

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 8th February 2005.

PRESENT	Mr B C Craig (Chairman)	Mr A G Jackson
	Mr A R Auld	Mr J F G Kelsey
	Mr S D P Christopher	Mr R J Potter
	Mr D C Cowen	Mrs J L Rawstron
	Mrs P Dalton	Mr O Roberts
	Mr G Harrison	Mr S A Sinclair

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D W Hand (holiday) and Mrs C Oakley (ill). Mr M Smillie was not present.

120 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2005 were agreed and signed as a correct record following the addition of 'and Collier' after 'Allison' in minute 111.

121 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Crookdake. Seven members of the public were present. Inspector David Coates reported on a low level of crime in the area at present. Damage to teachers vehicles at Caldew School and incidents at St Michael's Church were being progressed following official complaints. Inspector Coates stressed the importance of members of the public being willing to report incidents and give witness statements.

Councillor Collier notified the Council of the next Neighbourhood Forum meeting on 28th February 2005 at 7pm in the Victory Hall, Dalston. Councillor Allison reported that the faulty streetlights had now been repaired.

Mr Roberts expressed concern regarding the condition of some parts of the cycleway; especially a section of wall by the railway line that he felt might be in a dangerous condition. Mr Kelsey requested a health and safety check and Councillors Allison and Collier agreed to look into responsibilities for maintenance and follow the matter up, for an agenda item at the next meeting.

122 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr D Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 04/1203 Kingswood Educational Study Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock.

Mr J Kelsey declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 04/1377 Dalston Recreation Field, The Green. Councillors Allison and Collier left the meeting prior to planning items on the agenda.

123 PLANNING DECISIONS

04/1055 Orton Grange Caravan Park, Orton Grange – demolition/removal of bungalow, shop and swimming pool. Use of site as an extension to residential caravan park and variation of Condition 2 of planning consent 00/0945 to allow an increase in the number of residential caravans from 33 to 34 together with 8 holiday caravans – approved 12 conditions.

04/1506 Co-op, The Square – erection of satellite dish (retrospective) – approved no conditions.

04/1571 Park House Farm, Nether Welton – extension to existing cubicle house – approved 2 conditions.

124 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

04/1203 Kingswood Educational Study Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock – operational development comprising:

- a) Retention of dining/function hall and teacher's common room; underground caving system and proposed shelter; boundary fence; souvenir shop; air handling plant room; and, drainage layout;
- b) Formation of challenge course; quad bike track and shelter; low ropes and nightline course; archery enclosure and shelter; new access road and parking layout; planted soil bund; and, a climbing wall;
- c) Installation of external lighting system

The Clerk reported that written communication had continued between the parties regarding aspects of the Management Code including the complaints procedure, enforcement of the s106 agreement, noise condition or provision in the s106 agreement and enforcement of sanctions. Councillor Crookdake had verbally indicated that she felt there was a need for a further meeting to consolidate outstanding matters and she raised questions regarding noise regulations, lack of noise attenuation barriers, noise as a hidden pollutant, the moving of the outdoor activities to the West of the site, term time interpretation and 3rd party involvement in the s106 agreement. A copy letter from Mr Harle to Carlisle CC Planners had been received. The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow public participation. Mr Harle emphasised the lack of noise attenuation measures on the site and expressed concern that consultation, which had taken place with residents, was seemingly being ignored by Kingswood. On resumption of the meeting it was resolved, proposed Mr Auld, seconded Mr Craig that in the absence of a satisfactory workable Management Code, complaints mechanism, enforcement of the s106 agreement and noise issues relating to monitoring and levels being acceptable to the various parties concerned, it was still not possible to make a properly informed consultation response. It was deplored that for the third time the facts were not available in time for the Parish Council to consider at its meeting (previous occasions on 14th September and 14th December 2004). It was felt that the information supplied was incomplete and that Carlisle City Council had some responsibility to ensure that final documents were received to enable full representation to be possible. The Parish Council also felt that it was in a difficult position with three out of the four Ward Councillors unable to give support and advice because they were involved in planning at District level and had to declare interests. A copy of the letter to the Planners was to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate. It was agreed that Mr Auld would represent the Parish Council at the Development Control Committee meeting on 25th February 2005.

