

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 8th March 2005.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs S D P Christopher and M Smillie (work). Mrs C Oakley was not present. A press representative, Messrs Ashley Thompson and Alan Taylor, Pirelli Tyres Ltd, PC Paul Shorrocks and three Parishioners were present

133 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2005 were agreed and signed as a correct record following the addition of 'health and' before 'safety' in minute 121.

134 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from Mr T Allison. Messrs Taylor and Thompson spoke about the planning application for a single 120m high wind turbine (80m to hub, 12m square base) to be erected on the Pirelli site. The mix of products at the plant was changing to high performance tyres, 70% for export. Additional costs in 2004 were £1.2 million with energy costs at £478,000 predicted to rise to £805,000 in 2005. By 2010 the energy efficiency carbon reduction target will be 18% as opposed to the current 10%. Consultants had indicated that no further reductions in costs could be achieved on the plant, with efficiency rising by 9.5% from 2000 to 2005. The wind turbine would be operational 30% of the time and lead to a reduction in costs of £250,000 per annum. Without the turbine the long-term sustainability of the operation in Carlisle was unknown and there could be an increase in costs of £500,000 per year. Questions were raised regarding the potential for shadow flicker. Microwave links limited the location of the turbine and one alternative site for a second turbine was only 320m from the nearest property in Cummersdale. The £1.3 million capital cost claw back time was anticipated at 3 years. A suggestion was made that the turbine could be situated anywhere, but still financed by Pirelli. Health concerns were raised, but noise levels were predicted to be only 38db at 420m distance.

PC Shorrocks reported that recent incidents in Dalston had led to the identification and possible prosecution of some young people – 3 were due to appear in court, 5 were on reprimand and 1 summons had been issued. Crime levels had been low over the winter but there had been some recent shed break-ins. Damage to a number of headstones in Dalston Cemetery was discussed and the installation of CCTV was to be investigated, including sources of funding – the Clerk to write to Inspector David Coates regarding this matter. Mr Jackson reported that car rallies were held 3-4 times per year in the Raughton Head area with pegs being placed in the verges before the event – further enquiries were to be made regarding this. An explanation regarding the responsibility for the removal of burnt out vehicles was given – the one by the White Bridge was to be removed by the insurance company. Mr Potter reported that a hedge at Cumdivock had been set on fire.

135 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr D Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 04/1203 Kingswood Educational Study Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock.

Mr R Potter declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning applications 05/0086/0107 Geo Graham & Sons, Bishops Mill

Mr J Kelsey declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning decision 04/1377 Dalston Recreation Field, The Green.

136 PLANNING DECISIONS

CB/14 TREE B 29 The Green – fell two Scots Pine trees – Tree Preservation Order 2005 No 190 made – agreed that a letter be sent to Carlisle CC to ascertain why the Order had been made on the two Scots Pine at the property. They were not thought to be particularly good specimens, nor were they of much benefit in relation to the public amenity of the adjacent Recreation Ground entrance.

04/1377 Dalston Recreation Field, The Green – renewal of application 99/0964 for: Recreation Hall to provide accommodation and facilities for youth, sport and community groups – application withdrawn. Work had commenced based on approved application 99/0964.

137 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

04/1203 Kingswood Educational Study Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock – operational development comprising:

- a) Retention of dining/function hall and teacher's common room; underground caving system and proposed shelter; boundary fence; souvenir shop; air handling plant room; and, drainage layout;
- b) Formation of challenge course; quad bike track and shelter; low ropes and nightline course; archery enclosure and shelter; new access road and parking layout; planted soil bund; and, a climbing wall;
- c) Installation of external lighting system

The Clerk reported that a copy of a letter from P Wilbraham to Carlisle CC Planners dated 10/02/05 had been received, a copy of MAS Environmental preliminary report (07/03/05) on proposed planning controls relating to noise issues for Carlisle CC Planners, indicating a full conclusion would require a site visit and additional noise monitoring and a further copy communication (08/03/05) regarding the lack of data on which to base an appropriate condition from Mr Wilbraham. It was suggested that proper consultation, in line with due democratic process, was not possible prior to the Carlisle CC Development Control meeting on 1st April 2005 and that it would continue to be difficult to obtain acceptable noise measurement conditions. Resolved, proposed Mr Craig, seconded Mr Kelsey, that because of the lack of progress in producing a satisfactory workable Management Code, as required by the Planning Inspector in his report dated 10th June 2004 for similar developments on the Cumdivock site, planning application 04/1203 should be recommended for refusal – 7 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstentions. Mrs Dalton and Mr Auld agreed to represent the Parish Council and speak at the meeting on 1st April regarding the Kingswood application.

05/0086 George Graham & Sons, Bishops Mill – conversion of mill into two dwellings and erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings – resolved to comment as follows: All the elevations facing the road (North and East) should be finished in stone. The developers should revisit the design of the elevations of the pair of semi-detached dwellings in application 05/0086 and the conversion of the mill annexe into one dwelling in application 05/0107. It was felt in both cases that the fenestration was out of character and should be sympathetic with the mill, which was a building of industrial and archaeological significance in Dalston village. The preference was for the conversion of the mill annexe into one dwelling rather than the erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings, but no observations were made on the conversion of the mill into two dwellings.

