

## DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

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PRESENT	Mr B C Craig (Chairman)	Mr J F G Kelsey
	Mr A R Auld	Mrs C Oakley
	Mr D C Cowen	Mr R J Potter
	Mrs P Dalton	Mrs J L Rawstron
	Mr D W Hand	Mr O Roberts
	Mr G Harrison	Mr M Smillie

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S A Sinclair (holiday). Messrs S D P Christopher and A G Jackson were not present.

### 146 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2005 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

### 147 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs L Crookdake. PC Paul Shorrocks reported that extra patrols had been covering the Church area, but recent damage to the bus shelter at Bridge End might indicate displacement of youth problems elsewhere in the village. It was suggested that Police backup to counteract children being in the Cemetery during school hours might be helpful. Break-ins to garden sheds had been reduced in the locality. Parking on pavements, particularly at Bridge End was reported as a problem - PC Shorrocks agreed to speak to the garage owners regarding this.

### 148 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr D Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 04/1203 Kingswood Educational Study Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock, agenda item 7/2 - Cumbria in Bloom competition entry and agenda item 12/d – CCTV in the Cemetery using the church building.

Mr R Potter declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 05/0086 Geo Graham & Sons, Bishops Mill.

Mrs J Rawstron declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 8 – Annual Parish Meeting review.

Mr M Smillie declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – Station approach.

### 149 PLANNING DECISIONS

04/1219 2 Walk Mill – first floor extension to provide en-suite bathroom – approved 14/10/04 2 conditions.

04/1304 Dalston Service Station, The Green – retention of extractor duct, intake duct and flue – approved 16/12/04 1 condition.

04/1474 The Oak House, Cardew – sandstone terrace bounded by rendered dwarf walls, wooden dog kennel and run, wooden pergola and gravel path (retrospective) – approved 20/12/04

04/1652 Brackenhov Farm, Buckabank – replacement of existing slurry tank – approved 25/01/05 1 condition.

04/1654 Brackenhov Farm, Buckabank – construction of earth bund for silage storage area – approved 01/02/05 2 conditions.

05/0043 Low Flanders – alterations to existing roof trusses and strengthening and supporting measure to external walls including partial re-building (LBC) – approved 1 condition.

04/1421 4 and 5 Low Mill – alteration and extension to existing dwelling and formation of an additional three storey self catering holiday unit within the existing building – approved 11 conditions.

04/1108 Hallfield, The Forge – revised position of two residential plots – approved subject to legal agreement 14 conditions.

- 05/0127 26 Sowerby Wood – two storey extension to provide living room, snooker room with 2no. bedrooms and bathroom above (revised application – approved 2 conditions.
- 05/0154 Indian King Cottage, 23 The Square – erection of sunroom – approved 2 conditions.
- 05/0101 Clipston M.O.T. Centre, Unit 1A, Barras Lane – change from bus garage and workshop to MOT centre and repairs – approved 3 conditions.
- 05/0170 40 Lingy Close – renewal of temporary permission for siting of mobile home – approved 1 condition.
- TPO 190, 29 The Green – response to queries made following the last meeting.
- 05/0107 George Graham & Sons, Bishops Mill – conversion of mill annexe into one dwelling – approved 6 conditions.

## 150 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 04/1203 Kingswood Educational Study Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock – consideration of further noise report from MAS Environmental. Resolved, proposed Mr Kelsey, seconded Mr Auld, that the proposed planning controls assessed in the MAS Environmental second report still did not offer a solution for producing a satisfactory workable Management Code in terms of noise monitoring and enforcement. The lack of an acceptable Management Code as required by the Inspector was deplored. Agreed that Mr Auld and Mrs Dalton would represent the Parish Council and speak at the Development Control meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2005.
- 05/0169 Pirelli Tyres Ltd – erection of wind turbine – no observations. Appreciation was expressed for the information provided by Pirelli at the PC meeting presentation and full support was given for the proposal.
- 05/0224 Dalston Hall Hotel – first floor extension and limited ground floor extension/conversion to form 8no. rooms and garage, new build two storey block comprising 12no. rooms (LBC) – no observations.
- 05/0086 George Graham & Sons, Bishops Mill – conversion of mill into two dwellings and erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings – amended plans – no observations.
- 05/0237 Land adjacent to Pincushion Barn – provision of new field access - resolved to object to the proposal. Two accesses already existed and it was felt unnecessary to have a third one meeting the highway at a dangerous position.
- 05/0210 Temperance Farm, Raughton Head – erection of general purpose building – no observations
- 05/0211 Temperance Farm, Raughton Head – erection of crop storage building – no observations.
- 05/0212 Temperance Farm, Raughton Head – erection of livestock building – no observations.

