

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 8th August 2006.

PRESENT	Mr A R Auld (Chairman)	Mr I Newton
	Mr D B Craig	Mr O J Rickerby
	Mrs P Dalton	Mrs J L Rawstron
	Mr D W Hand	Mr O Roberts
	Mr J F G Kelsey	Mr M I Smillie

42 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs D C Cowen (work), G Harrison (cataract) and A Jackson (holiday). Messrs R Potter and S A Sinclair were not present.

43 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11th July 2006 were agreed and signed as a true record.

44 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr M Smillie declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 10a – resident near Station entrance.
Mrs P Dalton declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 06/0878 Dalston Service Station.

Mr A R Auld declared and recorded a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 11 – Clerk's annual salary review.

45 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Four members of the public were present. Apologies for absence were received from J Collier (County Councillor). He had stated that he was pursuing the 20mph zone in the centre of Dalston with Mr Pickering and the request to move the 30mph sign further north on Carlisle Road. District Councillors T Allison, S Tweedie, Mr and Mrs Milburn all declined to speak. The Clerk reported that the Police had recorded 13 crime, 9 anti social behaviour and 5 road safety incidents since the last meeting. Reported that Cardewlees Quarry had been broken into again. A witness to an anti social behaviour incident was willing to give a formal statement, but the Police had not taken this up to date. An indication of the Police clear up rate was requested.

46 PLANNING DECISIONS

06/0164 Sites 2 & 3 Barras Lane - variation of conditions 2 & 6 attached to planning permission no. 02/0694 to allow Site 1 to be used as a builders yard; Sites 2 and 3 to be used for the storage, repair, sale and hire of shipping containers and portable modular office buildings and the stacking/or depositing of materials to a height not exceeding 6.1m, with site 3 and part of site 2 – approved 8 conditions.

06/0406 Plots A & B Hallfield – erection of 2no. dwellings (revised house type) – approved 10 conditions.

06/0162 Land at Barras Lane Industrial Estate – concrete batching plant – approved 6 conditions.

06/0666 Bluebell House, Green Lane – single storey timber building to be used as a boarding cattery for 15 cat pens (retrospective) – approved 5 conditions.

06/0271 Joiners Yard, Bishops Mill – erection of pair of semi-detached dwelling (revised application) – approved 5 conditions.

06/0734 Cottage in the Wood, Orton Grange – erection of two storey extension to provide games room, wet room, utility & craft room with sunroom, study, 2no. en-suite bedrooms, bedroom incorporating balconies and a detached garage – approved 3 conditions.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 03/0910 Close Head House, Lingey Close – change of use of land to domestic curtilage together with the erection of boundary fence (retrospective) – copies of correspondence between Mr Milburn and Cumbria CC Commons Registration Officer, Carlisle CC Planning Officer report and notification of Carlisle CC Development Control Committee site visit on 16th August, 3.20pm received – Messrs Auld and B Craig or O Roberts to attend. **Resolved** to request permission for Mr Auld to speak at the Development Control Committee meeting on 18th August 2006.
- 06/0820 Dalston Recreation Field, The Green – provision of floodlighting to Courts 3 & 4 via 6no. 8m lighting columns – no observations.
- 06/0695 Nestle UK Ltd, Beverage Division – upgrading of existing trade effluent treatment plant to include 2no. new tanks and replacement of existing control room – no observations.
- 06/0851 Fernlea, 1 Carlisle Road – widening of access and erection of a boundary garden wall – no observations.
- 06/0878 Dalston Service Station, The Green – erection of steel framed shed for use as a commercial garage – **resolved** to comment that with the increased height of the proposed building on an elevated site, there was concern regarding the visual impact of the steel framed shed in a Conservation Area. **Resolved** that the title to the land in front of the showroom window should be ascertained, as complaints were being received regarding the parked cars on the grass area.
- 06/0902 The Old Vicarage, The Square – proposed installation of cavity drain membrane system to cellar – no observations.
- 06/0857 Orton Grange Caravan Park, Orton Grange – temporary sales office (retrospective application) – no observations.
- 06/0934 22 The Green – replacement of rotten staircase window traditional sliding sash window, on waxed cords and pulleys factory glazed with 24mm Pilkington toughened units incorporating 18mm back to back spacer bars with timber ashagal bars bonded to the inside and outside of each unit (LBC) – no observations.
- 06/9001/9004/9006 Thackwood Landfill Site, Southwaite – notification of site visit 14th August, 10am – Mr Auld and the Clerk to attend.
- Kingswood Centre, Cumdivock – the Clerk reported that the Section 106 Agreement was supposedly due to be signed quite soon. Copies of correspondence were received relating to noise and enforcement issues/Section 106 Agreement. Advice was being waited for from Carlisle CC Legal Department regarding the legality of the summer camp, which had been held at Greensyke during the last two weeks of July 2006. A report was to be made to the Development Control Committee at the meeting on 18th August 2006 – **resolved** that enquiries should be made regarding permission for a Parish Council representative to speak at the meeting. Mr Auld/Clerk to attend.
- Carlisle CC Local Development Framework Draft Supplementary Planning Document for Dalston – copy in circulation for comments to be returned to the Clerk for submission by 8th September 2006.

