request for a pledged bench to be placed on the village green was considered.

Agreed: Clerk to suggest to resident that a pledged bench could be incorporated into the Kingsway Car Park and Environmental project area, towards the White Bridge.

136. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Clerk advised that no poll had been requested, therefore the vacancy could be filled by co-option. Vacancy to be advertised in the Parish Paper, interested parties to apply to the Clerk for further details. Also recommended that interested candidates attend a Council meeting and that candidates from Stockdalewath, Raughton Head and Gaitsgill be encouraged, these areas being currently under represented. Also, recommended that female candidates should also be encouraged to apply, as currently considered under-represented.

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137. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Network Rail – notification of intention to site communication mast to the west of Dalston Station - noted.
- 2 Carlisle City Council – Forward plan of key decisions 1st November to 28th February 2010 - noted.
- 3 CALC – Circular November 2010 – noted.
- 4 Carlisle Environmental Forum – minutes of the AGM held 28th October 2010 - noted
- 5 Neighbourhood Forum – report of meeting held 25th October 2010. Report received from Clerk that included:-
 - Request for bus shelter at A595 at Orton Grange to go to Local Committee;
 - Parking at Dalston – Neighbourhood Forum to urge enforcement of parking regulations, Officers to visit the area more frequently;
 - Community exchanges – report on funding available to start up community exchanges;
 - Dalston Bollards – grant awarded for £690.
- 6 Dalston Fuel Terminal – Notification of INEOS fuels being the new owner and operator - noted.

138. GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Lamp Post Planters – it was suggested that the lamp post planters are refilled with winter bedding plants and re-hung at a total cost of £84.00 + VAT. **Resolved:** Westwood Nurseries to re-plant and Cllr Newton to re-hang the planters in the Square.
- b) Lights in Square – Cllr Rickerby advised that he had looked into replacing the current lights in the Square with ones of more traditional design. The replacement of 11 lamps estimated to cost £9,680 + VAT (excluding fitting). Advised that Carlisle City Councils Conservation Officer has been consulted on the possible changes. A Cllr suggested that it should be determined if the proposed lights are of Highways adoptable standards. It was also discussed how funding for the project could be attracted through the Parish Trust, residents to be invited to donate. **Resolved:** Cllr Rickerby to pursue the project, the Council being in agreement to support the project.
- c) Property & Maintenance meeting held 9th November. Minutes of the meeting had been circulated to Cllr's. Further actions identified included:-
 - Bridge End, seating area at Ben Hodgson Motors - consideration was given to the insertion of three sandstone pots at a cost of £450-500, to deter the parking of vehicles. **Agreed:** Clerk to determine the legalities and land ownership in the area. This item to be considered at December's meeting.

Cllr Clarke left at 9:20 p.m.

- Bridge End Triangle – consideration was given to the landscaping and possible insertion of a seating/garden area. **Agreed:** this project to be considered in 2011/12, land ownership of the area to be determined. Also **Agreed:** this area to be included in greens maintenance tender, roadside verge to be cut at depth of 1 metre, in spring and autumn.
- Cemetery – Options for the maintenance of the 'wildlife/wildflower' area at the front of the cemetery were discussed. These options being the renovation of the area to include more structured wildflower area or to increase cuts and maintain as per the standard of other areas. **Agreed:** to carry out a public consultation via the website and Parish Magazine. Residents invited to comment on if they think the area should be maintained as per other more frequently mown areas; to remain in present condition; to invest further money/effort into managing the area as a wildlife/wildflower area by the planting of native flowers, etc; or any other suggestions to be considered. Also **Agreed:** addendum to be contained in ground works tender for 2011-13 for the cost of increasing cuts in the area to 16/year.
- No. 1 Forge Green. Consideration was given to defects found in the property inspection undertaken on 15th October. **Resolved:** fuse board to be replaced with circuit breaker type board and stabilising of stonework in internal roof space to be undertaken.
- Forge Green Building – No. 2 Forge Green. **Resolved:** pull switch in bathroom to be fixed and estimates to be obtained from three contractors for kitchen replacement for consideration by Council.

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- Grass Cutting Tender 2011-2013. **Resolved:** 3 year contract to be entered into, selective tendering to be undertaken. Contractors to be invited to tender to include Orchard Grounds, Garthside Landscapes, AMEY and Carlisle City Council. New contract to include additional areas of:-
 - a) Bridge End - cutting of road verge to width of 1 metre in spring and autumn;
 - b) Forge Green Office garden -16 cuts/year.
- Jubilee Gardens. **Resolved:** to consider the re-furbishment of two existing gates onto the village green in the budget for 2011/12. Cllr Ebbatson to insert hardcore to level entrances from the road onto village green.
- Lamp – **Agreed:** Clerk to obtain quotes for refurbishment from three contractors. Cllr Craig also advised that Caldew School pupils had offered to refurbish the wooden seating area surrounding the Lamp. **Agreed:** that the Council would fund costs of materials used.

