

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 13th January 2004.

PRESENT	Mrs P Dalton (Chair)	Mrs C M Oakley
	Mr A R Auld	Mr R J Potter
	Mr B C Craig	Mr S A Sinclair
	Mr G Harrison	Mr M Smillie
	Mr A G Jackson	

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs D C Cowen(ill), D W Hand (holiday), J F G Kelsey (work), O Roberts (delayed) and Mrs J L Rawstron (ill).

113 MINUTES OF THE LAST MONTHLY AND EXTRAORDINARY PLANNING MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2003 and 6th January 2004 were agreed and signed as true records.

114 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Eight young people attended the meeting for public participation and were thanked for attending. The main items raised by them were:

- Provision of a youth shelter (hut) with lighting. Preferred site – Glave Hill Service Station. Alternative sites – land by the Corner Shop/Hicksons on Station Road or half way down the Kingsway.
- Request that the public toilets be open after 5.30pm.
- Request for the Youth Club to be available every night and the existing Youth Club hours to be extended from 7-9pm to 6-10pm. The use of the school building would be acceptable to them for a Youth Club.
- Provision of a mobile food outlet on one or more evenings per week, with chips/hot dogs etc. being available.

The young people were advised of the Parish Plan Youth Questionnaire and asked to participate in it. They were informed about activities available through Connexions and the free transport to these, which was on offer. It was agreed that two of them acted as spokesmen and communicated with the Chairman through the Caldew School office and vice versa.

PC Paul Shorrocks advised the meeting that he was concentrating on HGV problems and that vigorous enforcement of the ban would be taking place over the next 2-3 months. Mr Jackson was reassured by the progress being made, but asked whether anything could be done about the HGVs using the Raughton Head route as an alternative.

Inspector David Coates spoke about the aims for local policing with the development of a Police Post in Dalston and an increase of both community and patrol officers for the area. The proposed future structure, subject to a 3 month trial, would consist of 2 community officers for Dalston, 1 for Wetheral and 1 for Burgh. There would be 3 additional patrol officers and a Sergeant assigned solely to and working from Dalston. Staffing levels were being increased mid February and March. Questioned on availability of funds to sustain the increased levels into the future, Inspector Coates indicated that results demonstrated after 2 years would probably be the deciding factor.

115 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

116 PLANNING DECISIONS

03/1223 9 Lingey Close – erection of a 15m lattice telecommunications tower, 3no antennas, 2no. transmission dishes, radio equipment housing and ancillary – application withdrawn.

03/1265 Thomas Graham & Son, Barras Lane Industrial Estate – extension to existing steel warehouse – approved 2 conditions.

03/1117 Midtown Barn, Unthank – two storey extension to provide living area with bedroom above – approved 3 conditions.

Reply from Development Control Manager, Carlisle CC regarding development of Barras Lane Industrial Estate – agreed to indicate that it was not individual plots that were of concern, but the policy for the development of the whole estate in general. A request was made for the planners to monitor the boundary landscaping in relation to the conditions imposed on approved developments. Reported that the Tree Preservation Order was to remain on a tree at 8 Glebe Close.

03/0499 Kingswood Centre, Cumdivock – extension to existing building to provide electricity substation (retrospective) – decision deferred 09/01/04

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 – decision deferred. Reported that Kingswood had subsequently requested that the Public Inquiry be deferred in order that applications 03/0499 and 03/1037 could be considered at the Development Control Committee meeting on 13th February 2004.

Resolved, proposed Mr Jackson, seconded Mr Smillie that, if required, a written submission could be compiled, checked by Messrs Auld, Jackson and Mrs Dalton and submitted by the due date (10/02/04) prior to the Public Inquiry re the Kingswood Centre, Cumdivock. The main points to be included were:

- Continued development without planning permission.
- Lack of consultation with Parish Council.
- Cavalier manner.
- Almost deliberate withholding of plans.
- Dribble effect – parts applied for without the whole.
- All dates of actions to be listed.
- Parish Council mindful of the feelings of Parishioners as well as planning issues.

117 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

03/1326 8 Glebe Close – erection of conservatory (retrospective) – no observations. Query re need for application, as not big enough conservatory.

03/1294 37 New Road – extension over garage to provide additional bedroom – no observations.

03/1357 L/A Barn, Low Flanders – installation of kitchen and central heating system and installation of rainwater pipes to front elevation (LBC) – no observations.

03/1238 Hawksdale Pasture Cottage, Welton Road – change of use of land from agricultural to domestic – amended plan – no observations.

03/1339 Caldew School, Carlisle Road – two-storey extension to form additional changing areas and new entrance – resolved to submit the following comments:

- a) The illuminated sign and logo should be turned off at 10pm if they were considered to be prominent.
- b) The additional capacity of the changing rooms could increase the use of the sporting facilities in and out of school hours. Following several complaints regarding the surface of the parking area, a condition to granting approval should be to re-surface the car park.

03/1417 Forest House, Broadfield, Southwaite – conversion of and extension to existing outbuildings to form 3no. self catering holiday units and demolition of existing workshop/store and erection of replacement workshop and garage – no observations.

118 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Section 6 (2) provisional common land and open spaces maps – Clerk reported on e-mail correspondence between A Wallace, Cumbria CC Commons & Rights of Way Officer, R Terwey, Cumbria CC Strategic Planning Manager and B Cutts, Countryside Agency regarding discrepancies. It was hoped that the problems could be rectified prior to notifying any of the residents concerned.
- b) Report from Mr Viney, James Banks Survey re boundary of Lakerigg Common not yet received.
- c) Reported that two new litter bins required – Barras Close cut and the Cemetery.