05/0107 George Graham & Sons, Bishops Mill – conversion of mill annexe into one dwelling.

05/0101 Clipston M.O.T. Centre, Unit 1A, Barras Lane – change from bus garage and workshop to MOT centre and repairs – no observations.

05/0127 26 Sowerby Wood – two storey extension to provide living room, snooker room with 2no. bedrooms and bathroom above (revised application) – no observations.

05/0145 Orchard House, Buckabank – change of use of part of dwelling and store to form one bedroom holiday cottage and erection of 1.6m boundary wall to roadside – no observations.

05/0154 Indian King Cottage, 23 The Square – erection of sunroom – no observations.

05/0172 Beech House, Stockdalewath – strip and re slate roof with minor alterations to roof trusses to improve access for storage in loft including skylights (LBC) – no observations.

05/0170 40 Lingy Close – renewal of temporary permission for siting of mobile home – no observations.

The Clerk, Messrs Craig and Auld attended the Local Development Frameworks Seminar on 16th February 2005. The key features of Local Development Frameworks were spatial planning not narrow land use, programme management, community involvement, links with community strategy, early decisions on plans i.e. front loading, sustainability built in and a chain of conformity. Parish Plans and Village Design Statements fitted into Supplementary Planning Documents.

The Clerk reported on a meeting of surrounding PC representatives with Westwood Nurseries held on 8th March 2005 regarding the development at Orton Grange. The 16acre site currently being utilised and developed included a nursery, wholesale and retail outlets. A planning application would be submitted shortly for a proposed garden centre (a leisure experience) to be situated on the East side of the existing road – a joint development of the 23acre site by Linton Tweeds and Dobies to be operational by Spring 2006. A new link road and roundabout on the main road 50m West of the existing junction would be built. The operation would be open 7 days/week; employing 100-110 people, recruited locally and it would be promoted for tourists.

138 PARISH PLAN

Councillors commented on the draft Parish Plan and minor amendments were noted. Resolved, proposed Mr Jackson, seconded Mr Harrison to take the Parish Plan forward to the design and print stage. Pro forma invoices had been obtained, within the budget, to enable a further grant claim to be made from the Countryside Agency.

139 PARISH PROJECTS

Resolved, proposed Mr Kelsey, seconded Mrs Rawstron that members of the public was asked to leave the meeting. Prices for alternative specifications for surfacing the Station entrance had been obtained. Agreed that Cumbria CC should provide details of the level of resurfacing work required in order for it to adopt the access for future maintenance. It was suggested that it was a private street works scheme. No further progress had been made with the Green reinforcement requirements. Resolved that the Policy and Resources Committee should consider the potential Parish projects in more detail.

140 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Carlisle CC Housing Needs Survey – 379 responded (33%), 53% in favour, 31% maybe supporting small development of affordable housing for local people. 39 households needed to move within 5 years and 30 in 5 plus years – 51 in the Parish and 6 elsewhere. Most were interested in open market tenure, but some in Housing Association rental. 2 and 3 bedroom properties were the most needed. A full analysis was to follow.
- 2 Environment Forum meeting 17th February 2005 – Mr Kelsey reported that the main topics discussed were the ‘green waste’ collection service, recycling of white goods, water running off motorways and sustainability of public buildings.
- 3 Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum 28th February 2005 – Mr Craig reported on an enthusiastic presentation on the Rural Wheels scheme, a discussion on policing and the impending monitoring for speeding on the Green. There was £4,388 remaining in the youth budget.
- 4 E Martlew MP letter re reliability of Stagecoach bus service to Dalston – agreed to acknowledge stating lack of awareness of problems, but that an article would be in the Parish magazines and on the website seeking comments – boxes to be provided in the Post office and Corner Shop.
- 5 CALC March County Circular – information on CRISP Fund – copy to be passed to Recreation Association.
- 6 Copy of Licensing Policy January 2005 and letter of thanks for contribution to consultation.
- 7 WRVS letter requesting funding support – no action.
- 8 CPCA Notes and notification of joint meeting with Cumbria CC Area Committee on 9th March 2005 – the Clerk and Mrs Dalton to attend.
- 9 Watson Burton LLP notification of application for a transfer of the Justices’ Licence for the Co-op.
- 10 Dalston PCC email – thanks for grants.
- 11 Copy of minutes of joint meeting Carlisle CC Executive/CPCA on 6th December 2004.