## 151 REPORT OF THE SQUARE, STATION AND HIGHWAYS RELATED PROJECTS MEETING

The Clerk reported on a meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2005 with Jim Smith, Cumbria Highways, Rob Lawley, Capita, L Crookdake, T Allison, District Councillors, B Craig, R Auld, D Hand and P Dalton, Parish Councillors. The Square project fitted the Local Transport Plan objectives for accessibility, reducing village centre parking and increasing safety. Orders to close parking could be made and parking restrictions imposed with the use of coloured sets forming bays. It was agreed that the speed of vehicles travelling through the Square should be measured using a volume classified count, but doubt was expressed regarding the need for a 20mph zone. Dalston was a candidate for up to £45,000 work in the LTP. Any improvements to the Station entrance could not be considered in the Preparation Pool until 2006/07. A 3-year rolling programme was in operation for Improvement Schemes. The Private Street Works Policy was probably not applicable in this case, but CRISP funding might be a possibility. Resolved that the strategy for taking the projects forward was to be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee.

## 152 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Standards Board for England introduction to the review of the Code of Conduct – no response to date.
- 2 Cumbria in Bloom and Tidy Village competitions – agreed to enter and pay £5 subscription. Without preparation, a Dalston competition was thought to be inappropriate for this year. The Explorer Scouts were looking to take part in some way.
- 3 Carlisle CC Commercial & Technical Services – agreed to request an additional litterbin for

- the Recreation Ground area, lighting improvements on Ninerigg and Caldew Drive and an extra lighting column on the Green between Greenhead House and the bus shelter.
- 4 Copy letter from Redspearlands Footpath Group to Mr M Hudson, Carlisle CC Countryside Officer regarding the proposed route of the 'Redspear Trail'.
  - 5 Cumbria Police Authority Carlisle Area Community Liaison Forum meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April 2005 – Mrs Dalton to attend..
  - 6 Dr P Gardner letter re hunting party departing from the White Bridge on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2005 and seeking views of Parish Council and its liaison with the Police regarding these matters – Clerk to respond.
  - 7 Dalston Agricultural Society letter seeking permission to park vehicles on the Green for Dalston Show on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2005 – agreed.
  - 8 Cumbria CC consent form to novation of grass cutting and ground works contracts from Cumbria Contract Services to Amey Infrastructure Services Ltd from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 – completed.
  - 9 Defra letter re Quality Parishes and Parish Planning and a News Release on the Parish Fund benefits for local communities.
  - 10 Copy of Carlisle CC Rural Voice – Rural Community Safety Officers, CVS Outreach Worker, Carlisle CC homes for local people, ECCP walking promotion.
  - 11 CVS April magazine, funding information, entry details for AOL Innovation in the Community Awards
  - 12 Friends of the Lake District – Rural Road Character Research Summary Report.
  - 13 Information Commission notification of entry on the Data Protection Register.
  - 14 Cumbria Constabulary recruitment leaflets for Special Constables to Police Dalston Parish.
  - 15 Signpost Restoration Ltd Newsletter April 2005.
  - 16 CART Local Lending for Cumbria literature.
  - 17 Notification of Carlisle Mobile Post Office branch changes – online facilities available.
  - 18 Raughton Head April magazine.
  - 19 Parish Pump News Spring 2005
  - 20 Carlisle CC Committee meetings agendas.
  - 21 Cumberland Building Society invitation to launch as Community Branch on 15<sup>th</sup> April – Mr Craig to attend.
  - 22 CALC April County Circular.

#### 153 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Reported that 65 people attended the Annual Parish Meeting. Agreed that Mesdames L-J Cowen (Cumbria CC Emergency Planning), P Dalton (Parish Council) and E Auld (WRVS) should meet to form a Working Group to discuss emergency contingencies for Dalston Parish and report back once plans in place. A request for interested volunteers to go in the magazines and on the website. A flood warning response plan was also to be considered. The increase in HGVs going through Dalston and the speed of vehicles travelling past the schools was to be reported to the Police for attention. Various suggestions for reducing Cemetery vandalism were to be pursued. Resolved, proposed Mr Craig, seconded Mr Smillie to give £40 donation to Dalston WI and thanks were expressed for the refreshments provided.

#### 154 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Resolved, proposed Mr Harrison, seconded Mr Potter, to accept the Signpost Restoration Ltd quotation of £559.79 plus VAT for full restoration of two damaged fingerposts at Hawksdale Hall and Rose Castle. Authorisation had been given to instruct Signpost Restoration Ltd direct to carry out work on Cumbria CC property. The Scouts were prepared to compile the signpost leaflet for printing – Mr Jackson to supply the material, already researched.
- b) The Clerk reported that a site meeting with Mr Sadowski, Environment Agency had been arranged on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2005 to look at the flood defence damage to the riverbank between the White Bridge and Hawksdale Bridge.
- c) Damage to the Bridge End bus shelter had been reported to the Police. Agreed that the window glass should be replaced. The Community Punishment team was to be asked to remove the graffiti from the shelter, play equipment on the Recreation Ground and other locations in the village.

- d) Mrs Oakley reported that the inscription section of the destroyed memorial seat from the Green bus shelter had been retrieved and returned. Ideas were sought as to how it could be used.
- e) A request was made for the goal posts to remain on the Recreation Ground over the summer months.

