

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 12th July 2005.

PRESENT	Mr B C Craig (Chairman)	Mr A G Jackson
	Mr A R Auld	Mr J F G Kelsey
	Mrs P Dalton	Mr S A Sinclair
	Mr D W Hand	Mr M Smillie
	Mr G Harrison	

The meeting stood for a minute's silence in tribute to Mr Roger Diver. He had served on the Parish Council from 1986 until 1998, part of the time as Vice-Chairman. His particular interests were in the maintenance of gardens and grassed areas, the Cemetery, the footpaths and the fabric of the Parish. After his resignation he continued to be appreciative of the work of the Parish Council. A letter of condolence was to be sent to his widow.

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames C M Oakley (work) and J L Rawstron, Messrs D C Cowen (holiday), O Roberts (away) and R J Potter.

29 MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14th June 2005 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

30 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs J Collier, B Dodd and PC P Shorrocks. Councillor Crookdake asked about the Parish Council response re making the Bridge End public telephone a card only box. Mrs Marsden had requested that the proposed closure of the Dalston Library was raised. There was some debate on accessibility of a mobile service.

31 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr A Jackson declared an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 04/0765 land adjacent to Green Farm Cottage, Stockdalewath – owner of property opposite.

32 PLANNING DECISIONS

00/0947 L/A Barns, Hall Hills Farm, Raughton Head – conversion of barns into 4no. dwellings – approved.

05/0086 George Graham & Sons, Bishops Mill – conversion of mill into two dwellings and erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings – approved 6 conditions 13/04/05.

05/0107 George Graham & Sons, Bishops Mill – conversion of mill annexe into one dwelling – approved 6 conditions 07/04/05

05/0326 Crispin House, The Gill – kitchen extension and conservatory – approved 2 conditions 20/05/05.

05/0439 Hallfield, The Forge – erection of 2no. dwellings (Reserved Matters) – approved 1 condition.

33 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

04/1203 Kingswood Educational Activity Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock – agreed that Mr Auld and Mrs Dalton should compose a response re correct practice and procedures, to be approved at the Policy and Resources meeting on 3rd August 2005, to a letter received from A Hutchinson, Principal Development Control Officer as a result of the Parish Council's letter to the Chief Executive. The Clerk was to send an interim acknowledgement of the communication. Agreed that a letter should be sent to the Chairman of the Development

- Control Committee asking him to ensure that ample consultation time was allowed for the Parish Council to consider all the appropriate documents relating to the application.
- 04/0765 Land adjacent Green Farm Cottage, Stockdalewath – erection of dwelling house, garage and garden store (reserved matters) amended plan – no observations.
- 05/0438 37 New Road – change of use from agriculture/hardstanding to create parking area for a maximum of 3no. private hire mini buses, retention of metal storage container and erection of 1.8 metre high security fence around part of the parking area amended plan – no observations.
- 05/0660 Site no. 1, Clipston M.O.T. Centre, Barras Lane Industrial Centre – erection of vehicle repair garage - no observations.
- 05/0695 Greenlea, Buckabank – erection of single storey extensions to rear to provide lounge and conservatory, addition of first floor extension over garage, raising of eaves by 1no. metre to provide 4no. bedrooms (2no. en-suite) and bathroom – no observations.

34 PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE 06/07/05

The Clerk reported that the owner of Struan, adjacent to the Cemetery access lane, had agreed to apply for permission, as in a Conservation Area, to have the sycamore tree in her garden felled. Mr Cowen was writing a specification for re-building the Cemetery access lane wall and associated work for putting out to tender. Discussion on CCTV had progressed and the Clerk was pursuing grant aid through the Crime and Disorder Partnership. The Station approach was considered, in particular improvements to the island – to be discussed by the Policy and Resources Committee. Tree planting and pruning was discussed for action in the autumn and Parishioners were to be encouraged to replace trees lost in the January storms via publicity in the magazines and on the website. It was agreed that the Committee had no observations regarding the proposed works to fell the Scots Pine (T1), subject to a TPO, at 29 The Green, Dalston.

