

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 15th November 2005.

PRESENT	Mr A R Auld (Vice-Chairman)	Mr J F G Kelsey
	Mr D C Cowen	Mr I Newton
	Mrs P Dalton	Mrs C Oakley
	Mr D W Hand	Mrs J L Rawstron
	Mr G Harrison	Mr O Roberts
	Mr A G Jackson	Mr S A Sinclair

Mr R Auld took the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs B Craig (holiday), R J Potter and M Smillie (work).

91 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

92 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr D Cowen declared and recorded an interest - Churchwarden, Dalston PCC re Church House.

93 DEVELOPMENT IN THE SQUARE AREA

Reported that 18 The Square had been taken off the market at this time due to changes in personal circumstances of the owner, despite the Parish Council having put in an increased offer at the asking price. A firm offer of £350,000 had been received for Forge Green subject to contract. Alternative temporary premises for office and safe storage facilities, together with a venue for meetings would need to be found, if Forge Green was sold. The capital from the sale could not be used for Parish running costs and if held indefinitely might be questioned by the auditor. Various options were put forward as suggestions for long term accommodation, some of which were to be followed up. Enquiries were to be made with the Parochial Church Council re Church House, Caldew School, Nestle, F Brown and Cumbria Contract Services regarding temporary storage and office space.

94 FORGE GREEN

Comprehensive discussion took place on the merits of remaining at Forge Green and undertaking some development, or selling the premises. Resolved, proposed Mr Harrison, seconded Mrs Dalton to accept the offer from Mr Dickinson of £350,000 subject to contract, inform Cumbrian Properties accordingly and instruct Mr J Stevenson, Bendles Solicitors to act on the Parish Council's behalf – carried 11 in favour, 1 against. The Clerk was to ascertain the cost of the work. The sale would be subject to the tenancy agreements being satisfactorily concluded at the time of completion, following the exchange of contract, with appropriate notice having been given. The tenants were to be kept informed of the situation. Resolved, proposed Mr Hand, seconded Mrs Oakley that the capital realised from the sale of Forge Green should be 'ring fenced' in the first instance for providing new Parish Council facilities – carried unanimously. The interest on the capital was to be used to cover the cost of temporary facilities.

The meeting closed at 9.04pm.