139. HIMALAYAN BALSAM – ORGANISATION OF VOLUNTEER GROUPS
Due to time constraints, this item agreed to be deferred to December meeting.

140. REDSPEARLANDS FOOTPATH GROUP
Due to time constraints, this item agreed to be deferred to December meeting.

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

Expenditure:

1	O2 - Mobile Phone – D/D	26.32
2	Carlisle City Council – Cemetery Rates 1 st Nov to 31 st Jan – D/D	60.00
3	British Gas – Gas bill Forge Green office – D/D	30.77
4	Andrea McCallum – Salary £631.60 & Reimbursements £47.63	679.23
5	HMRC – PAYE & NI contributions Aug to Oct	763.42
6	Orchard Grounds Maintenance – October cemetery maintenance	377.66
7	Orchard Grounds Maintenance – October grounds maintenance	291.66
8	ND Dalton – Fitting of thermostatic valve, 2 Forge Green	95.00
9	Singletons – external painting to Forge Green building	1626.20
10	Staples – stationery & stamps	14.63
11	E Davidson – grave digging fees	280.00
12	Royal British Legion – Poppy wreaths	30.00
13	D Hayes – Insertion of 2 x kissing gates & wicket gate	865.00
Total		£5022.80

Income:

1	C Collins – Rent 2 Forge Green – October 2010	500.00
2	L Watson - Rent 1 Forge Green – October 2010	244.83
3	Carlisle City Council – business rate recalculation refund	32.50
4	J Tremble undertaker – cremated remains fee	100.00
5	Stanwix Rural Parish Council – mobile phone recharge inv no. 10/9	67.20
Total		£1515.34

Community a/c balance 31/10/10 £1,156.39 (£57.13 un-cashed)

Business Premium Step Saver a/c balance £47,214.13

Income to 31th October 2010 = £ 55,867.55

Expenditure to 31st October 2010 = £21,699.07

142. CLERKS MEMBERSHIP TO THE SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS
Consideration was given to the Clerks membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks at a cost of £118.00. **Resolved:** membership approved. Stanwix Rural Parish Council to be approached to contribute 50% of costs.

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143. PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2010/11

Clerk reported on a letter received from a resident concerning the distribution of grants and amounts awarded, in the current financial climate. **Agreed:** Finance Committee to review the grant application process for 2011 at the next Policy & Resources meeting. Issues to be discussed to include the inclusion of estimates with grant applications and the receipt of invoices for works undertaken to be received, prior to the release of funds.

Clerk also reported on correspondence received from Dalston PCC, advising that the heating works for Church House for which they had received a grant for in 2009 had, to date, not been installed. This was due to other works being found necessary to be undertaken to the fabric of the building, prior to the central heating being installed. **Agreed:** that repayment of this grant was not required.

Resolved: to award the following grants to local organisations;

1.	Cumdivock Art Group	Contribution towards tutor fees	£50
2.	Redspearlands Footpath Group	Printing costs of 'Three Bridges Walk'	£125
3.	Raughton Head PCC	Churchyard grass cutting	£867
4.	Dalston Ladies Choir	Purchase of music for Easter performance	£50
5.	Gaitsgill Parent & Toddlers	Storage equipment	£90
6.	Dalston Scouts	Bell tent & camp boiler/urn	£550
7.	AR Auld	Running cost of Dalston website	£150
8.	Recreation Association	Insurance for Bonfire night	£300
9.	Festival Committee	Insurance	£450
10.	Raughton Head W.I.	Contribution towards speakers and venue hire.	£100
11.	Dalston Tennis Club	Contribution towards annual coaching costs of	£300
		£3,400	
12.	Junior Black Reds FC	Re-equip 11 of 13 squads with new jackets	£300
13.	St Michaels Primary School	Wooden arbour for entrance to school garden	£300
14.	Dalston Football Club (under 18's)	12 x footballs, bottle carriers 7 space markers	£100
15.	St Michaels pre-school nursery	Fencing and canopy for outside play area.	£500
		Total	£4,232

Grants were awarded under the following powers:-

Local Government Act s214(b) – 3

Local Government Act s142 – 7

Local Government Act s145 – 1, 4, 8, 9, 10

Local Government (Misc. Prov.) Act s19 – 11, 12, 14

Local Government Act s137 – 2, 5, 6, 13 & 15

144. CEMETERY MATTERS

Inscription requests;

Application from Cumbria Memorials for additional inscription – 'also Doris [Sewell] loving wife, mother of Sheila and Alan, Gran and sister, died 29th November 2009, aged 86' – approved.

Application from Carlisle Stonecraft for additional inscriptions – James Johnstone 'also her loving husband James Wilson (Jimmy). A dear dad, granda and great granda, who died 9th September 2010, aged 92 years' – approved. Also, Alice Maclaughlan 'and his devoted wife, Alice, died 10th June 2010, aged 83 years' – approved.

145. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to take place on Tuesday 14th December 2010 at 7:15 pm at Forge Green.

The meeting closed at 10.35 p.m.