

## DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2004.

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PRESENT	Mrs P Dalton (Chair)	Mrs C M Oakley
	Mr A R Auld	Mr R J Potter
	Mr D C Cowen	Mrs J L Rawstron
	Mr D W Hand	Mr S A Sinclair
	Mr A G Jackson	Mr M Smillie
	Mr J F G Kelsey	

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs B C Craig (meeting), G Harrison (meeting) and O Roberts (holiday).

### 131 MINUTES OF THE LAST MONTHLY AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2004 were agreed and signed as true records.

### 132 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies were received from Councillors Dodd and Collier. Nine members of the public were present. Mr Routledge felt the pegs, installed by James Banks Survey Ltd, marking the south east boundary of Lakerigg Common and his property (Malanridge) were misaligned by 18-20" near the road and 12-15" near the garage. He stated that the footings of the wall could be uncovered to substantiate this. Based on a statement signed by Mrs Thompson and confirmed verbally by Messrs Porter, Readdie and Musgrave, Mr Routledge requested the continued right of use of an access across the Common to the rear of his property. He also asked whether he could purchase an area of Common to the north west of his driveway.

Mr Armstrong spoke about the Kingswood Centre application being recommended for approval with 20 conditions by the planning officer, but that it was unlikely that the applicants would agree to them all, even though discussion between Carlisle City Council, Cumdivock Group and Kingswood representatives had taken place. The Cumdivock Group was still opposed to the development at Greensyke and it was hoped that the Public Inquiry commencing on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2004 would decide the matter. Councillors Crookdake and Robinson indicated that they would be attending the Development Control Committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2004. Mrs Oakley voiced concerns regarding enforcement issues.

PC Shorrocks advised the Council that PC Richard Quinn, PC Gary Ravell and Sergeant Paul Senior were now in post covering the Dalston area. PC Shorrocks was being issued with a bicycle for use in the village. Funding was available through the Crime and Disorder budget, particularly for youth shelters – possibly a consideration for Dalston in the next raft of funding.

### 133 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr Cowen declared and recorded an interest in the Kingswood Centre, Cumdivock.

### 134 PLANNING DECISIONS

03/1326 8 Glebe Close – erection of conservatory (retrospective) – approved.

03/1294 37 New Road – extension over garage to provide additional bedroom – approved 3 conditions.

03/1357 L/A Barn, Low Flanders – installation of kitchen and central heating system and installation of rainwater pipes to front elevation (LBC) – approved 2 conditions.

Reply received from Cumbria County Council regarding Barras Lane Industrial Estate – land leased or sold off apart from Fire Service maintenance building and Cumbria Contract Services Depot. Councillor Robinson agreed to make enquiries regarding the status of the infrastructure and where responsibility lay. A letter was to be sent to Councillor Collier regarding the matter.

- 03/0499 Kingswood Centre, Cumdivock – extension to existing building to provide electricity substation (retrospective) – deferred.
- 03/1037 Kingswood Educational Study Centre, Cumdivock – use of land and buildings as an educational study centre with a range of outdoor activity equipment and landscaped mounding – amended plans – deferred.

Above applications to be considered at Carlisle CC Development Control Committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2004 – agreed that Mr Auld would speak as the Parish Council representative.

- 03/1037 Kingswood Educational Study Centre, Cumdivock – use of land and buildings as an educational study centre with a range of outdoor activity equipment and landscaped mounding – amended plan showing climbing wall at the other end of the building and a plan showing the position of the lighting bollards and fencing round the central courtyard. Schedule A documents including draft conditions on approval received. Copies of correspondence with the Planners received from Mr Harle. Agreed to reiterate comments previously made in responses dated 18<sup>th</sup> October 2003 and 7<sup>th</sup> January 2004. It was also felt to be inappropriate to comment further on the proposed development in a piecemeal manner. Resolved that Dalston Parish Council's preference was that the application for the development of the Kingswood Educational Study Centre at Cumdivock should be determined, following a Local Public Inquiry, by the Planning Inspectorate.