Resolved, proposed Mr Jackson, seconded Mr Auld to revise the insurance values, as per recommendation for the Hearse House from £7,755 to £12,000 and for Forge Green from £179,172.77 to £228,000 with fees from £26,875 to £33,660.

Resolved to increase the rents from 1st October 2005 for 1 Forge Green from £51.25/wk to £52.25/wk and for 2 Forge Green from £90.20/wk to £92.00/wk.

35 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 CALC June/July County Circular, Pointers to Good Practice, Quality Parish Development Programme Update 2 – analysis of survey of local council functions. Mr Clive Moth to attend August meeting and talk about the Quality Parish Scheme – confirmed for 8pm.
- 2 Bryce's Chippy – letter from Mr Corrie requesting permission to visit Dalston one or two evenings per week with his fish and chip van – agreed for trial period on one evening per week. Request to bring own bin and take away any rubbish accumulated.
- 3 Email from Clair Pillar, Bridge House, Gaitsgill with a request to purchase the Pinfold (registered common land) from the Parish Council – no decision taken. Clerk to advise regarding common land status and to seek clarification behind enquiry.
- 4 Carlisle CC Leisure and Sports Services letter from new Development Officer, Amy East requesting information on sports facilities available in the Parish and offering assistance with sport or physical issues – Clerk to respond indicating facilities as previously advised.
- 5 Carlisle Environment Forum copy of a summary of the recent meeting on the Carlisle flood – no report to add by attendees.
- 6 Cumbria Police Authority Carlisle Area Community Liaison Forum – 14th July – apologies for absence of representative sent.
- 7 Defra letter re timetable for implementing the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.
- 8 English Nature letter including statement of views about managing the River Eden and Tributaries SSSI – for information.
- 9 Information on licensing fees review panel
- 10 Eden DC Draft Statement of Community Involvement consultation – no response.
- 11 Carlisle CC Rural Voice June issue.
- 12 Raughton Head July/August 2005 magazine
- 13 Carlisle CC Committee meeting agendas.

- 14 Redspearlands Footpath Group July 2005 Newsletter.
- 15 Cumbria CC A7 De-Trunking information leaflet
- 16 Letter from Alan Welton, Cumbria CC Library Services Manager regarding the closure of the Dalston Library at the end of September 2005 and a replacement service with visits from the mobile library weekly, incorporating Saturday morning. Alternative service provision could be looked at for the future, including joint initiatives. Agreed that Clerk should respond expressing great concern at the decision and suggesting consideration should be given to a consultation exercise with current and potential users regarding the preference for a mobile service versus a library in premises such as Caldew School, enhanced to fit the needs of the community. Mrs Dalton offered to ascertain more information on current borrowing levels and the frequency of the service, together with scope for reconsideration re the loss of a community focal point for information dissemination and other facilities, which would be difficult to reintroduce.

36 CALC GENERAL MEETING

Mrs Dalton, Mr Craig and the Clerk attended the CALC General Meeting on 22nd June 2005. The guest speaker, Mr Brockbank gave a very interesting talk on the future of the County and the role for Cumbria Vision. The new constitution was adopted, a new Executive Committee was formed after a ballot and CALC's Statement of Policies was discussed.

37 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Letter from Environment Agency following site meeting on 15th April 2005 regarding post flood block stone revetment damage to the Caldew riverbank on the Green. Current recommendation was for soft engineering and habitat rehabilitation, rather than hard erosion preventative measures, which were not regarded as flood defence structures. Agreed that Metcalfe Plant Hire and Ken Hope be asked to examine the damage on site and suggest remedial action to make safe the blocks, resetting sections that were reasonably sound and re-establishing woody vegetation, for consideration by the Parish Council. Outside funding was unlikely except for tree planting
- b) The installation of red tarmac strips on the highway had been raised at the recent Neighbourhood Forum meeting. It was agreed that they should only be considered as part of the Square regeneration scheme.
- c) The Clerk reported incidents of vandalism to the bus shelters and litterbins – Police informed of problems.
- d) Other items for consideration were a low bridge in Stockdalewath, the railway footpath maintenance, damaged fencing in Low Moorlands and the planting of wildflower plugs in the Forge Green area.

