

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 11th April 2006.

PRESENT	Mr D B Craig (Chairman)	Mr J F G Kelsey
	Mr D C Cowen	Mr R J Potter
	Mr D W Hand	Mrs J L Rawstron
	Mr G Harrison	Mr S A Sinclair
	Mr A G Jackson	Mr M Smillie

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs P Dalton (holiday), Messrs A R Auld and I Newton (work). Mr O Roberts was absent. Four members of the public were present.

144 MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly and the extraordinary meetings held on 14th and 22nd March 2006 were agreed and signed as correct records.

145 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Crookdake felt that the Environment Agency proposals for the Caldew Flood Alleviation Scheme did not include Stockdalewath for consideration, where twenty houses had been affected in the floods. She requested that the Parish Council made representations regarding the raising of a private bridge in Stockdalewath, which currently caused debris to get caught during periods of high river levels. A letter regarding the Scheme was also received from Mr and Mrs Black, Stockdalewath. Agreed that the matter was discussed at a future meeting.

Councillor Allison stated that the library usage had dropped from 650 to 400. It would be beneficial to increase the usage prior to the review of Schedule E libraries. The mobile library was to be relocated to by the church wall in the Square after Easter to enable easier access for the elderly and disabled.

Mr Mitchinson raised concerns regarding the planning application for an extension to the landfill operation at Thackwood. He reported that vehicles using the existing facility seemed to be being re-routed into Dalston Parish at present and that version 2 of the environmental scheme was flawed. It was suggested that the Hespin Wood/Flusco sites had sufficient capacity for landfill and Cumbria CC was looking at the use of a digester in the Carlisle District.

146 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr D C Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – 04/1203 Kingswood planning application as local resident.

Mrs J L Rawstron declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 10 as a member of Dalston WI.

Mr A G Jackson declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – 05/1379 Pasturewood, High Bridge

147 PLANNING DECISIONS

06/0073 Site no. 1 Clipston M.O.T. Centre, Barras Lane Industrial Estate – vehicle repair garage (revised proposal) – approved 4 conditions.

06/0080 Bank Croft, Townhead Road – change of use of part of medical practice to provide retail pharmacy – approved 2 conditions.

06/0075 Latimers Cottage, Hawksdale - replacement dwelling and detached garage (revised proposal) – approved 7 conditions.

06/0051 Stone Fauld, Cumdivock – installation of sky satellite receiver (LBC) – approved 1 condition.

06/0108 25 Summerfields – first floor extension to provide 1no. bedroom – approved 2 conditions.

06/0155 14 The Square – erection of non illuminated signage – approved 6 conditions.

- 06/0156 14 The Square – erection of non illuminated signage(LBC) – approved 6 conditions.
- 06/0163 Birds Hill Farm, Raughton – proposed earth bank silage clamp – approved 2 conditions.
- 06/0193 Low Flanders, Durdar – proposed single storey extension to the side elevation to provide kitchen and dining area – approved 2 conditions.
- 06/0212 Park House Farm, Welton – proposed extension to provide new cattle building – approved 2 conditions.
- 06/0213 Park House Farm, Welton – proposed extension to provide new cattle building – approved 2 conditions.
- 04/9032 Carlisle Northern Development Route – renew consent, minor amendments to approved scheme and modifications to conditions – approved 44 conditions.

