

## DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

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

### 92 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs G Harrison, S A Sinclair (away) and M Smillie (work).

### 93 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006 were agreed and signed as a true record.

### 94 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr I Newton declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 8/2 – St Michael’s School.  
Mr D C Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 10a – Station entrance – Bingham Yates & Partners.

### 95 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Collier, Allison, Dodd and Tweedie. The Chairman welcomed 3 Councillors and the Clerk from Sebergham and Welton Parish Council as observers. The Clerk reported that the Police had recorded 8 crime and 9 road safety incidents since the last meeting. Anti social behaviour incidents at St Michael’s Church and Caldew School were being enquired into.

### 96 PLANNING DECISIONS & APPLICATIONS

06/1310 Sunnybank, Stockdalewath – proposed two storey extension to the rear elevation of Sunnybank to provide dining room & bedroom – no observations.

06/1331 The Farm House, Moss End Farm – change of use of barn to domestic accommodation to provide kitchen/dining room with en-suite bedroom above – no observations.

06/1339 School House, Raughton Head – removal of condition 2 of approval 04/1497 to change the use of an annex to a separate unit of accommodation – no observations.

06/1286 Dalston Hall Holiday Park – extension to existing caravan park to form 29 additional holiday static pitches including new sewerage treatment plant, wardens residence and parking – the extension to be well screened as per indications in Dalston Design Statement. The site must be for holiday use rather than permanent residential use.

06/1373 Dalston Hall Holiday Park – change of use from agricultural field to children’s recreational play area – no observations..

06/1330 16-17 The Square – installation of brass plaque.- no observations.

06/1311 18 The Square – butchers shop & delicatessen – concern regarding increased pressure on parking facilities in the Square area.

06/1387 Smithy, Shawkfoot, Cumdivock – detached garage adjacent the Smithy – no observations, but potential for flooding questioned.

Dalston Design Statement – notices and an agenda would be sent to Team members for a meeting to be held at Forge Green on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2007 with Pauline Goodridge and Lucy Ridyard, Carlisle CC Local Plans in attendance.

MEETING REPORTS

- a) Parish Councils/Carlisle CC Executive Joint meeting 04/12/06 – Mr Auld, Mrs Dalton and Clerk attended.
- 1 Affordable Housing – no decision yet on allocation of second home revenue to rural areas up to 2009 – will be looked at in Carlisle CC budget discussion. No answer to query made in June regarding rural allocation of current £116,000 split between housing needs/regeneration/Carlisle Renaissance.
  - 2 LG White Paper – presentation given by Carlisle CC Chief Executive.
  - 3 Waste minimisation proposals and recycling – roll out of new waste collection regime at end of February 2007. 41,000 households on fortnightly wheeled bin emptying, 5,500 on 2 plastic sacks collected weekly. Letters sent out explaining system.
  - 4 Rural Champion – Councillor Marion Bowman.
  - 5 Carlisle Renaissance Movement Strategy – 48 highways schemes put forward for share of 5.5 million pounds for whole of County. Carlisle Local Committee allocated £3-400,000 of total.
  - 6 Funding disparity between village halls/urban community centres. Support requested for volunteer assistance especially re legal liabilities, insurance etc.
  - 7 Demand for youth shelters – new design information available.
  - 8 Local Authority Business Growth Initiative – Government gives back revenue to District Council. 22% of businesses in rural areas but uncertainty re % given to rural/urban split. Next meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007.
- b) Inspector D Coates, Cumbria Constabulary meeting 05/12/06 – Mr Auld, Mrs Dalton and Clerk attended. David Coates reported on 4 years of crime reductions in the 7 policing teams in N Cumbria – Brampton best on performance. Sergeant Paul Senior and Community PCs Colin Hird and Harry Taylor operating in the Caldew Area. Targeting violent crime and criminal damage. Aiming for more prescriptive/visible presence policing. Campaign undertaken on cycleway had led to improvements. Hopefully 2 more PCSOs allocated to Brampton Area (1 for Dalston) but uncertain when. Shift patterns could meet local requirements. Suggestion from local youth that 7.30-9.30 would be better timing of the youth club – currently finishes at 9pm and opportunity for youth disturbance before 10pm. It would also be helpful if it could operate for 3 evenings rather than 1. Youth shelter provision/Youth Council should be looked at and some young people involved in the discussions. David Coates agreed to arrange to attend a Recreation Association meeting to talk about these matters and its new building.
- c) Caldew School meeting 07/12/06 – Messrs Auld, Hand, Smillie, Mrs Dalton and the Clerk attended. Mr Craig sent apologies for absence. **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. **Resolved** to work up a proposal for a new building with Messrs Cowen and Harrison looking at outline costs, including a revised entrance and service connections. Agreed that Carlisle CC planners and Cumbria Highways should be approached for preliminary comments. It was agreed that implications of the LG White Paper should be taken into consideration in relation to the building size and requirements, but it was stressed that there was no time pressure being imposed regarding the project. The next meeting was arranged for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 at 5pm.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER

It was agreed that there was insufficient specific information on the LG White Paper to make comments in response to CALC's interim position document. There were reservations expressed about increasing workloads for and creation of two tiers of Parish Councils. There was uncertainty that finance would follow function and if devolved to Parish Councils, as there was currently a shortage of funding, the situation could become even worse.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Charter consultation response – Clerk reported on the compiled comments submitted.
- 2 St Michael's School Ofsted Report – agreed that a letter of congratulations should be sent.
- 3 Carlisle District draft Statement of Community Involvement – 3 copies to be circulated for

- comment. To return to Clerk by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2007 for compilation response at next meeting.
- 4 CPCA additional grant funding for PC and Village Hall grants 2006/07 – both applications rejected. Agreed that applications should be made to the Neighbourhood Forum.
  - 5 Parish Paths Initiative – letter from ECCP and proposed invoice for £500 for re-claim – Clerk to attend to matter.
  - 6 Army Presentation Team Reception and Briefing 30<sup>th</sup> January, Carlisle Racecourse – Messrs Auld, Rickerby and the Clerk to attend.
  - 7 Rural Voice December issue.
  - 8 Eden DC Core Strategy Preferred Options Development Plan document on website – for information and comments.
  - 9 Eden DC notification of adoption of Statement of Community Involvement.
  - 10 Redspearlands Footpath Group December Newsletter and copy of Adopt A Way leaflet to distribute in spring.
  - 11 Carlisle CC Standards Committee literature on protocol for relationships between members and officers, ethical standards questionnaire and review of standards board investigations and actions taken – for information.
  - 12 Letters of thanks for grants from Dalston PCC, Festival Committee and Pre-school Nursery.
  - 13 Cumbria Highways Working Together magazine Winter 2006.
  - 14 Allerdale BC draft Statement of Community Involvement – no comments.
  - 15 Cumbria in Bloom Special General Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> January – no attendance.

## 100 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	E Davidson – grave digging ashes space 27/11/06	30.00
2	British Telecommunications – telephone 19/08 – 20/11/06	80.13
3	Westwood Nurseries – final quarter grass cutting & ground works/ FG work	737.31
4	Staples – paper, cartridges, pritt stick	82.77
5	D C Cowen – Station entrance photocopies	16.45
6	N Park (Fencing) Ltd – tree felling near Union Bridge	94.00
7	Biffa Waste Services – Cemetery waste collection 30/12/06-30/03/07	144.50
8	Bendles Solicitors – 2 Forge Green tenancy contract	88.12
9	Barry Faulder – Cemetery access lane wall Phase 3, 4, 5	3,432.00
10	Mrs E Auld – salary £561.21, expenses £9.29	570.50

Income:

1	HM Customs & Excise – VAT repayment 24/11/06	934.58
2	Dalston Post Office – 100 postcards 27/11/06	16.00
3	Corner Shop – fishing permits	19.00
4	Mr Mattocks – burial ashes fee	74.00
5	I Wicks – land to rear 3 Walk Mill rent 04/12/06	50.00
6	L & D White – 2 Forge Green December rent	411.67
7	United Utilities – Lakerigg sub-station way leave	10.00
8	Cumbria Memorials – headstone & additional inscription	90.00
9	Step Saver a/c – interest 04/12/06	140.53

## 101 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Station approach project - **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. **Resolved**, proposed Mr Roberts, seconded Mr Hand to accept the tender from Bingham Yates & Partners for £2,250 plus VAT maximum for consultancy and planning supervisory work. Two other companies declined to tender.
- b) 1 Forge Green – the Clerk reported that various parties had been shown round and one had expressed interest but had not applied for the tenancy to date. Agreed that attempts to let the property should be resumed in January 2007, including an offer of a replacement carpet in the living room. The heating was to be put on to a low setting.
- c) Westwood Nurseries letter registering interest in re-tendering for the grass cutting, ground works and Cemetery maintenance contracts.
- d) Mrs Rickerby to be advised of situation regarding Christmas decorations in the Square area.

102 MEETING DATES

- a) **Resolved** that an extraordinary meeting should be held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007 to discuss the budget and capital projects in detail.
- b) Agreed that the Victory Hall should be booked for the Annual Parish Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007. Suggestions for speakers were a representative from the fire service and someone to talk on waste disposal.

103 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interment: Joseph Gibbons ashes 27/11/06 Ward 4 Section C Space 39b
- b) Cumbria Memorials: granite headstone 'In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother Florence Goodfellow (Flo) died 19<sup>th</sup> June 2006 aged 79 years' Remembered with a smile' – approved.  
Additional inscription added to John and Emily Reay memorial 'who died 24<sup>th</sup> June 2006 aged 90 years' – approved.
- c) Written enquiries received re Rennie family – no information forthcoming.  
Odlings MCR Makesafe Quick Fit memorial fixing £38 each – no requirement.
- d) Resolved, proposed Mr Potter to purchase replacement litterbin through Carlisle CC – metal one to minimise vandalism. Agreed that special dispensation for a bag collection was to be requested for litter picked up from around the Parish by Mrs Diver when the new bin emptying system was in place.

The meeting closed at 9pm.