### 135 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 04/0025 Riverside Farm, Stockdalewath – change of use of agricultural land to garden – no observations.
- 04/0040 9 Nook Lane Close – two storey extension comprising kitchen/dayroom with bathroom and master bedroom with ensuite above – agreed to refer to original planning conditions for a low cost dwelling – criteria could be lost with the extension.
- 04/0044 7 Summerfields – extension above existing garage to provide 1no. en-suite bedroom – no observations.
- 04/0051 Holly Oaks, Cumdivock – variation of condition 5 attached to planning approval 02/0035 to allow parking of 53 seater coach in lieu of 25 seater coach - resolved to reiterate comments made regarding application 02/0035 and previous application 96/0610 for the creation of hard standing to park 2no. 25 seat mini-buses. The development should not expand beyond the use for mini-buses, as it was an inappropriate location in terms of access and highway safety.
- 04/0074/75 South Muse, Buckabank – extension to form kitchen, dining room and bedroom (LBC) – no observations.
- 04/0092 Roewath Cottage, Stockdalewath – first floor extension to provide 2no. bedroom & bathroom together with conversion of garage to form utility room – no observations.
- 04/9003 St Michael's School – extension to existing school to provide additional classroom and staffroom – no observations.
- 04/0163 Ladywood, Nook Lane – erection of replacement conservatory – no observations.

### 136 PARISH PLAN

Copies of the Parish Plan questionnaire had been printed and most members agreed to assist in the distribution together with other Parishioner volunteers – arrangements were outlined. A letter had been received from Cumbria County Council with an offer of £2,500 subject to receipt of further information about the Parish Plan.

### 137 SPEED LIMIT AND HGV WEIGHT RESTRICTION – RAUGHTON HEAD

Various items of correspondence received regarding the need for a 20/30mph speed limit in Raughton Head and a 7.5 tonne HGV weight restriction on the road from Hawksdale to Sour Nook. The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to Cumbria CC regarding this and a response indicated that the request for a speed restriction had been added to the list of schemes to progress by Capita. Agreed that a further letter be sent to Councillor Collier to consider and endorse these requests.

138 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Brian Campbell and Derek Woolerton had agreed to give a presentation about the Square Regeneration Scheme. Councillor Crookdake offered to enquire about the loan of a projector from Carlisle CC. The Clerk informed the Council that the display boards were on order and would be available for the Signpost Project exhibition. The Chairman suggested the format of the meeting, which was agreed.

139 YOUNG PEOPLE

Mrs Dalton reported that she had sent a letter via the school to the young people who had attended the January Parish Council meeting. Contact had been made with Connexions, but there was little forthcoming re youth service. Agreed that a letter be sent to Carlisle CC asking for the public conveniences to remain open for longer each day from April to October. Two Parishioners, Jane Smith and Ros Willatt had intimated that they might be interested in some youth work and the setting up of a film club had been suggested. Agreed that the Chairman, Clerk and Mr Smillie should arrange a meeting with these ladies, plus Peter Hughes, if agreeable and a representative from the Recreation Association to consider any additional beneficial activities for the youth. Enquiries were to be made regarding the provision of a mobile 'chippie'.

