

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 14th February 2006.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs D C Cowen and M Smillie (work). Seven members of the public were present.

119 MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 10th January 2006 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

120 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Collier and PC Colin Hird. Councillor Collier had reported that the interactive speed sign on The Green would be moved periodically to outside the schools. Caldew School had been considered but rejected as a location for a static library. Councillor Allison declared an interest in the sandwich shop, 14 The Square. Councillor Crookdake indicated that she was objecting to the creation of a Hadrians Wall Trail cycle track, without the ongoing maintenance responsibility being determined, because of the problems with the route from Cummersdale to Dalston. Mr P Rowcroft presented some written queries re Forge Green – agreed to consider them in agenda item 7.

The Clerk read out the Police report. There had been some criminal damage to and theft from/of vehicles. Anti social behaviour was on going in St Michael's Church area, Ninerigg and at the Station in particular. Home visits to parents of suspected youths were continuing. Some minor accidents had occurred and driving offences committed. Suggestion made that local residents should be vigilant regarding poachers in the Lingey Close area.

121 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Messrs Peter Walsh, Environment Agency Flood Defence Executive Committee, Jonathan Griffin, Project Manager for the River Caldew & Carlisle City Flood Alleviation Scheme and David Clough, Environmental Consultant attended the meeting. Mr Walsh gave the introduction and emphasised his local knowledge regarding queries, which might arise. Mr Griffin outlined three options – raised floodwalls through urban areas, upstream flood storage at Holme Head and Hawksdale. The latter would comprise of an earth fill grassed embankment across the valley floor, overall height of 12m, both sides of Buckabank weir, together with works to the weir itself. The basin upstream would remain as pasture with floodwater stored for up to 48 hours on average every five years. This option would potentially reduce the flood risk to properties in Dalston and the flow in the millrace would be maintained. The maintenance of the weir and millrace sluice would be taken into Environment Agency ownership. Mr Clough indicated that discussions were ongoing with landowners and English Nature, because of SSSI and European SAC status of the Caldew. An Environmental Scoping Report would be distributed to 40 statutory and local organisations for comment prior to the production of an Environmental Statement in October/November, with public consultation in April 2006. A planning application could be submitted by December 2006 for approval and detailed design in 2007, with construction in 2008. Outline funding was currently available, but work would be carried out on the Eden and Petteiril before the Caldew. Issues raised were the need for Lattimer's Cottage to be built with floor levels above maximum water level, Hawksdale Hall and Lime House School could be affected, a structural survey was required on the weir, the impact on planted areas (no more than at present), base width of the embankment (20-30m), extent (70m each side of weir),

the possibility of trapping fish when the water retreated and the presence of fish in the millrace. Reported that debris was currently trapped at Ellers Mill. Councillor Crookdake indicated that there was some dialogue with Eden DC regarding a local scheme for flash flood situations on the Ive and Roe.

122 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr R Potter declared and recorded an interest in agenda items 6 and 9b) – planning application 05/1320 High Garth, Lakerigg and Dalston Show.

Mr G Harrison declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 9a)2 – Cemetery contract.

Mr A Jackson declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 8(8) – Redspearlands Footpath Group Treasurer.

123 PLANNING DECISIONS

05/1226 Strickland Tower, Rose Castle – alterations and improvements to residential accommodation, including the provision of bathroom and kitchen facilities (LBC) – approved 3 conditions.

05/1309 27 Low Moorlands – extension to provide enlarged kitchen, bedroom and utility (revised proposal) – approved 1 condition.

05/1291 Lambfield Farm, Raughton Head – change of use from cow byre and loft to cottage for cowman – approved 4 conditions.

05/1292 Lambfield Farm, Raughton Head – siting of residential caravan during barn renovations.

05/9027 St Michael's CE School, Carlisle Road – erection of covered shelter – approved 2 conditions.

05/1346 High Meadow Cottage, Hawksdale – erection of conservatory to front elevation – approved 1 condition.

05/1362 Dobicross Hall, Gaitsgill – construction of new agricultural building for the accommodation of livestock (phase 1) – approved 1 condition.

05/1361 Dobicross Hall, Gaitsgill – construction of new agricultural building for the accommodation of livestock (phase 2) – approved 1 condition.

