

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 10th July 2007.

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

32 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D C Cowen (work). Mr I Newton did not attend.

33 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held on 12th June 2007 were agreed and signed as a true record.

34 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr A R Auld declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 07/0662 Orchard House, Unthank and agenda item 12 – Clerk’s annual salary review.

Mr O Rickerby declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 07/0708 – 25 & 26 The Square and agenda item 10a) b) – library proposal.

Mr O Roberts declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 - planning application 07/0662 Orchard House, Unthank.

35 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nine members of the public were present. Inspector David Coates stated that crime figures for the Brampton (including Caldew) area were down. Two Detective Constables were now deployed in the area. Ongoing talks were taking place regarding speeding HGVs and illegal parking. Proposals were being drawn up for a Police Post in St Michael’s former school house upstairs and the deployment of a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) in Dalston. Caldew School had offered an office, but it was not felt to be large enough for two officers to work from and 24 hour access was difficult. Nestle could provide secure parking for one vehicle. Refurbishment, furnishing and IT equipment costs were estimated at £7-8,000 over the next 12 months. The PCSO would be high profile, not tied to paperwork, on foot or bicycle most of the time, deal with low level matters and help to allay the fear of crime. It was agreed that more information was required on capital and running costs for consideration at an extraordinary Parish Council meeting. The Clerk informed the meeting of the current crime report.

Liam Allen, Cumbria Army Cadet Force Instructor, spoke in support of the written request for permission to use the waste woodland on the river side of the Cemetery and Caldew School for training purposes by the Caldew Unit. Members were assured that any shelters constructed would be temporary structures only. It was agreed that this work with young people should be encouraged. Parish land for overnight camping was more difficult to identify.

Mr Burns explained that the proposed garage at Low Flanders (planning application 07/0490) was large enough to store a 1920 Stow Bros, Durdar traction engine and it might be open for school visits in the future.

Mr Hudson expressed the concerns of local residents regarding planning application 07/9008 Thackwood, near Southwaite – phased extraction of clay followed by progressive restoration to wetland/nature conservation after use. Problems were envisaged with the frequency of traffic movements and impact on the highways infrastructure as well as the visual impact of removing the clay (estimated at 380,000 tonnes) from an 18 acre field. The number of vehicles involved depended on demand for clay – to be used for flood defences, capping landfill sites and A74 upgrading works.

Councillor Allison and Mr Milburn expressed disapproval that despite an Enforcement Order, not all the fence on common land at Lingey Close had been removed. It was agreed that the planning decision must be adhered to and the need to comply reinforced again in writing with a copy to the Chief Executive. Councillor Allison reported that his representation at the Carlisle Local Plan Public Inquiry regarding the development of a large supermarket at SW Morton and its designation as a District site had gone satisfactorily. He was concerned regarding the impact of this proposal on Dalston businesses and, together with access to a possible Waste Disposal site, the potential for increased traffic flows through the village.

Councillor Clarke supported the views and concerns expressed on all traffic issues.

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PLANNING DECISIONS

07/0459 Land adjacent Green Farm Cottage, Stockdalewath – erection of dwelling and garage with treatment plant (revised proposal) – approved 7 conditions.

07/0453 BP Oil UK Ltd, Distribution Terminal, Barras Lane – replacement of existing single storey office with training facility office – approved 1 condition.

07/0455 Pincushion Barn, Hawksdale – erection of domestic garage – approved 12 conditions.

06/1286 Dalston Hall Holiday park – extension to existing caravan park to form 29 additional holiday static pitches including a new sewerage treatment plant, warden's residence and parking – approved 11 conditions.

Kingswood Educational Study Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock - the Clerk reported that a letter, together with a copy letter to Mr Walsingham for Kingswood, had been received from Mr Hutchinson, Planning Officer indicated that the Breach of Condition Notices were being prepared. **Resolved** to send a letter to Carlisle CC Chief Executive, copied to the Chairman of the Development Control Committee expressing concern about the apparent delayed action relating to this matter, following decisions made at the meeting on 1st June 2007. A new application for the relocation of outdoor activities on the site was being processed.

Dalston Service Station – Clerk reported on a reply from Carlisle CC Planning Enforcement Officer regarding complaints made in relation to the number of vehicles connected to the business being parked inappropriately off the garage premises. The appropriateness of permanent bunting in a Conservation Area was also questioned. A further letter was being sent to Mr Hodgson regarding vehicles obstructing the footways and access to other properties.

Carlisle District Local Plan 2001-2016 Public Inquiry – T Allison's report as above.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

07/0482 Holly House, 9 The Green – two storey extension to side and rear of dwelling – Mr Hand and the Clerk to attend a site meeting 11th July 2007.

07/0490 Low Flanders – proposed detached garage amended details – no observations.