148 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 04/1203 Kingswood Educational Study/Activity Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock – proposed agreement pursuant to Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 106 and operational development – the Clerk reported on a letter from Planning Services highlighting six main issues needing to be addressed/resolved as raised at the meeting of the applicants agent, representatives of the Parish Council, Councillor Crookdake, Officers of Carlisle CC and representatives of the local residents held on 15th March 2006. In relation to the main two issues, an independent noise consultant did not recommend the permanent installation of two noise monitoring stations. Kingswood felt unable to offer a four week permanent break in operation in the summer. The Carlisle CC Officer report to the Development Control Committee recommended approval, but consideration of the application was likely to be deferred from 21st April 2006.
 - 06/9001 Thackwood Landfill Site, Southwaite – extension to existing clay extraction and landfill operation – the Clerk reported on the main issues raised at a meeting for local residents, interested parties and PC representatives on 1st April 2006 with David Maclean MP. **Resolved** to submit additional comments: The time extension for consultation was appreciated. It was felt that there should be a comprehensive assessment of the impact arising from the potential increase in traffic with the extension of the site. It was also questioned from a geological aspect, the amount of clay on the site available for extraction and the risk of pollution arising from the operation, particularly in relation to the adjacent watercourse. Concern was expressed as to whether there was a need for additional landfill and the Council was not in favour of waste being brought to this site on the Parish boundary from the South of the County or even from outside Cumbria. It was felt that greater efforts should be concentrated on recycling and the use of a digester facility before considering an increase in landfill capacity.
 - 05/1379 Pasturewood, High Bridge – erection of agricultural workers dwelling (revised application) – no observations.
 - 06/0367 Land adjacent Metcalfe Coaches, Site No. 2 Barras Lane Industrial Estate – erection of office block and resiting of boundary fence – no observations.
 - 06/0381 Land adjacent Metcalfe Coaches, Site No. 2 Barras Lane Industrial Estate – erection of 1no. industrial unit (revised proposal showing relocation of doors) – no observations.
 - 06/0294 2 Vicars Cottages, The Square – change of use and internal conversion of ground floor flat to pharmacy – **resolved** to express considerable concerns regarding parking and traffic close to the junction. Vehicles stopped outside the Corner Shop frequently blocked access to the delivery area to the rear. Heavy goods vehicles constantly used this area of Dalston causing congestion on the corner.
 - 06/0295 Land adjacent Dave Allen Accountant, Barras Lane – erection of office unit with adjacent stores/workshop area (retrospective/revised application) – no observations.
 - 06/0371 Orton Grange Caravan Park, Orton Grange – erection of detached garage – no observations.
 - 06/0406 Plots A & B Hallfield – erection of 2no. dwellings (revised house type) – no observations.
 - 06/0441 Lambfield Farm, Raughton Head – erection of cow cubicle building – no observations.
 - 06/0450 The Honeypot, Low Flanders – extension to provide en-suite bedroom – no observations.
- Carlisle City Council Development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement – consultation issues on SCI and major planning applications (over and above statutory consultation) – **resolved** to comment as follows: 1) Timing of consultation - sometimes insufficient time therefore should be more scope for flexibility. 2) Consultation does not affect policy i.e. submissions not taken into account. 3) Parish Design Statement should be adopted and used as supplementary planning

guidance. 4) The Parish Council should be made aware of major planning applications or proposed major planning applications, which could have implications for the Parish. 5) Improved access to and communication of information would be beneficial. 6) More involvement and notice of local knowledge should be given.

North West Regional Assembly consultation on the North West Plan – Submitted Draft Regional Spatial Strategy for North West of England – in circulation for comment.

149 FORGE GREEN AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Resolved to exclude members of the public and press. Letter received from Mr and Mrs Allinson, 2 Forge Green giving notice of terminating the tenancy and vacation of the property on 10th May 2006. Agreed that the date could be extended if any problems with moving were encountered. **Resolved** to respond to a letter from Cumbrian Properties indicating that the property had not been given sufficient prominence recently and that every effort should be put into marketing Forge Green in the next few weeks. Both resident parties were to be given twenty four hours notice prior to a viewing taking place.

