

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 9th March 2004.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs D C Cowen, D Hand, I Kirby (ill), M Smillie (work) and O Roberts (holiday).

146 MINUTES OF THE LAST MONTHLY MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2004 were agreed and signed as a true record.

147 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies were received from Councillor Dodd and Robinson. Councillor Crookdake and Mr Kelsey reported on the Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum on 23rd February 2004 and gave information regarding 50% discounts on home insulation available through Energy Advice Centre – Clerk to ask for article to be supplied for the Parish magazines. An update had been provided on police matters. Agreed that discussion on the use of a traffic speed gun (£500-600) by civilian volunteers in Dalston should be included on a future agenda.

Councillor Collier spoke about the Greensyke Public Inquiry and praised the speakers from Dalston at the Development Control meeting. A request had been made for the 30mph speed sign on the Green to be turned round for a short period. Responsibility for Barras Lane Industrial Estate infrastructure was being raised at Area Committee – possibly unadopted roads. The introduction of a speed limit through Raughton Head was hopeful, but a HGV ban might be longer term and less likely.

PC Shorrock reported that recently announced cuts would not affect the increased staffing levels at Brampton. The pedal cycle was in use and already proving beneficial. Progress was being made with the HGV problem. The Youth Club was operating two evening per week, but damage in Church House and to the new notice board at Forge Green was reported, as well as fires on doorsteps. Traffic at Cardewlees was reported to be problematical.

148 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mrs Oakley declared an interest in planning application 04/0211 – 1 The Green – formation of gated access from main road. Mrs Crookdake declared an interest in agenda item 7/3 – bridleway at Stockdalewath. Mr Collier left the meeting prior to planning matters being discussed

149 PLANNING DECISIONS

03/0499 Kingswood Centre, Cumdivock – extension to existing building to provide electricity substation (retrospective) – approved 1 condition.

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 – refused

Appeals (APP/E0915/X03/112789, 1118074, 1118080, 1118082-8090, 1127989) by Kingswood Learning and Leisure Group being heard at a Planning Inquiry commencing on 9th March 2004 at 10am in the Civic Centre, Carlisle – Parish Council representatives speaking are Mrs Dalton, Mr Auld and the Clerk.

Letter received from A Eales, Head of Planning Services regarding enforcement matters. The Clerk reported on further ownership information received about Barras Lane Industrial Estate.

- 03/1339 Caldew School, Carlisle Road – two storey extension to form additional changing areas, provision of reception suite with canopy roof over and extensions to provide 2no. sports stores – approved 2 conditions.
- 04/0025 Riverside Farm, Stockdalewath – change of use of agricultural land to garden –approved 1 condition.
- 04/0051 Holly Oaks, Cumdivock – variation of condition 5 attached to planning approval 02/0035 to allow parking of 53 seater coach in lieu of 25 seater coach/mini-bus – deferred to consider additional issues raised.
- 04/0040 9 Nook Lane Close – two storey extension comprising kitchen/dayroom with bathroom and master bedroom with ensuite above – approved 2 conditions. S106 agreement remains on property – i.e. value discounted.
- 04/0044 7 Summerfields – extension above existing garage to provide 1no. en-suite bedroom – approved 2 conditions.

150 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 04/0149 L/Adj to Station House, Station Road – erection of 2no. 4no. bedroom detached houses with integral garage – resolved to comment that houses large for site and semi-detached would be more in keeping. The unadopted road and uncertainty re ownership would make it beneficial to have a private works agreement in place to protect and safeguard the station and site access.
- 04/0217 13 Crakegarth – extension to provide single storey ensuite bedroom – no observations.
- 04/0219/20 L/A Barn, Low Flanders – revised proposal for the conversion of existing barn and milking parlour to form 2no. dwellings (LBC) – no observations.
- 04/0221 Low Flanders – erection of detached garage – no observations.
- 04/0211/12 1 The Green – erection of conservatory to rear elevation, with provision of adjoining timber decking, and formation of gated access from main road (B5299) (LBC) – resolved to express some concern re lack of turning space and reversing onto highway.
- 03/1417 Forest House, Broadfield, Southwaite – conversion of and extension to existing outbuildings to form 2no. self catering holiday units and demolition of existing workshop/store and erection of replacement workshop and garage – no observations.
- 04/0288 5 Railway Cottages – first floor extension over existing garage to provide additional bedroom and bathroom – no observations.
It was agreed that a query should be raised with the Planners regarding the definition of residential caravans in relation to Orton Grange.

151 PARISH PLAN

Mr Auld reported briefly on the trends beginning to emerge from the questionnaires analysed to date – a fuller update would be presented to the Steering Committee and at the Annual Parish Meeting. Mr Ellerby, Friends of the Lake District had accepted an invitation to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

152 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Cumbria in Bloom application form, subscription request, revised judging sheets, special and young peoples awards notes and some guidelines for the competition – agreed to enter competitions and pay £5 subscription.
- 2 Letter of congratulations to Parish Council for signpost project and other matters.
- 3 Cumbria CC Legal Services – application for an Order to Modify the Definitive Map to alter the route of Public Bridleway No. 114036 at Stockdalewath – draft report recommending rejection – agreed to reply indicating that all avenues had been explored and nothing further would be forthcoming regarding a solution. The current northern exit across the River Roe was unsuitable as a bridleway or footpath without a bridge or crossing place – suggested that some sort of improvement should be considered by Rights of Way section.
- 4 Cumbria CC Public Transport – changes to local bus services – notice to go in Parish magazines.
- 5 ODPM & Standards Board for England consultation documents on a) Local investigation and determination of misconduct allegations b) Guidance to monitoring officers on local