38 PARISH PLAN

The Parish Plan Steering Committee had agreed to hold a social event on 3rd September 2005 in the Victory Hall to launch the Plan, following their distribution to Parishioners by volunteers. All Parish residents, organisations and businesses were to be invited to take part, refreshments would be available and music provided for entertainment. A guest speaker was still required – a suggestion was that the Clerk asked Eric Martlew MP. Discussion on the Carlisle CC Housing Survey was deferred.

39 CLERK'S ANNUAL SALARY REVIEW

The Clerk's salary rate had been increased in line with NALC recommendations from 1st April 2005 to £9.08 per hour for Scale LC1 SCP 21.

40 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	Barclays Bank – safe custody fee 20/06/05	1.00
2	E Davidson – grave digging 06/07/05	140.00
3	Staples – paper & cartridges	69.54

4	Powergen – electricity supply	39.21
5	E Penrice – litterbin repair	23.25
6	Lorne Stewart – 2 Forge Green electrical works	3,014.86
7	Lorne Stewart – Forge Green outside light repair	64.63
8	Mrs P Dalton – mileage expenses CPCA & Neighbourhood Services meetings	11.20
9	Inland Revenue – PAYE/NIC	833.36
10	Mrs E Auld – salary £645.33, expenses £7.86	653.19
11	Reed’s Limited – printing Parish Plan	1,674.00
12	E Davidson – grave digging 14/07, 16/07 (Sat extra), 19/07/05	380.00

Income:

1	3½% War Stock – interest 01/06/05	4.37
2	J & J Graham – burial ashes fee 18/06/05	74.00
3	Business Reserve a/c interest 07/03-05/06/05	164.96
4	Carlisle CC – concurrent services grant 04/07/05	3,974.00
5	J & J Graham – additional inscription 07/07/05	31.00
6	P Rowcroft & R Willatt – 1 Forge Green July rent	205.00
7	Dalston Parent & Toddler Group – closure of bank account	200.00
8	Co-op Funeral Services – burial fee and grave space purchase (outside Parish)	833.00
9	Co-op Funeral Services – additional inscription	31.00
10	T & E Allinson – 2 Forge Green July rent	390.87

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CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interments: Sarah Frances McGuinness 06/07/05 Ward 5 Section I Space 57
David MacLaughlan 14/07/05 Ward 4 Section C Space 34c (ashes)
Russell Smith 16/07/05 Ward 5 Section I Space 20
Margaret Spens Inglis 19/07/05 Ward 2 Section B Space 6
- b) Purchase grave space: Edward McGuinness Ward 5 Section I Space 57
Alice MacLaughlan Ward 4 Section C Space 34c – approved
Additional inscriptions: John J Graham Purdam memorial ‘Also his dearest wife Elsie who died 9th June 2005 Aged 90 years’
Co-op Funeral Services Graham memorial ‘Also Keith, a special Dad, son of Thomas and Mabel Graham who died 11th Feb 2005’
Cumbria Memorials Direct: ‘Also Albert Harding died 26th July 1988 aged 80 years’ – all approved.
Cremated remains slate stones: Cumbria Memorials Direct: ‘Joan Adkins died 29th March 2005 Goodnight Nanny Ben you will always be with us’
‘In loving memory of Elsie Lupton 25.5.1920 – 26. 1. 2005’ – both approved.
- c) The Clerk reported that a hole had appeared in the Cemetery path by the walnut tree. Agreed that David Dixon or Tolsons should be contacted to undertake the repair.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.