150 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 CPCA/Cumbria CC Local Committee meeting agenda 15th March 2006 – Clerk reported that an update on the Police restructuring proposals had been given. The preliminary options for secondary education organisation in the Carlisle District were put to the meeting and briefly discussed. The 2006/07 CPCA City and County grant schedule had been approved. Dalston had been allocated £750 for the railings at Gaitsgill, £1,500 towards the Station entrance improvements and £500 for kitchen improvements at Primrose Hall. The Cumbria Area Committee would consider emergency planning arrangements for rural areas, particularly in relation to insurance, rewiring for Parish Halls and funding of emergency supplies. Local Area Agreements were explained and it was felt that clusters of Parish Councils should not be imposed but might be considered for specific purposes. There were equal funding opportunities for Parishes through Neighbourhood Forums, but Cumbria CC was to lobby on Parish Councils behalf for access to the funding stream of Cumbria Vision.
- 2 Carlisle CC Planning Services request to supply statement of consultation, summary of responses and affects on the Dalston Design Statement – Clerk to attend to matter.
- 3 Dalston Agricultural Society request for use of the Green for parking on Dalston Show Day 12th August 2006 – agreed. A response was to be requested regarding the Show Field.
- 4 T Allison letter re various options for mobile library parking – in hand.
- 5 T & E Allinson notice of vacating 2 Forge Green 10th May & request for additional time if required – agreed.
- 6 NHS Litigation Authority notification of appeal by Dalston Pharmacy Ltd against decision of PCT regarding applications to provide pharmaceutical services by Dalston Pharmacy Ltd and Dalston Medical Services Ltd – no comment as both parties have equal opportunities.
- 7 Carlisle Environment Forum meeting 20th April 2006, Cumbria Wildlife Trust – Mr Kelsey agreed to attend.
- 8 Cumbria Police Authority Carlisle Community Liaison Forum 24th April – Mrs Dalton to attend.
- 9 Defra letter re Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – a Parish Council guide to environmental enforcement – Messrs Craig and Smillie to look at documentation.
- 10 Carlisle CC notification of job share Rural Community Support Officer – Claire Rankin and Zoe Sutton – for information.
- 11 Resource Cumbria letter re waste management reduction, reuse and recycling.
- 12 Cumbria Police Authority letter re future policing of Cumbria.
- 13 Allerdale BC Draft Statement of Community Involvement – no comment.
- 14 Notice of Uncontested Parish Council Election
- 15 Copy correspondence from Mr Eastburn, 29 The Green to Mr Smith, Cumbria Highways requesting speed reducing measures along the B5299 adjacent to the Green – **resolved** to support the suggestion for red/brown tarmac sections with 30mph SLOW painted on.

151 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) The Clerk reported on the Property and Maintenance Committee meeting held on 5th April 2006. **Resolved** to ratify the decision that Alan Lyne, Redspearlands Footpath Group Secretary should be the Parish coordinator/contact for the Cumbria CC Parish Paths Initiative.
- b) A Public Rights of Way meeting had been held on 10th April 2006. Present were Andrew Nicholson, East Cumbria Countryside Project, Alan Lyne and Liz Craig, Redspearlands FG and the Clerk.. Various priorities were confirmed for PPI expenditure and problems identified for further action. **Resolved** to support the distribution of an ‘Adopt a Right of Way’ leaflet to all Parishioners once amended with correct contact details.
- c) **Resolved** to proceed with the printing 1,500 copies of the Signpost leaflet for the total cost of £343.
- d) Environment Agency consultation questionnaire re Caldew and Carlisle City flood alleviation scheme – comments to be returned individually.
- e) Mr Cowen agreed to obtain some wildflower plugs to be planted by the Scouts in the meadow at Forge Green on 28th April 2006.
- f) Reported that the High Bridge road would be cleaned again during drier weather conditions.

152 REPLACEMENT IT EQUIPMENT

The Clerk reported that a 50% grant was available through CPCA for IT equipment. The current Carlisle CC PC was failing and the printer getting worn. The best quotation was for a total cost of £500 and £150 for the computer and printer respectively. **Resolved** to proceed with replacement.