CB/14 TREE B 29 The Green – fell two Scots Pine trees - no objections raised. It was agreed that the trees should be replaced with more suitable native species, to prevent the site becoming too bare.

04/1377 Dalston Recreation Field, The Green – renewal of application 99/0964 for: Recreation Hall to provide accommodation and facilities for youth, sport and community groups – Carlisle CC Planners had reported to the Clerk that works were being commenced based on and prior to the expiry of the approved application 99/0964. A flood risk assessment was a requirement of application 04/1377 and the lack of this could be detrimental for funding purposes – Dalston Recreation Association was being advised of this by the Planners. A complaint was made regarding the noise and disruptions of the works that had commenced without any form of notice to Recreation Ground users. It was suggested that a risk assessment and method statement for Health and Safety purposes should have been in place.

05/0043 Low Flanders – alterations to existing roof trusses and strengthening and supporting measure to external walls including partial re-building (LBC) – no observations.

GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) The Clerk reported that the work on damaged trees was all being carried out by Nigel Park and was progressing. Mr Park and Mr Sidaway, Northern Tree Services had been asked for a quote to fell the diseased cherry opposite 31/32 The Green. Mr Sidaway was attending to the trees at High Buckabank – replacements would be planted as required. Mr Potter requested that the sycamore saplings at the end of the Cemetery access track be removed. Mr Jackson reported that 50% grants were available for tree planting adjacent to the highway through Capita.
- b) Agreed that advice should be sought from the Environment Agency regarding the displacement of some of the riverbank reinforcement blocks on the Green and the build up of material at Silent Quarry, adjacent to Hawksdale Bridge. A copy letter was to be sent to Cumbria Highways.

- c) Mr Douglas had inspected the wildflower meadow area at Forge Green. He felt that it was too wet for scarifying and would benefit from leaving for a further 2 years before planting more specialist seed. Resolved, proposed Mr Roberts, seconded Mr Auld to spend up to £100 on wildflower plugs for planting in selected parts of the area – Mr Cowen agreed to pursue this.
- d) Lakerigg Common 1) Acknowledgement letter from Atkinson Ritson, Solicitors relating to work requested in September 2004 and further correspondence dated November 2004 and January 2005 – Clerk to pursue. 2) H & H Bowe -Transco gas pipe easement still outstanding. Agreed to send further reminder letter. 3) Pile of debris and branches on Lakerigg Common – Clerk to ascertain person responsible and request removal.
- e) United Utilities Sub-station on the Green lease document received – agreed that Chairman and Vice-Chairman should sign.
- f) The Clerk advised the Council that the Little memorial seat was ready for installation in the Square. Two copies of the Licence had been received for the Noble memorial seat on the Green – agreed that Mr Craig and Mrs Dalton should be the signatories.
- g) Annual management work on the areas of common land in the Parish was in hand, weather permitting. The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from the Land Registry regarding Lintongill. Transfer of ownership required title deeds or statutory declarations, but the caution title could not be transferred. The Council should obtain legal advice on the need for valuation and other matters. Management of the land was discussed. It was agreed that a further meeting with Skelton Parish Council should be suggested to discuss how to proceed.