155 PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

It was agreed that the existing committees should be proposed for continuation at the Annual Meeting. The Policy and Resources Committee was to consider the financial matters, the budget, capital projects including the Square, Station entrance, car parking and Forge Green/office development. The Property and Maintenance Committee remit was the Parish assets including the Cemetery and insurance matters. Both committees were to have fixed quarterly meeting dates.

156 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	Carlisle CC – Forge Green rates (1 x £57.28, 9 x £55.00)	552.28
2	Carlisle CC – Cemetery rates (1 x £37.42, 3 x £38.00)	151.42
3	United Utilities - ½ year Cemetery water rates	24.96
4	Cumbrian Newspapers Ltd – APM advert	29.29
5	Dalston Victory Hall – APM hire of hall and kitchen	30.00
6	Powergen - electricity	67.22
7	D Cowen – maintenance Cumdivock Churchyard 2004	100.00
8	G Jeffery – 31 x headstone repairs, 5 x £10/hr clearing up Hearse House	980.00
9	CALC – annual subscription £257.50, 2 x copies Local Council Review £26.00	283.50
10	Cumbria in Bloom - subscription	5.00
11	Inland Revenue – PAYE & NIC	427.84
12	Dalston PCC – meeting in Church House 06/04/05	5.00
13	Mrs E Auld – monthly salary gross £726.10, Parish Plan work 142 hrs @ £6.25/hr £887.50, Tax & NIC deduction £388.51 Net Total £1,225.09	1,225.09
14	Dalston WI – donation APM refreshments	40.00
15	B Faulder – disposal of storm damage tree branches	20.00
16	Mrs E Auld – expenses	41.29
17	E Davidson – grave digging – grave and ashes space 08/04/05	170.00
18	Barclays Bank – safe custody fee	1.00

Income:

1	Mrs Scott – The Green rent 2004/05 15/03/05	100.00
2	Dalston Post Office – 100 postcards 1, 10 map packs	36.00
3	United Utilities – The Green sub-station rent 2004/05	60.00
4	S Jackson – additional inscription	31.00
5	J Tremble – burial ashes fee x 2, ashes grave space purchase	127.00
6	Caldbeck PC – use of the computer and telephone 21/11/04-18/02/05	31.11
7	Hunsonby PC - use of the computer and telephone 21/11/04-18/02/05	20.65
8	National Savings Bank – interest 07/03/05	58.00
9	Countryside Agency – Parish Plan grant 19/03/05	1,533.28
10	N Souleles & C Pillar – Pinfold rent	10.00
11	J Tremble – burial fee Saturday extra ½	111.00
12	Mr & Mrs Park – Lakerigg way leave 29/03/05	10.00
13	Mrs L J Cowen – Nook Lane Foot way leave	1.00
14	Mr & Mrs R J Buchanan – ashes grave space purchase 31/03/05	53.00
15	Corner Shop – 5 map packs	10.00
16	P Rowcroft & R Willatt – 1 Forge Green April rent	205.00
17	CPCA (Cumbria CC) – grant Buckabank footway	3,000.00
18	J Tremble – burial fees and grave space purchases	674.00
19	T & E Allinson – 2 Forge Green April rent	390.87

A revised schedule of Parish Council members' allowances had been received from Carlisle CC. The insurance renewal papers were available for consideration. Agreed that the Property and Maintenance Committee should review the figures prior to the next Parish Council meeting in May.

157 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interments: Richard Dempster Lyder 08/04/05 Ward 5 Section K Space 22  
Joan Adkins 08/04/05 Ward 4 Section C Space 34a
- b) Grave space purchases: Diane E Lyder Ward 5 Section K Space 22 – approved.  
Albert Adkins Ward 4 Section C Space 34a – approved.  
Ashes memorial: J W F Watson & Sons 'In loving memory of Stewart Charles Richardson (Richie) 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1960 – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2005 A dearly loved Partner and Brother, devoted Dad and Grandad and Friend to many Forever in our hearts' – approved.
- c) The new occupant of Struan has indicated that she does not wish the trees to be felled in her garden. Mr Cowen agreed to investigate the matter in relation to whether the Cemetery access lane wall could be rebuilt without the trees being removed. Mr Craig was to inspect the site again.
- d) Mr Auld reported that investigations were being made into the installation of CCTV in the Cemetery. This would require 3no. brackets on the Church building, signs indicating CCTV surveillance in operation, the camera and PC including time and date recording facilities. The images could be downloaded onto a CD and be enhanced for Police purposes. Indications were that a grant could be available from the Crime and Disorder Partnership funds.
- e) The Clerk reported on a site meeting held with Andrew Hunton, Community Safety Officer for Cumbria Constabulary. He had suggested the reduction in size of the Cemetery trees and shrubs. Agreed that the Property and Maintenance Committee should meet on site to discuss this and the other safety options.
- f) It was suggested that strands of wire should be erected on the North end until the hedge was re-established.

The meeting closed at 9.43pm.