DALSTON HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES RESTRICTION

Following discussion **resolved** that Councillor Collier should be asked to promote the suggestion to relocate the heavy goods vehicles restriction sign to the west of the Barras Lane Industrial Estate. It was felt that traffic should be encouraged to link into the Northern Development Route, once built. The volume of heavy goods vehicles and other traffic through Dalston was considered to relate to the poor condition of the road surfaces, particularly on the bridges, especially at Hawksdale.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Cumbria CC Minerals and Waste Development Framework Discussion Paper – special Forum meetings – **resolved** that Messrs Auld and Kelsey would attend on 4th September 2006. It was felt that the big issue for Dalston was traffic and transport in relation to the proposal for a Waste Management site at the junction of Peter Lane with Wigton Road.
- 2 Acknowledgement of representation and notification of Draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West Examination in Public commencing 31st October 2006.
- 3 CALC July/August 2006 Circular. Quality Parish Development Programme Update 7 (July 2006) – for information.

- 4 Carlisle CC Legal & Democratic Services consultation on draft Gambling Policy – no comment.
- 5 Eden DC Draft Shopfront and Advertisement Design Supplementary Planning Document – no action.
- 6 Carlisle CC Development Services – review of Rural Voice and distribution list – response with email addresses of interested Councillors.
- 7 Cumbria in Bloom judging 25th July – report provided by Mesdames Rawstron and Rickerby – **resolved** that they should be invited to attend the Presentation of Awards event on 4th September in Barrow.
- 8 Letter from Councillor Allison requesting an update for a Parishioner on the Parish Council position regarding the installation of further grasscrete between the existing sections on the Green – agreed to include this in the forthcoming budget considerations.

50 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

Mr Auld reported on the Working Group meeting held on 31st July 2006 to discuss a Development Plan. Messrs Auld and Smillie were to produce some budget figures for consideration by the Policy and Resources Committee. Mrs Dalton had drawn up a draft paper reviewing the Parish Plan outcomes. Following discussion, **resolved** that, subject to minor amendments, the review should be included in the Parish Papers and on the website as a first step to addressing the longer term financial plan.

51 FORGE GREEN/PARISH BUILDING UPDATE

Resolved to exclude members of the public and press from the meeting pursuant to section 1(2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