05/1364 Lime House School, Holm Hill, Hawksdale – construction of external steel fire escape stair (revised proposal) 05/0903 – approved 1 condition.

05/1363 Lime House School, Holm Hill, Hawksdale – construction of external steel fire escape stair to replace existing timber fire escape stair – approved 1 condition.

05/1365 Lime House School, Holm Hill, Hawksdale – construction of external steel fire escape stair to replace existing timber fire escape stair (LBC) – approved 1 condition.

124 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

04/1042 Kingswood Educational Study/Activity Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock – proposed agreement pursuant to Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 106 – the Clerk reported that letters and copies had been received from Mr B Armstrong representation to Carlisle CC, Legal Services response indicating health and safety concerns passed to Environmental Protection Services, who had written advising of document referrals, Councillor Crookdake copy letters to Carlisle CC and replies. Concerns were raised regarding the numbers on site from February to April with no roof being on Greensyke and scaffolding in place – suggestion that Social Services should be contacted at Workington. Mrs Dalton was available to attend the Development Control Committee meeting on 10th March 2006 if applicable.

05/1320 High Garth, Lakerigg – ground extension to provide lounge, kitchen/dining room and front porch and extension of first floor to provide 2no. en-suite bedrooms, sitting room and gallery. Formation of pitched roof over existing flat roof garage, with extension to provide additional garage space (revised application) – amended plan – no observations.

06/0073 Site no. 1 Clipston M.O.T. Centre, Barras Lane Industrial Estate – vehicle repair garage (revised proposal) – no observations.

06/0080 Bank Croft, Townhead Road – change of use of part of medical practice to provide retail pharmacy – concerns expressed about parking on the pavement on the bend.

- 06/0075 Latimers Cottage, Hawksdale - replacement dwelling and detached garage (revised proposal) – no observations.
- 06/0051 Stone Fauld, Cumdivock – installation of sky satellite receiver (LBC) – no observations.
- 06/0074 Westwood Nurseries, Orton Grange – erection of 5no. wind turbines, with a hub height of 3no. 9m high and 2no. 15m high, pole mounted from ground level and underground cable connection to existing electrical switch room – approve in principle but uncertain about need for turbine on roadside.
- 06/0075 (Eden DC) Wind Prospect Developments Ltd, land belonging to Howes Farm, Calthwaite land adjacent to and north of Skelton Transmitting Station – 9 wind turbines, access tracks, single storey switchgear building and ancillary works for the purpose of generating electricity from wind – concerns expressed about the development because the overall strategic planning policy needed to be updated to prevent unplanned development and Cumbria becoming inundated with random groups of wind turbines - this should be taken into account with the above application. It was felt that this particular development might be a traffic hazard due to its visual proximity to the highway.
- 06/0108 25 Summerfields – first floor extension to provide 1no. bedroom – no observations.
- 06/0061 Close Head House, Lingyclose Road – detached garage with ancillary bedroom and ensuite – no observations.
- 06/0155 14 The Square – erection of non illuminated signage – no observations. Mr Allison declared an interest and left the meeting during discussion on applications 06/0155/56.
- 06/0156 14 The Square – erection of non illuminated signage(LBC) – no observations.
- 06/0163 Birds Hill Farm, Raughton – proposed earth bank silage clamp – no observations.
- 06/0164 Sites 2 & 3 Barras Lane – variation of conditions 2 & 6 attached to planning permission no. 02/0694 to allow for the storage, repair, sale and hire of shipping containers and portable modular office buildings; the stacking/or depositing of materials to a height not exceeding 6.1m, with site 3 and part of site 2 – resolved to object to the variation and to reiterate comments made re planning application 02/0694 especially regarding height restriction to 4m.