07/9008 Thackwood, near Southwaite – phased extraction of clay followed by progressive restoration to wetland/nature conservation after use. The planning application and environmental statement was available at the meeting for comment. An email from the Residents Group regarding traffic movements on the Beckhouse/Crown Inn road had been received. **Resolved** to comment as follows: 1 Strong reiteration of concerns regarding traffic movements generated by the development, especially on the Beck House to Crown Inn road. The narrow roads and infrastructure in the vicinity of the development were considered inadequate with regard to safety issues. It was felt that if the application was approved, the number of traffic movements on a daily basis should be restricted to an acceptable level for nearby residents. 2 Concern was expressed regarding the visual impact of the operation during the extraction of clay and the lack of information supplied regarding the restoration and after use of the site.

07/0557 Moss End Farm, Welton – alterations to approval of barn conversion – no observations.

07/0625 Barn E Moss End Farm – conversion of two storey barn to 1 no. dwelling – no observations.

07/0626 Hawthorn Cottage, Unthank – single storey side and rear extension to provide utility/WC, rear porch and garage with first floor store and change of use of agricultural land to garden ground (revised application) – no observations.

07/0636 Hawksdale Pastures, Welton Road – demolition of existing farmhouse and construction of new 4 bedroom farmhouse – **resolved** to comment that the replacement dwelling was too

- large, visibly intrusive and out of character with the adjacent farm building developments. The design of the building was felt to be out of context.
- 07/0716 40 Lingey Close – proposed side extension to provide enlarged dining room with enlarged bedroom with en-suite over, replace flat roof with pitched roof – no observations.
- 07/0720 The Old Barn, Raughtonhead Hill – conversion of Grade 11 listed outbuildings to domestic accommodation, demolition of adjoining farm shed and replacement with extension to provide living area to new dwelling (LBC) – **resolved** to suggest that the timber boarding was not in sympathy with the rest of the building and compliance with LBC was questioned.
- 07/0662 Orchard House, Buckabank – extension to kitchen and dormer in new holiday let bathroom – no observations.
- 07/0708 25 & 26 The Square – proposed alteration and extension to 2 no single storey dwellings to form 3 no. two storey dwellings – **resolved** to strongly object for the following reasons:
1. There should be no conservation roof lights at the front of the dwellings onto The Square as per recommendations in the Dalston Design Statement.
 2. The development to the rear was considered to be out of character with the ambiance of the area and neighbouring properties.
 3. There were grave concerns regarding the total lack of parking facilities.
 4. The right of way to the rear was considered to be a problem for the adjacent dwelling.
 5. It was felt that the development of 3 no. dwellings was too many and should be limited to 2 no. as existing.
 6. 25 and 26 The Square were thought to be the oldest properties in The Square (14th Century) and as such should be protected and preserved. It was recommended that they should be subject to an emergency listing.
- 07/0722 Nestle UK Ltd, Beverage Division – extension to existing production and process building. New base construction for compactor unit (revised application) – no observations.
- 07/0016 TPO Caldew Veterinary Group, Carlisle House, Townhead Road – T1 Lime & T2 Beech remove deadwood and possibly pollard. Beech tree shown marked x on plan within G1 fell – no observations.

38 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Councillors were asked to consider the matter and make enquiries as to whether any individual residents were willing to stand, prior to the next meeting.

39 DALSTON FESTIVAL

Resolved that the Parish Council would support the Festival by entering the Scarecrow competition and a Quiz team. Messrs Auld, Craig, Roberts, Rickerby and Potter and Mesdames Kaye-K and Rawstron volunteered to be involved in making scarecrows and Mesdames Dalton and Kaye-K, Messrs Rickerby and Roberts offered to make up the quiz team.

40 FORGE GREEN

Resolved to exclude members of the public and press from the meeting pursuant to section 1(2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. A written report was received from Kim Doran on behalf of Mitre Housing Association regarding options for development of Forge Green. It was agreed to discuss the matter in detail at a special meeting to be held on 31st July 2007.

41 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Bendles Solicitors letter re sale of Forge Green/pending account – agreed to ask for account.
- 2 Smiths Gore consultation letter re the Carlisle Estate woodlands management in relation to the Forest Certification Scheme – map of woodland sites in the Parish required in order to make an informed response.
- 3 Glave Hill car park plastics recycling facility email communications – Mr Sinclair reported that Carlisle CC had looked at the site and were considering alterations to the bank to enable provision of a smaller size plastics container, subject to finance being available.
- 4 Cumbria Police Carlisle Area Community Liaison Forum meeting 19th July – no attendance.