- 12 Friends of the Lake District Overhead Wires Project Newsletter January 2005.
- 13 Community Law Centre information leaflet and letter.
- 14 Eden Rivers Trust Winter 2004 Newsletter.
- 15 Environment Agency guide to the rights and responsibilities of a riverside owner.
- 16 Defra letter and Outline of Measures in Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill introduced on 7th December 2004.
- 17 ODPM discussion documents on Citizen Engagement and Public Services: Why Neighbourhoods Matter and Vibrant Local Leadership.
- 18 Standards Board for England letter and copies of leaflet introducing the consultation on a Code for the Future.
- 19 2 copies of March 2005 Local Council Review.
- 20 Carlisle CC Minutes 18/01-07/03/05, Report to Standards Committee 06/01/05, Committee meeting Agendas

141 QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL SCHEME

Resolved to agree the response and completion of the survey regarding current functions of Parish and Town Councils.

142 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Two quotations received for felling a dead cherry tree opposite 31/32 The Green and removal of a fallen tree on the Kingsway near the White Bridge. Agreed to award the contract to Mr N Park for £160 plus VAT subject to permission being granted by Carlisle CC, as both trees situated in the Conservation area.
- b) Copy of letter to Network Rail from Carlisle CC regarding the safety of a sandstone wall adjacent to the Dalston to Carlisle cycle track – not considered dangerous, but repairs required.
- c) The Clerk reported that part of the grass, considered to be a play area in Glebe Close had been made into and planted up as a flower bed by Carlisle CC – matter being addressed following various complaints and communications.
- d) Mr Cowen had ascertained that wildflower plugs could be purchased for 25p each. Agreed that the Gardening Club be asked to manage the planting out of these, once obtained, by the Scouts and/or Guides if in agreement.
- e) The Clerk reported that the electrical rewiring of 2 Forge Green was scheduled to take place in April and the re-roofing of the outbuildings later in March. Mr Cowen agreed to contact Michael Thompson Ltd regarding the work in relation to the removal of the Forge Green chimney.

143 DRAFT LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN APRIL 2006 – MARCH 2012

Resolved that the Clerk, based on the comments made by Councillors, should compile a consultation response. It was considered to be an ambiguous and repetitive document, idealistic in approach and with delivery being constrained by lack of finance, it was felt that most schemes would never come to fruition.

144 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	Information Commission – Data Protection registration fee	35.00
2	E Davidson – grave digging 22/02/05	130.00
3	E Davidson – grave digging 01/03/05 (inc. £10 x 2 underpayment)	160.00
4	Caldew Software Ltd – Broadband installation ½ router cost & Norton anti-virus	126.91
5	N Park – tree clearance work	699.13
6	Staples – paper & ink cartridges	52.91
7	Biffa Waste Services Ltd – Cemetery waste collection 26/03-24/06/05	83.10
8	British Telecommunications – telephone 19/11/04- 18/02/05	90.34
9	Garthside Landscapes – Cemetery maintenance 4 & extra storm damage works	781.38
10	Mrs M Watson – Forge Green cleaning Oct-Mar	45.00
11	Mrs E Auld – salary £625.75, expenses £46.33	672.08

12	Michael Thompson Ltd – 2 Forge Green repairs & FG storm damage roof repairs	1,850.63
13	G Jeffery – 17 x headstone repairs	490.00
14	E Davidson – grave digging ashes spaces 14/03 & 19/03/05 (Saturday extra)	75.00
15	R Burns – laying Cemetery hedge	317.25

Income:

1	Geo Hudson & Sons – burial fee	261.00
2	Co-op Funeral Services – additional inscription	31.00
3	Beattie Memorials – additional inscription	31.00
4	J MacDonald – burial register search	10.00
5	Co-op Funeral Services – burial fee	261.00
6	K D Henderson – burial fee	261.00
7	P Rowcroft & R Willatt – 1 Forge Green March rent	256.25
8	T & E Allinson – 2 Forge Green March rent	390.87
9	Business Reserve a/c – interest 06/09-05/12/04	209.26

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CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interments: Keith Graham Ward 5 Section E Space 6 22/02/05
Marjorie Scott Ward 5 Section G Space 27 01/03/05
Elsie Lupton Ward 4 Section C Space 33d ashes only 14/03/05
Alice Joyce Ward 3 Section T Space 33 ashes only 19/03/05
- b) Purchase grave space: John H Lupton Ward 4 Section C Space 33d – approved.
Robert John and Isabella Margaret Buchanan Ward 4 Section C Space 31a – approved.
Additional inscription: Co-operative Memorials Hannah Virginia Scales memorial ‘also the above died 1st October 2000’ – approved.
Stan Jackson ‘Also his beloved wife a very dear Mum, Nana and Great Nana Vera Maclean Dixon died 31st Oct 2004 aged 88 years Forever in our thoughts’ – approved.
Beattie & Co Nicholson memorial to add under Joseph Edwin ‘who died 6th January 2001 aged 89 years’ and ‘also their Grandson Geoffery George who died 4th January 1982 aged 15 years’ – approved.
- c) The Clerk reported damage to further 9 headstones – one found with rope tied round it. One stone had been laid flat for safety reasons – the family concerned to be contacted. Agreed that the unsafe headstones should be secured.
- d) MAB Bulletin February 2005 and ABA INFO Spring 2005 received.
- e) Reported that Mr Burns had completed the laying of the hedge satisfactorily.

The meeting closed at 10.17pm.