125 FORGE GREEN AND OFFICE/STORAGE ACCOMMODATION

Messrs Auld, Craig, Cowen, Mrs Dalton and the Clerk met with the prospective buyer of Forge Green at his request on 20th January 2006. He subsequently withdrew his offer because of the common land situation, septic tank and the property not being in Dalston village. The Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 1st February 2006 agreed that Forge Green should be put back on the market. It was also agreed that a letter was sent to the tenants suggesting that they might be interested in purchasing their part of the property. In response to queries from Mr Rowcroft regarding a split it was resolved, proposed Mr Craig, seconded Mr Sinclair that Forge Green should be offered as a whole and that the tenants might consider a joint offer – 5 in favour, 1 against, 6 abstentions. The Clerk was to suggest that the Conservation Planning Officer might advise the tenants regarding any division of the property. It was agreed that the Housing Associations should be made aware that Forge Green was back on the market. The Clerk had made enquiries with Carlisle CC Planners and the Legal Department about the common land issues and marketing guidance – a response from the Property Department was awaited. The Clerk had received a positive response from Caldew School and Nestle about temporary office and storage accommodation – Mr Hand agreed to look at both options with the Clerk.

126 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Carlisle and District PCT consultation copies of representations re application for pharmacy premises at 2 Vicars Cottages and Bank Croft, Townhead Road – the Clerk reported on difficulties with aspects of the representations, but a letter rectifying the matter was issued by the PCT and a written apology received. The decision had been taken by the PCT to approve applications by Dalston Pharmacy Ltd and Dalston Medical Services Ltd. It was agreed that a pharmacy in Dalston was desirable, that reserved area status applied and that the ‘neighbourhood’ boundary should be 1.6km from both application sites. It was hoped that the applicants would come to an agreement that would best benefit the people of Dalston and the surrounding area to provide a sustainable service.
- 2 Local Government Association – advice note regarding working more closely with Town

- and Parish Councils.
- 3 Carlisle CC Legal Services – summary briefing on ODPM response to the Consultation Paper on the Code of Conduct for Members. Reminder letter re keeping Register of Interests up to date.
 - 4 Councillor Allison letter re mobile library service & reservation of parking space. Agreed that Councillor Allison should explore an alternative parking area for the library van in the Square. Cumbria CC papers on proposed review of library service.
 - 5 Carlisle Environment Forum meeting 23rd February – Bridge Across the Bay – Generating Debate – Mr Kelsey to attend.
 - 6 CALC Jan/Feb 2006 County Circular, NALC Clerk’s revised salary scales, Spring-Summer Events & Training Programme, Quality Parish Development Programme Update 5, mobile businesses or outreach services questionnaire - completed
 - 7 Dalston Festival Committee agenda & minutes 20th February 2006. Resolved, proposed Mr Roberts, seconded Mr Hand that the Parish Council would pay room hire charges for meetings.
 - 8 CALC notes from Rights of Way meeting with Cumbria CC 24th January 2006. Agreed that meeting should take place between Redspearlands FG, ECCP & PC representatives to discuss priorities for Rights of Way maintenance work as per meeting and £1,000 grant offer, prior to compilation of schedule of proposals. Redspearlands Footpath Group February Newsletter. Confirmed that the Redspearlands Trail, the footpath/cycleway from Dalston to Cardewmires and between Townhead Road and the Station should be included in the Rights of Way proposals for the Cumbria CC Access Strategy.
 - 9 Friends of the Lake District Open Spaces, Green Places Project – Jo Chaffer, Project Officer request to look at greens and open spaces in the Parish – Mrs Dalton and the Clerk to arrange meeting.
 - 10 Health Forum information and invitation to Councillors to become involved – no action.
 - 11 Invitation and agenda for Cumbria Association CVS AGM 6th March 2006 – no attendance.
 - 12 Health Reviews and Consultations report to CALC Executive Committee – for information.
 - 13 Cumbria in Bloom entries – carried over to next meeting.
 - 14 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme letter – Mrs Dalton to respond.
 - 15 Raughton Head February magazine.