- a) The Clerk advised the meeting of a report received from Hayward Tod Associates regarding Forge Green, following a site visit by Mr Hayward. Cumbria Properties had sent a written recommendation to reduce the asking price for the property. **Resolved**, proposed Mr Kelsey, seconded Mr Craig to take Forge Green off the market and reconsider the matter in spring 2007 – carried 6 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention.
- b) **Resolved** to re-advertise 2 Forge Green to let. **Resolved** to increase the rent for 1 and 2 Forge Green to £54 and £95 per week respectively commencing in October 2006. The Clerk reported that Allianz Cornhill had been advised of the current empty property and that the gas appliances in the whole property were being inspected, serviced and certified during August.
- c) Communications received from Mrs Wilkinson, Chair of Governors and Mr Abernethy, Headteacher in response to enquiries made. The Premises Committee had given a positive response, but requested more information regarding the development of a community building on Caldew School land. The matter will be an agenda item at the full Governors meeting on 20th September 2006. **Resolved** that the Development Working Group should consider the possible options to put to the Governors, bearing in mind the Parish Plan and subject to ratification by the Parish Council prior to that date – Messrs Auld, Cowen, Craig, Hand, Harrison, Kelsey, Smillie and Mrs Dalton involved.
- d) Letter from Mr Grisenthwaite, Head of Culture re the Cumbria CC position regarding the provision of a library service in Dalston. The current mobile library will continue to visit the village until alternative premises or development proposals put forward for such premises are found.

52 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) The Clerk reported that letters had been sent to Carlisle CC Northern Rail and BP Oils seeking financial or in kind support for the Station approach improvements. Following discussion, **resolved**, proposed Mr Roberts, seconded Mr Hand that the Station project should be postponed until the correct specifications and information required were available to allow it to go ahead – carried 8 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention. No grant applications were to be pursued until appropriate to do so.
- b) A member queried the lack of maintenance of the triangle of land by the White Bridge – work in hand to be carried out within the week. A stone was reported to be missing on the White Bridge

approach wall on the east side of the river – Clerk to advise Cumbria Highways regarding this and comment on structural repair work on other bridges in the Parish.

- c) Mr Ebbatson offered to donate some display boards to the Parish Council – **resolved** to decline, as replacement parts might prove difficult to obtain.
- d) The timing for planting of wild flower plugs at Forge Green was discussed – Mr Cowen to be asked about the order.

53 CLERK’S ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW

Mr Auld and the Clerk left the meeting for the agenda item. **Resolved** to ratify the Clerk’s salary at LC1 SCP21 £9.35/hour for 19 hours/week from 1st April 2006. Two issues were considered relating to the Contract of Employment – 1) the working office environment 2) the Contract of Employment regarding the security of a termination gratuity. **Resolved** that these items should be on the agenda for the Policy and Resources Committee meeting in September.

54 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	Go4skills Ltd – fell Churchyard Norway maple, make good ground & plant replacement tree	540.50
2	Dalston PCC – Church House hire/Festival meetings & scarecrow entry s137	22.00
3	R M Capstick – compost s137	16.85
4	British Gas – gas supply	20.98
5	Allianz Cornhill – additional premium Fidelity Guarantee x 5 Councillors	37.80
6	Rose Bank Sawmill – fencing and seating repairs	376.01
7	Countryside Agency – Signpost Project grant refund	3,175.41
8	Mrs E Auld – salary £633.60, expenses £32.75	666.35
9	Carrs Billington – replacement Cemetery gate	59.16
10	E Davidson – grave digging ashes space	30.00
11	Mrs J Rawstron – Cumbria in Bloom (Chairman’s expenses) s137	8.65

Income:

1	R Diggle – care of Stead family grave	40.00
2	Cumbria Memorials – cremation memorial stone	51.00
3	Dalston Post Office – 10 x map packs	20.00
4	Geo Hudson & Sons – burial ashes fee	74.00

Resolved that up to £200 should be allocated for the Chairman’s expenses during the year.

Further signatures were required on the form authorising changes to the bank mandate – executed.

An unqualified opinion and certification had been received from the External Auditor for the Statement of Accounts 2005/06. **Resolved** that the notice of conclusion of audit and right to inspect the annual return would indicate that the annual return was available for inspection on application to the Clerk and the charge for a copy of the annual return would be £10. Agreed that a copy of the Statement of Accounts would be displayed in the Cumberland Building Society Branch in Dalston. The Clerk was thanked for keeping the accounts satisfactorily and presenting them for audit.

55 CEMETERY MATTERS

Interment of ashes: Mary Margaret Blamire 09/08/06 Ward 1 Section P Space 9

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.