119 PARISH PLAN

A group had met to ‘fine tune’ the details of the questionnaire. Parish Councillors were asked to complete and check draft copies, when available. It was agreed that a portable display board should be purchased for £695 from the Signpost Project budget rather than Parish Plan expenditure.

120 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Review of post 16 education in Carlisle especially in relation to Caldew School – agreed to respond to the Learning & Skills Council as follows:
 - a) To endorse the objections made in a letter from Caldew School, regarding the proposal to establish a new independent sixth form college located in the centre of Carlisle.
 - b) Caldew School provided a good service for children living in the Parish and surrounding area of Dalston.
 - c) The existence of a sixth form ensures the provision of quality teachers throughout the school.
 - d) Establishing the sixth form college and closing the facility at Caldew School would lead to the withdrawal of the element of choice that currently exists.
 - e) Children, from beyond Caldbeck would have a far longer distance to travel to a sixth form college in the centre of Carlisle, which must be detrimental to the learning process.
 - f) Some of the objectives of the LSC Cumbria proposal could be based on out of date facts and figures and therefore be unsubstantiated.
- 2 Letters of thanks for grants from Dalston PCC, Tennis Club and Recreation Association.
- 3 Cumbria CC Getting Around Cumbria publication.
- 4 Carlisle Council for Voluntary Service letter and Rural Audit Report produced by CVS and VAC – agreed to request details for settlements outside Dalston village.
- 5 Cumbria Community Foundation Annual Review with Financial Statement 2002/03
- 6 Cumbria Police Authority Carlisle Area Community Liaison Forum Agenda – 7th January.
- 7 Local Heritage Initiative Stars Award – further literature.
- 8 Rural Voice for Rural Carlisle Newssheet December 2003
- 9 Defra letter regarding Equine Issues.
- 10 Bendles Solicitors letter and copy of transfer of Justices Licence application for the Crown Inn, Broadfield – receipt acknowledged.
- 11 English Nature Newsletter Winter 2003/04
- 12 Cumbria CC Winter Driving and Highways Hotline leaflets.
- 13 Carlisle CC Committee agendas and minutes (04/11/03-12/01/04)

121 CAPITAL AND VILLAGE HALL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Agreed to confirm capital grant applications through CPCA as a) City – Cemetery access lane wall £3,000 cost b) County – extension to footway from existing to Buckabank Court £20,000+ cost. Primrose Hall application – anteroom decoration and flooring £550 cost. No application requested by Victory Hall.

122 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	E Davidson – grave digging 31/12/03	120.00
2	Powergen – electricity	20.54
3	Dalston Pre-School Nursery – grant - art & craft portable storage/aprons s137	200.00
4	Barclays Bank – safe custody fee	1.00
5	H & E Trotter – Forge Green septic tank emptying 03/07/02, 16/06/03, 30/10/03	420.00
6	St Michael’s PCC – photocopies 19/05/03-24/09/03	3.36
7	Mrs E Auld – salary £551.90, expenses £24.85	576.75
8	Inland Revenue – PAYE/NIC	336.57

Income:

1	Business Reserve a/c – interest 02/06-07/09/03	158.89
2	Memorials of Distinction – headstone	48.00
3	Beattie Memorials – additional inscription	29.50
4	United Utilities – way leaves	27.18
5	J Tremble – burial fees and grave space purchase	510.00
6	Bank of England – 3½% war stock interest	4.37
7	Countryside Agency – Parish Plan grant	2,500.00
8	P Rowcroft – 1 Forge Green January rent	200.00
9	James Rae & Sons – additional inscription	29.50
10	Mrs L-J Cowen – Nook Lane Foot way leave	1.00
11	J S Carruthers & C Devlin – 2 Forge Green January rent	352.00

The Clerk made budget comparison figures for 9 months available.

123 PARISH COUNCIL ALLOWANCES

Recommendations received from the Independent Remuneration Panel regarding Local Authorities Members' Allowances Regulations 2003. Resolved, proposed Mr Smillie, seconded Mrs Oakley not to adopt any basic or special responsibility allowances, but to adopt travel expenses and out of pocket expenses at a not for profit rate – carried 8 in favour, 1 against.

124 CARLISLE CC EXECUTIVE/CPCA MEETING REPORT

The Chairman and Clerk attended the meeting on 11th December 2003. Main topics discussed were Parish Design Statements, Rural Voice priorities, Regional Government, review of post 16 education in Carlisle, housing issues especially affordable rural housing, planning issues and proposals for area working.

125 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Memorials of Distinction Ltd – dark grey granite headstone ‘Treasured memories of a loved and loving Husband Dad and Grandad David Ruddick (Dave) died 17th Nov. 2003 aged 62 years’ – approved.
Beattie & Co – additional inscription ‘also a dear wife, mum, granny and great gran Dorothy Anne Inch born 16th August 1909 died 21st July 2003’ – approved.
Cumbria Memorials – black granite headstone ‘Treasured memories of Austin Martin Little died 15th November 2003 aged 61 years a dearly loved husband of Joyce and a devoted dad and grandad’ – approved.
- Slate memorial stone ‘In loving memory of Muriel (Judy) Katherine Cope died 6th November 2003 aged 90 years’ – approved.
- Additional inscription ‘and of Elizabeth Ann Messenger a much loved wife and mother died 12th April 2000’ – approved.
Grave space purchase: Margaret Young Ward 5 Section I Space 51 – approved.
Replacement Deed of Purchase (184): Olivia Ruddick Ward 5 Section I Space 49 – approved. Original (181) in name of Michael Burgess cancelled, as advised by undertaker in error.
- b) Interment: Frances Mary Watson Ward 5 Section I Space 51
- c) Cemetery access lane wall vegetation clearance – referred to Property and Maintenance Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.36pm.