127 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Resolved, proposed Mrs Dalton, seconded Mrs Rawstron to exclude members of the public and press. Mr Harrison declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting. Tenders were considered and contracts were awarded as follows:
 - 1) Grass cutting and ground works 2006/07/08 – 6 tenders received. Awarded to Westwood Nurseries for £6,526.00 – proposed Mr Craig, seconded Mr Hand.
 - 2) Cemetery maintenance 2006/07/08 - 6 tenders received. Awarded to Westwood Nurseries for £7,982.00 – proposed Mr Craig, seconded Mr Hand.
 - 3) Cemetery access lane wall – 2 tenders received. Awarded to Mr B Faulder for £6,530.00 – proposed Mr Kelsey, seconded Mr Potter. Letters of thanks to be sent to Messrs Armstrong and Sinclair for felling the tree in the adjacent garden. Mr Potter asked to remove branches from the Cemetery lane.
 - 4) Gaitsgill railings – 3 tenders received. Awarded to Mr E Penrice for £960.00 – proposed Mr Craig, seconded Mrs Rawstron. Red oxide paint to be used as undercoat.
 - 5) Tree work – 2 tenders received. Awarded to Go4skills Ltd for £1,490.00 – proposed Mr Kelsey, seconded Mr Auld. Anti scramble paint to be applied to the tree guard in the Cemetery.
- b) A site meeting was held on 20th January 2006 between Messrs Craig, Hand, Sinclair and the Clerk with a Cumbria Highways representative to discuss entrance possibilities for a parking facility on part of the Show Field. The only feasible entrance was through Glave Hill car park, but although being in favour of additional parking, the Victory Hall Trustees were not amenable to access through the Glave Hill site. Any other entrance would require a 20mph speed limit to allow sufficient visibility splay. Letter received from Dalston Agricultural Society agreeing to the parking proposal in principal, but requesting details of the rental offer before proceeding further. Resolved to reply indicating that no parking charges were being imposed therefore the rental value of the land was minimal. Agreed to advise the Society of the access problems.

- c) Messrs Cowen, Craig, Auld (Mrs Dalton and Mr Harrison unable to attend) and the Clerk had met with Mr D Gray to confirm his involvement in the Station entrance scheme and the level of professional fees incurred. The plans and proposal drawings were approved as a basis for the scheme to proceed, subject to confirmation of the professional fees for the next stage. The £972.50 cost of the survey and plan work was approved. Resolved, proposed Mr Kelsey, seconded Mr Auld to accept the quotation of £895.00 for undertaking the remaining design, tender and site supervision including planning supervisor duties and liaison re utilities for all three phases of the Station access scheme. A minimum of three competitive tenders was to be obtained. Initial designs for an entrance sign were available. The Clerk was to write to all the interested parties regarding the proposals.
- d) An invitation had been received from H & E Trotter to a consultation meeting at Low Hesket on 2nd March to consider the proposed extension of the landfill site at Thackwood – the Clerk to attend.
- e) The Clerk reported that she was communicating with the Clerk of Skelton PC regarding Lintongill.
- f) Councillor Crookdake requested that a road sweeper went along the High Bridge to Stockdalewath road – Mr Harrison agreed to follow up the matter.

128 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	Powergen – electricity 28/01/06	42.71
2	British Gas – gas supply	19.74
3	E Davidson – grave digging ashes space 07/02/06	30.00
4	Community Futures – repayment Countryside Agency Parish Plan grant	42.71
5	Signpost Restoration Ltd – 2 x cast iron fingers Signpost project	657.75
6	Garthside Landscapes – Cemetery maintenance & extra work specified	705.00
7	Mrs E Auld – salary £645.34, expenses £27.12	672.46
8	Data Protection – annual registration fee	35.00
9	E Davidson – grave digging ashes space 17/02/06	30.00

Income:

1	P Rowcroft & R Willatt – 1 Forge Green February rent	209.00
2	Geo Hudson & Sons – burial ashes fee and grave space purchase	145.50
3	Caldbeck PC Clerk – use of telephone & computer 21/08-18/11/05	28.87
4	Hunsonby PC Clerk - use of telephone & computer 21/08-18/11/05	22.55
5	United Utilities – The Green sub station rent	60.00

Dalston PCC letter re Restricted Funds held for Cemetery bequests – total £435.88. Suggestion to write asking for payment of monies agreed.

Barclays Bank – letter in response to complaint regarding transfers from the Step Saver account.

129 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interment of ashes Russell Lawson 07/02/06 Ward 4 Section C Space 45f
Robert Mackay 17/02/06 Ward 2 Section B Space 11
- b) Grave space purchase Eleanor Lawson Ward 4 Section C Space 45f
- c) Correspondence with Mr Beattie and Ms Williams re burial register enquiries.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.