140 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Section 6 (2) provisional common land and open spaces maps – Clerk reported on further response from Countryside Agency – little that the Parish Council can do as it is not the legal owner of the land at the Forge marked on the map incorrectly as common land. Residents involved to be advised of error.
- 2 Caldew School Summer/Easter Camp Co-ordinator – additional details for application for grant assistance – resolved to award £200 towards craft, cookery and other materials required.
- 3 Carlisle Parish Councils Association Agenda – meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February 2004, 7.30pm, Burgh by Sands – the Chairman and Clerk had attended. Cheryl Cowperthwaite, Cumbria CC spoke about 'Rural Wheels' – a new transport initiative for people living in rural areas. Extra income from second home Council Tax would be used for funding for staff time in connection with housing strategy in Carlisle District.
- 4 Castle Sowerby PC letter re proposed wind-farm development at Skelton and Castle Sowerby – resolved to support objection to development, as potentially visually intrusive and significant in terms of scale in a quiet rural location – 7 for objection, 3 against, 1 abstention.
- 5 Eden Rivers Trust Winter Newsletter and notification of Seminar on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 9am-2pm, Rheged.
- 6 Carlisle CC notification of public debate 'An elected Regional Assembly for the Northwest and Options for Local Government' – 17<sup>th</sup> February, 5.45-7.45pm, Crown & Mitre, Carlisle.
- 7 Carlisle Environment Forum meeting invitation – 10<sup>th</sup> February – no attendance.
- 8 Cumbria Highways notification of road closure – U1133 Cardewlees junction with A595 – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2004 for 1 week.
- 9 Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum agenda and notes from previous meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2004, 7-9pm, Great Orton Village Hall – Mr Kelsey to attend.
- 10 CALC February County Circular, notification of 'Project Planning' Event – 12<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-4pm – Mrs Dalton to attend - £15 fee agreed. Countryside Agency Vital Villages Update.
- 11 Dalston Scout Group and Pre-School Nursery – letters of thanks for grants.
- 12 Carlisle CC Executive/PC Representatives meeting 11/12/03 Minutes.
- 13 Brampton Community Association indoor swimming pool project workshop report.
- 14 Carlisle CC Committee meeting agendas.
- 15 Reply from Defra re common land issues at Forge Green – for future information.
- 16 Letter from Carlisle CC Legal Services regarding the need for Parish Councillors to register and declare their membership of the Freemasons.
- 17 Royal Garden Party ballot form for Chairman – to be completed.

141 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Mr Jackson had drawn up a schedule for volunteers i.e. Prince’s Trust, to remove litter and clear some undergrowth at High Buckabank prior to the tree planting. The replacement notice boards and repairs to seats were in hand. A letter from the Gardening Club requested different watering arrangements for the lamppost planters to be considered for the forthcoming season. The entrance to the Station was identified as needing attention – some holes had been filled in. A site meeting with English Nature and the Environment Agency re gravel extraction had been arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> February at 11am. Letter received from H & H Bowe Ltd re the lease with United Utilities for the Green Sub-Station. Resolved to accept the advice of the Agent, particularly agreeing to a five-year review based on the rent for such sites at the time of the review. Letter received from Hesket PC indicating land at Lintongill not within it Parish. The wildflower meadow was discussed and it was agreed that it should be scarified.
- b) Resolved to exclude members of the public on the grounds of personal involvement and financial implications. James Banks (Survey) Ltd had marked the south east boundary of Lakerigg Common on the ground with pegs and on a map by a red line, accurate to within ± 0.25m of the position of the original wall (centre line). Agreed that the boundary should be marked in an appropriate manner i.e. fence. Resolved that the acceptable position of the boundary, together with a negative response to the requests to purchase part of the Common and the right of access to the rear of Malanridge should be detailed to Mr Routledge in a solicitor’s letter.
- c) The Clerk advised the Council that Mr Faulder was undertaking various minor maintenance works.

142 BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

Resolved to respond to the consultation indicating that of the two options put forward the North/South split was preferable to the whole of Cumbria option. Neither of the two options proposed was greeted with much enthusiasm, especially as the whole matter will probably be determined by Lancashire rather than Cumbria.

143 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	British Gas – gas supply 15/01/04	13.56
2	CALC – Data Protection Act training 20/01/04	10.00
3	Mrs P Dalton – tree stakes/ties s137	2.73
4	Garthside Landscapes – Cemetery maintenance 4	565.00
5	Mrs E Auld – salary £551.67, expenses £11.58	563.25

Income:

1	Caldbeck PC – use of telephone & computer 21/08-19/11/03 26/01/04	26.68
2	Hunsonby PC – use of telephone & computer 21/08-19/11/03	20.55
3	Dalston Post Office – 100 postcards	16.00
4	P Rowcroft – 1 Forge Green February rent	200.00
5	J S Carruthers & C Devlin – 2 Forge Green February rent	352.00

Comparison of budget/actual figures and a decision on the value of PC travel allowances were deferred.

144 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A decision on the date and agenda items for the next meeting was deferred.

145 CEMETERY MATTERS

No matters were raised.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.