

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held at Forge Green on Wednesday 22nd March 2006.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs P Dalton (prior engagement), Messrs D Cowen (work), M Smillie (sick) and S A Sinclair.

141 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

142 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

143 FORGE GREEN

Discussion took place on whether Forge Green should be withdrawn from the market or sold, with the Parish Council using rented accommodation until a suitable site could be acquired for development of alternative premises. Resolved, proposed Mr Hand, seconded Mr Kelsey to accept the written offer received to purchase Forge Green building and garden – defeated 3 in favour, 7 against. Resolved, proposed Mr Harrison, seconded Mr Potter to continue to market Forge Green into the spring and summer and at the same time investigate other possibilities for development including the feasibility of using Parish Council land, such as the Kingsway, for development – carried unanimously. Resolved, proposed Mr Auld, seconded Mr Hand to advise Cumbria Properties that although the Parish Council was not disappointed with the offer received from their Client, it reaffirmed the intention to seek the asking price of £350,000 – carried unanimously. Reported that the Clerk and Mr Hand had looked at temporary storage/office accommodation at Nestle and Caldew School and both premises had potentially suitable facilities. The rental price at Nestle was £100 per month. Caldew School also offered a meeting room for hire. Rental prices were to be ascertained. Mr Abernethy, Caldew School, had indicated to the Clerk that development space might be available on the school site and he had agreed to raise the possibility of pursuing the matter with the School Governors at their meeting on 22nd March 2006. Agreed that, subject to the outcome of the meeting, four Councillors from the Working Group should proceed with gathering information as required.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.