- 5 D Hickson email re grass cutting in Cemetery and roadsides – the Clerk had responded and informed the grass cutting contractor of the details for attention.
- 6 Cumbria in Bloom judging information for 18th July received. The Clerk raised various tasks to be undertaken and requested that ragwort was pulled out, especially on the Green.
- 7 Neighbourhood Forum meeting 2nd July – Mrs Rawstron reported that the slideshow on the Northern Development Route had led to concerns being raised regarding the number of proposed roundabouts. Councillor Allison indicated that Carlisle CC had contributed to the financial shortfall and was pressing for the project to move forward. Grants had been awarded to Dalston PC - £500 for litterbin and seat at Raughton Head, Pre School Nursery - £250, Primrose Hall - £300, Guides - £400, Brownies - £200. The date of the next meeting – 15th October 2007, Dalston.
- 8 Copies of Primrose Hall Committee minutes re lease.
- 9 Cumbria CC Rights of Way Improvement Plan Summary
- 10 Cumbria CC Community Waste Prevention Fund and Cumbria Rural Infrastructure Support Programme (CRISP) grants information
- 11 E Martlew MP & Department for Transport response letters re HGVs/foreign drivers/contravention of traffic regulations – passed to the Home Office for a reply.
- 12 Mrs Dalton letter regarding a request from Dalston Surgery for Parish Council representation at a NHS Appeals meeting on 25th July 2007. **Resolved** to respond to the NHS Litigation Authority with a written representation, as nobody could attend the meeting, strongly supporting the retention of Dalston as a rural Parish rather than the PCT changing it to urban status, which would be detrimental, particularly to Parishioners living in Dalston village.
- 13 Notification of Carlisle CC Sport and Recreation Summer Holiday programme.
- 14 Notification of formation of Cumbria CVS and dissolution of District based CVS

42 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE/PROJECTS UPDATES

- a) a) The Clerk reported that the car parking questionnaire had not been drafted by Mr Hayward, Cumbria Highways to date. **Resolved** to write to Cumbria CC Chief Executive complaining about the delayed action, with a copy to Councillor Collier. Inspector Coates indicated Police support for a 20mph zone. The Police could prosecute for vehicles causing obstructions, but it was difficult to enforce if road markings were unclear.
 - b) Library project – Councillor Allison reported that he had written to Jim Grisenthwaite. The Capita survey report was available and would be looked at next week.
- b) A letter from Network Rail indicated that Cumbria Highways had been reminded about the matter of safety barriers on the railway bridge and had asked for action to be prioritised. Network Rail was requesting more details of the location of the wall adjacent to the cycleway which was to be repaired by them.
- c) The Clerk reported that she had been invited to attend a site meeting on 12th July 2007 by the Environment Agency regarding the extraction of gravel from Silent Quarry (Hawksdale shoal) as a Parishioner had been given a Licence.
- d) No tender prices had been returned to date for refurbishment of the Green railings.
- e) Rents for 1 and 2 Forge Green were reviewed. It was **resolved** to keep them at the current level, but to check on other rents in the area. **Resolved** to inform the tenants of this decision, as well as requesting better management of the garden areas, as per the contracts. If no improvements were made it was agreed that a contractor should be employed and the tenants charged for the required work.
- f) An update on Cardewmires Quarry had been received. Operations were progressing more slowly than planned, a preferred area to extend the quarry was identified in the current Minerals and Waste Local Plan and a request had been made to retain this in the Minerals and Waste Framework being prepared. The restoration scheme envisages two lakes, one for nature conservation (without fishing) and the other for water based recreation purposes.
- g) A report was given of recently deposited timber on Lakerigg Common - enquiries were to be made as to who it belonged to.
- h) Mr Potter advised the meeting that frequent flooding of Buebanks Lane was damaging the road surface – blocked drainage ditches in the verges were to be reported to Cumbria Highways. Problems with highway surfaces were also to be reported on the Hawksdale road and at High Bridge.

43 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the monthly expenditure and record of income:

1	Barclays Bank – safe custody fee 20/06/07	1.00
2	Bendles Solicitors – lease agreement 2 Forge Green	88.12
3	Westwood Nurseries – additional bedding plants s137	21.97
4	Powergen – electricity supply	66.11
5	Mrs E Auld – salary £579.17, expenses £9.59	588.76
6	Inland Revenue – PAYE/NIC - £150 on-line end of year return	550.56
7	Dalston PCC – Church House Festival Committee room hire x 6 s137	30.00
8	Dalston Parent & Toddler Group – a/c closure balance repayment. Clerk reported that the Group was to start up again in September 2007.	200.00

Income:

1	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 19/06	95.00
2	City of Carlisle – concurrent services grant 25/06	5,780.00
3	C Collins – 2 Forge Green rent 26/06, 03/07	190.00
4	L Hogg – 1 Forge Green July rent	234.00
5	Beattie Memorials – additional inscription fee	35.00
6	Bank of England – 3½% War Stock interest	4.37

To consider proposed changes to BT call package and payments. It was **resolved** that accounts with British Telecom, Powergen and British Gas should be paid by Direct Debit in future.

44 CLERK’S ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW

Resolved to defer discussion on the Clerk’s annual salary review to the extraordinary meeting.

45 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Grave space purchase: R M Capstick Ward 5 Section H Space 57 – approved.
- b) Additional inscription: Beattie Memorials – Capstick headstone ‘also his wife Dorothy died 15th May 2007 A dear Mother’ – approved.
- c) The Clerk reported on vandalism and a broken headstone ‘Wilson, Dalston Hall’. Agreed that Mr Jeffery should be asked to lay it flat in the ground.

The meeting closed at 9.37pm.