126 PARISH PROJECTS

- a) The Clerk reported on a meeting held with Mr Billy Mallinson regarding the Station entrance. Mallinson Fabrications was willing to design and make an arch to enhance the Station's entrance. Improvements to the grass island adjacent to the highway and the signage were also considered. Mr Mallinson offered to obtain a quotation for resurfacing the access road to the Station Yard and discussion took place on the possible involvement of the various property frontages and other potential sources of funding. The Council agreed that a second estimate for resurfacing should be obtained to Cumbria CC specification. Resolved that a letter be sent to BP Oils requesting that the tankers refrained from parking on the rear of the grass island.
- b) Preliminary prices were obtained from two contractors for installing grasscrete reinforcement between the two sections already in place on the highway verge opposite the Methodist Chapel and the Victory Hall. Agreed that further prices be obtained and measurements taken of the area involved.
- c) The Clerk produced a written report on Forge Green and associated issues. The applications for a Historic Buildings grant and Listed Buildings Consent for disabled access alterations were in hand.
- d) The adjacent property to the Cemetery access lane wall was in different ownership – Clerk to contact the new inhabitant regarding the felling of the garden trees.
- e) The Clerk had contacted Capita for a price for bollards on the pavement outside the Doctors Surgery. Agreed that an application for funding should be made to the Neighbourhood Forum.

127 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Cumbria CC consultation on draft Local Transport Plan – 5 copies in circulation for return to the Clerk by the end of February and agreement on response at the next meeting.
- 2 Carlisle Environment Forum and Eden Local Agenda 21 – notification of joint meeting 17th February – Mr Kelsey to attend.
- 3 The Local Channel – application form to adopt a free Community Website.
- 4 Dalston Tennis Club letter of thanks for grant.
- 5 Gaitsgill Parent and Toddlers letter and details of £200 grant expenditure during 2004.
- 6 Cumbria and Lake District Joint Structure Plan notification of Panel Report following the examination in public.
- 7 Garthside Landscapes letter re becoming VAT registered.
- 8 Countryside Awards 'Community Environment Award Finalist' certificate – Messrs Craig and Jackson had attended the presentation evening.
- 9 Great North Air Ambulance letter and request for suitable venue for clothing and recycling collection – no action.

- 10 Training Course dates for Effective Local Councils and Local Council Finance – no attendees.
- 11 Carlisle Directory of Voluntary, Community and Self Help Groups, CACVS leaflets with course dates, Rock Reports magazine.
- 12 English Nature Cumbrian Nature and Sitelines magazines.
- 13 Glasdon advertising leaflets.
- 14 Carlisle CC Committee meeting agendas.

128 QUALITY PARISH SCHEME

As part of the development of ‘charters’ between local councils and principal authorities, a survey of current functions of parish and town councils was being carried out. Agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk should complete this prior to confirmation at the next meeting.

129 EMERGENCY PLANNING

Further to the recent flooding and power cuts, discussion took place as to whether contingency measures for providing facilities should be in place in the Parish. Agreed that the topic should be an agenda item at the Annual Parish Meeting and that it was included in the actions arising from the Parish Plan.

130 NHS PROPOSALS – ACUTE HEALTH SERVICES IN NORTH CUMBRIA

Agreed that the Clerk should submit the comments in response to the consultation as received following circulation.

131 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	British Gas – gas supply 24/01/05	18.28
2	E Davidson – grave digging ashes space	30.00
3	Cumbria CC – Buckabank footway extension	10,000.00
4	Mrs E Auld – salary £625.80, expenses £5.60	631.40
5	E Davidson – grave digging 10/02/05	130.00

Income:

1	Dalston Post Office – 100 postcards 26/01/05	16.00
2	Corner Shop 20 postcards	3.20
3	Kennedy & Ferguson – purchase grave space (outside Parish) and burial ashes fee	180.00
4	Mrs S Harkness – burial records search 02/02/05	10.00
5	1 Forge Green February rent	205.00
6	2 Forge Green February rent	390.87

132 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interments: Stewart Charles Richardson Ward 4 Section C Space 33c – ashes only
Albert Gardhouse Ward 5 Section E Space 26
- b) Grave space purchase: Miss Sarah Richardson Ward 4 Section C Space 33c – approved.
- c) The Clerk reported that further headstones had been damaged or become unstable. Mr Craig agreed to carry out a Cemetery inspection – remedial work to be carried out if required. Resolved that the maintenance of the Cemetery, in particular headstones, should be on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting.
- d) Quotation of £270 plus VAT for laying the hedge at the North end of the Cemetery received. Resolved, subject to it being lower than a further price expected, to award the contract to Mr Burns.

The meeting closed at 10pm.