- investigations – copy circulated for comment.
- 6 Great North Air Ambulance Service – request for funding assistance declined. Offer of help at an event held in the Parish to be given.
 - 7 Friends of the Lake District February 2004 Newsletter – overhead wires project.
 - 8 Copy of Raughton Head March 2004 magazine.
 - 9 VAC Annual Review 2002/03
 - 10 Cumbria Nature magazine.
 - 11 Rock Reports Newsletter, VAC Countywide magazine Winter 2004
 - 12 Carlisle CC Minutes 13/01/04-01/03/04
 - 13 Carlisle CC Committee meeting agendas.
 - 14 Confirmation received that insurance payment for replacement seat in White Bridge triangle in place and seat on order from Macemain/Amstad.
 - 15 Reply from Cumbria CC re disabled parking space outside Library – forwarded to Capita for consideration.
 - 16 Rural Regeneration Company ‘Social and Community Regeneration’ launch presentation - 22nd March 2004, Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal – Clerk to attend.
 - 17 Reply from Learning & Skills Council re post 16 education – school sixth forms to be retained for next two years at least.
 - 18 Dalston with Cumdivock Parochial Church Council Annual Reports and Accounts.
 - 19 CALC March County Circular

153 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) The Clerk and Chairman reported on a site meeting with Paul Sadowski and Liz Dawson, Environment Agency and Maggie Robinson, English Nature regarding the extraction of gravel from the River Caldew at Hawksdale. It was pointed out that the Parish Council has an obligation to further enhance conservation sites for future observations; therefore no extraction was currently possible. A survey of the gravel bed for invertebrates in the shingle/sediments will probably be undertaken, and in terms of management, a geomorphologic audit of the river had been carried out to ascertain the more natural channel. The Flood Defence Department might also do a feasibility study into soft or hard engineering works to prevent bank erosion. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Environment Agency regarding the timing of the river bank survey and for information on the outcome of it and the geomorphology audit, together with a request for the arrangements for the removal of the Cumbria Highways sign to be made by them – copy to Cumbria CC.
- b) Clerk informed that permission might be given, subject to a written method statement approved by an Environment Agency Pollution Officer, to use a jet wash without detergent to remove the algae from the White Bridge – suggested that the Community Service Group could be asked to undertake the job.
- c) Agreed to proceed with a joint meeting with Skelton PC representatives on 6th April 2004 to discuss Lintongill – Mrs Dalton, Messrs Jackson, Sinclair and the Clerk to attend.
- d) Letter received from solicitor on behalf of Mr and Mrs Routledge re the boundary at Lakerigg - Clerk to acknowledge. Agreed that enquiries should be made with Mr Viney, James Banks (Survey) Ltd regarding the contact by Mr Routledge referred to in the letter.
- e) Mrs Oakley requested permission to purchase grass seed to spread on bare patches of the Green – a meadow fescue was suggested as being appropriate.
- f) Mrs Rawstron and Mr Potter reported that vehicles transporting excess soil from Thomas Graham & Sons, Barras Lane Industrial Estate to Chalk Lodge and Evening Hill had caused damage to highway verges and deposited material on the roads, with unsatisfactory attempts having been made to sweep up the debris. Agreed that a letter of complaint be sent and a request for remedial work to be carried out by the contractors concerned.

154 BRIDGE END PUB

Further to an enquiry made by the landlord, agreed that the Parish Council would support in principal a proposed Grand Fete on 26th June 2004 in aid of the Roy Castle Fund based at Bridge End Pub.

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	E Davidson – grave digging 16/02/04	120.00
2	CALC – Project Planning Event	15.00
3	Caldew School – Grant - Summer Camp craft, cookery, materials etc. s137	200.00
4	Carlisle City Council – Parish Plan questionnaire printing	1,057.50
5	James Banks (survey) Ltd – survey of Lakerigg Common south east boundary	654.48
6	Clip Ltd – signpost project display boards for exhibition	857.76
7	British Telecommunications – telephone charges 22/11/03-18/02/04	93.37
8	N Park (Fencing) Ltd – undergrowth clearance to rear 1 Walkmill	82.25
9	Biffa Waste Services Ltd – Cemetery waste collection 27/03-25/06/04	65.68
10	Cumbria in Bloom - subscription	5.00
11	Mrs M Watson – 6 months cleaning Forge Green Oct-March	45.00
12	Primrose Hall Committee – CPCA grant kitchen refurbishment	250.00
13	Mrs E Auld – salary £551.88, expenses £92.39	644.27
14	Swarbrick Associates – Forge Green survey and plans	411.25
15	D Harrison, The Workhorse – manufacture 7 x notice boards	440.00
16	Cumbria County Council – Signpost Project – signpost restoration 3 rd installment	7,532.86
17	B Faulder – bus shelter, gate post & picnic table repairs	170.00

Income:

1	J Tremble – burial fee 16/02/04	252.00
2	Friends of the Lake District – signpost project grant	5,000.00
3	P Rowcroft & R Willatt – 1 Forge Green March rent	250.00
4	Carlisle City Council – CPCA grant – notice boards £1,500, Primrose Hall Committee – kitchen refurbishment	1,750.00
5	S Carruthers & C Devlin – 2 Forge Green March rent	440.00

Agreed to defer looking at the budget/actual comparison figures to the next meeting. Resolved to fix Councillors travel expenses for events outside the Parish at 40p per mile.

156 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Agreed to set the date of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting for 7th April 2004. Agenda items to include a review of Standing Orders, particularly Public Participation and Chairman's period of office, insurance requirements and risk assessments and Clerk's contract of employment and associated matters. The Chairman read out a letter from the Clerk.

157 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interment: Edith Musgrave 16/02/04 Ward 5 Section I Space 35

The meeting closed at 9.37pm.