

## DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

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PRESENT	Mr D B Craig (Chairman)	Mr I Newton
	Mr A R Auld	Mr R J Potter
	Mr D C Cowen	Mr O Roberts
	Mrs P Dalton	Mr S A Sinclair
	Mr D W Hand	Mr M Smillie
	Mr A G Jackson	

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J L Rawstron, Messrs J F G Kelsey and G Harrison. Four members of the public were present.

### 130 MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2006 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

### 131 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Crookdake, J Collier and PC Colin Hird. The Clerk read out the Police report. There had been some criminal damage to buildings and theft from vehicles. Anti social behaviour was on going in St Michael's Church area, Bridge End, The Green and at the Station. Home visits to parents of suspected youths were continuing, together with liaison with Caldew School. Some minor road accidents had occurred.

Councillor Crookdake had indicated verbally that Eden District Council had not been informed of the Environmental Agency proposals for flood measures. The road sweeper had been to High Bridge, but it was due to return.

Mr Bruce Armstrong thanked the Parish Council for its support regarding the Kingswood Centre. He indicated that the Cumdivock Group had agreed to the conditions put forward, but would press for continuous noise monitoring equipment at two sites, which would sustain enforcement, if the conditions were breached. The Group was also pursuing a four week break in August on a permanent basis.

Mr Richard Bain raised the issue of light pollution on the edge of a conservation area in relation to the Tennis Club proposals to erect floodlights. He hoped that the plans might be available to look at prior to the public consultation meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2006, requested by the Recreation Association. A formal planning application would be submitted, dependent on the outcome of the consultation. It was suggested that the new Recreation Association building security lighting and the existing Bowling Club lighting might also contribute to light spillage.

Mrs Margaret Wilson spoke about the planned extension to the Thackwood landfill site. The proposals were for the extraction of clay from an 11.1 hectaire site (6.5 hectares to be worked in 9 phases), currently an arable field adjacent to the existing operation. The landfill would be with inert waste, lined and capped with clay, leaving a domed landscape to revert to agricultural use. The remaining land would be used for screening bunds, surface water and leachate management, and tree and shrub screen planting and hedgerows. The newly formed Action Group was concerned with increased traffic, smell, noise and other operational problems associated with a landfill site, with little consideration having been given to the creation of a conservation area with water for recreational use following the clay extraction.

Councillor Allison reported that ongoing dialogue was taking place regarding the parking of the mobile library vehicle in the Square and that he was waiting for a decision from Cumbria Highways. He had been reassured about the Cumbria CC library review, although Dalston was on the category list for consideration and it was a political decision. Issues had arisen following the removal of a section of the newly erected fencing around the Station parking area.

132 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr A R Auld declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 10 – Clerk’s salary.

Mr D C Cowen declared and recorded interests in agenda item 5 – 04/1042 Kingswood planning application - Cumdivock resident, 06/0162 Land at Barras Lane Industrial Estate – acting for another site, agenda item 7/2 – Cumbria in Bloom judge, agenda item 7/9 – St Michael’s Church boiler house entrance and steps.

133 PLANNING DECISIONS

05/1352 Pen Beck Cottage, Gaitsgill – extension to existing cottage to provide additional kitchen and living room area with 1no. additional bedroom and en-suite bathroom – approved 2 conditions.

05/1353 Pen Beck Cottage, Gaitsgill – extension to existing cottage to provide additional kitchen and living room area with 1no. additional bedroom and en-suite bathroom (LBC) – approved 1 condition.

06/0061 Close Head House, Lingyclose Road – detached garage with ancillary bedroom and ensuite – approved 3 conditions.

134 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

04/1042 Kingswood Educational Study/Activity Centre, Greensyke, Cumdivock – proposed agreement pursuant to Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 106 – the Clerk reported: a) Carlisle CC Health & Safety inspection had found no odours on site, so there would be no repeat visit. The Fire Safety officer had found some precautionary work being required, but overall satisfaction and fire risk assessment adequate. b) Copy letter from Mr Harle to Carlisle CC Legal Services received. c) Invitation from Legal Services to a meeting of interested parties on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006 – Mrs Dalton, Mr Auld and Clerk to attend. d) Copy letter from Mr Wilbraham to Legal Services stressing the need for continuous noise monitoring and a four week break. e) Development Control Committee meeting 21<sup>st</sup> April 2006 – Mrs Dalton and Mr Auld agreed to attend.

06/0193 Low Flanders, Durdar – proposed single storey extension to the side elevation to provide kitchen and dining area – no observations.

06/0202 15 Caldew Drive – proposed single storey extension to the side and rear elevation to provide kitchen/dining area, utility, bathroom and study – no observations.