153 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The meeting was considered to have gone well and the Chairman and Clerk were thanked for their input to the proceedings. A suggestion was made that people should stand up when speaking to improve clarity. **Resolved** to donate £40 to Dalston WI with appreciation being expressed for the excellent refreshments. The Clerk was writing to Ms Helm, Eden Rivers Trust.

154 DALSTON FESTIVAL

Resolved that the Parish Council would make a scarecrow for the Dalston Festival. Mr Smillie offered to be in charge but requested help. Mr Kelsey reported that grants of £2,280, £600 and £300 had been received from Awards for All, Neighbourhood Forum and Cumbria Community Foundation respectively towards the Festival costs, with £240 profit being made from the Jazz concert.

155 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	Barclays Bank – safe custody fee 24/03/06	1.00
2	Carlisle City Council – Forge Green rates 1 x £60.72, 9 x £57	573.72
3	Carlisle City Council – Cemetery rates 1 x £40.66, 3 x £42	166.66
4	Powergen - electricity	42.11
5	United Utilities – Cemetery ½ year water rates	26.77
6	Dalston Victory Hall – APM room hire	33.00
7	Cumbrian Newspapers – APM advert	31.06
8	Dalston PCC – Festival meetings 20/03 & 22/03/06 s137	10.00
9	Cumbria in Bloom - subscription	5.00
10	Staples – ink cartridges	72.97
11	Go4skills Ltd – tree work	1,421.75
12	CALC – annual subscription £264.50, Local Council Review x 2 £28	292.50
13	Inland Revenue – PAYE/NIC	436.72
14	G Jeffery – headstone and grave space repairs	720.00
15	Dalston WI – donation APM refreshments	40.00
16	Primrose Hall Committee – CPCA grant – ladies toilet refurbishment	221.12

17	Mrs E Auld – salary £654.81, expenses £64.55	719.36
18	E Davidson – grave digging 12/04/06	150.00
19	E Davidson – grave digging ashes space 19/04/06	30.00

Income:

1	Mrs Scott – The Green rent 27/03/06	100.00
2	Caldbeck PC Clerk – use of telephone & computer 19/11/05-17/02/06	31.92
3	Hunsonby PC Clerk - use of telephone & computer 19/11/05-17/02/06	7.25
4	Dalston Post Office – 10 map packs	20.00
5	Dalston PCC – Cemetery upkeep legacy interest	435.88
6	Corner Shop – 10 map packs, 24 Dalston postcards 29/03/06	23.84
7	National Savings Bank – interest 28/03/06	66.44
8	N Souleles & C Pillar – Pinfold rent	10.00
9	P Rowcroft & R Willatt – 1 Forge Green April rent	209.00
10	T & E Allinson – 2 Forge Green April rent	398.67
11	CPCA – grants Cemetery wall £1,500, Station entrance £972.50, Primrose Hall £221.12	2,693.62

Community a/c balance 31/03/06 £1,007.86 (£10 uncleared)

Step Saver a/c balance £28,374.17

Notification received of the date of the Annual Audit – 1st June 2006. Public notice of the inspection period for the accounts would be displayed. A copy of the insurance schedule including details of the fidelity guarantee cover requested. The insurance premium for 2006/07 was increased to £1,900.98 including fidelity guarantee cover for the Clerk only of £40,000. **Resolved** that Mr Couling should be asked to check the insurance details when undertaking the internal audit of the accounts.

156 CLERK'S TERMINATION GRATUITY

A copy of the NALC Guidance Notes on gratuities and the new taxation regime for Pension Schemes after 6th April 2006 was discussed. **Resolved**, proposed Mr Craig, seconded Mr Hand, that the intent and level of the gratuity that the Parish Council wished to pay within the guidelines should be registered with the Inland Revenue. Mr Smillie agreed to attend to this matter.

157 CEMETERY MATTERS

Interments: Jane Clark Pighills 12/04/06 Ward 5 Section I Space 59
John George Beaty 19/04/06 ashes only Ward 5 Section G Space 54

The meeting closed at 9.21pm.