06/0162 Land at Barras Lane Industrial Estate – concrete batching plant - resolved to strongly object on the grounds of the potential type and volume of traffic generated by the proposal, particularly in relation to the existing road infrastructure. Concerns were expressed regarding dust, with regard to the prevailing wind, and noise pollution for local residents, especially those living in the dwellings across the road from the site. This development was felt to be inappropriate for the location and aspects of it were contrary to the industrial and commercial section of the Dalston Design Statement 2005 guidance and recommendations. It was felt that a site visit might be appropriate in this instance. Councillor Allison indicated that he would submit objections as Ward Councillor. Agreed that Cumbria County Council should be asked to provide a proper development brief and strategy for the Barras Lane Industrial Estate, particularly in relation to its classification, the infrastructure, parking provision, condition of the roads and use by heavy goods vehicles.

06/0212 Park House Farm, Welton – proposed extension to provide new cattle building – no observations.

06/0213 Park House Farm, Welton – proposed extension to provide new cattle building – no observations.

06/0271 Joiners Yard, Bishops Mill – erection of pair of semi-detached dwelling (revised application) - It was agreed to reiterate the comments made to planning application 05/0086 that the fenestration was out of character and should be sympathetic with the converted mill, which was a building of industrial and archaeological significance in Dalston village.

Thackwood Clay Extraction and Landfill Extension H & E Trotter – Clerk reported on consultation meeting attended on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2006 and reiterated comments that Mrs Wilson raised during public participation. The planning application was thought to be in transit. Agreed to express concerns, once received, about increased traffic and the need for a domed end

- product. It was felt that if landfill with inert material was to occur, the landscape should be reinstated to the original contours rather than an artificial blot on the horizon remain.
- 06/0295 Land adjacent Dave Allen Accountant, Barras Lane – erection of office unit with adjacent stores/workshop area – agreed that screening should comply with recommendations of Dalston Design Statement 2005.
- 06/0318 25 Carlisle Road – single storey rear and side extension to provide garage, utility, kitchen/diner and porch – no observations.

135 FORGE GREEN AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

Resolved to exclude members of the public. The Clerk reported that an offer had been received for Forge Green, which had subsequently been replaced verbally by an increased offer through Cumbrian Properties. Difficulties had been experienced with viewing arrangements and the tenants had complained regarding this. Resolved to advise Cumbrian Properties that the written offer for Forge Green was not acceptable and that the Parish Council was unable to consider the revised figure indicated verbally, unless it was received in writing. It was agreed to inform Cumbrian Properties that the Parish Council was dissatisfied with the manner in which the marketing of Forge Green was being handled, including the viewing arrangements with the tenants. The sale particulars were to be checked to ensure that prospective buyers were fully aware of the extent of the property for sale, the type of drainage and the common land situation. Mr D Marshall and an architect from Eden Housing had arranged to view Forge Green on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006 – Messrs Auld, Sinclair and the Clerk to attend.

136 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 A Welton, Cumbria CC letter re Dalston library provision – willing to consider alternatives to mobile if arise.
- 2 Cumbria in Bloom and Tidy Village competitions – entry forms, £5 subscription and details - agreed to enter. Gardening and Flower Clubs to be asked to assist with presentation.
- 3 Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 agenda & notes– Mr Craig reported that the main topics were Carlisle Renaissance and waste minimisation and recycling, including a proposal for plastic doorstep collection scheme. Dalston Festival Committee was awarded a £600 grant.
- 4 CPCA/Cumbria CC Local Committee meeting agenda 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006– Clerk and Mrs Dalton to attend.
- 5 VAC Flooding workshop 21<sup>st</sup> March 2006 – Messrs Craig and Auld to attend.
- 6 Mrs Routledge reply re field fence adjacent to Kingsway – referred to Property and Maintenance Committee to discuss responsibilities and ownership.
- 7 Redspearlands Footpath Group letter with suggestion and brochure re cleaning White Bridge - referred to Property and Maintenance Committee
- 8 Atkinson Ritson letter re accuracy of measurements of Lakerigg Common/Malanridge boundary post - agreed that the Parish Council was satisfied that the measurements shown on the Plan were correct and that amendments should not be made. James Banks (Survey) Ltd had measured the boundary more than once at great expense to Dalston Parish and the position of the post verbally accepted by Mr Routledge when the measurements were being redone, made it unnecessary for the Parish Council to incur further expense or accept that the Plan was incorrect.
- 9 Dalston Parochial Church Council response re boiler house stairwell – noted.
- 10 Consultation document on school organisation: a strategic approach to secondary education in Carlisle – Mrs Dalton advised the Council that firmer consultation was to follow with reduced options.
- 11 Copy letter from Councillor Allison to Mr Smith, Area Engineer, Cumbria CC regarding the maintenance of the Dalston to Cummersdale cycleway – noted.
- 12 Gaitsgill Parent & Toddlers Group letter of thanks and receipt for bookcase purchased with grant.
- 13 Dalston with Cumdivock PCC Annual report, accounts and minutes.
- 14 Watchtree News, Raughton Head March magazine, Clerks & Councils Direct March 2006, Parish Pump News Spring 2006, Rural Voice March 2006
- 15 Parish Council Elections – nomination forms received for distribution to interested parties.

137 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) Environment Agency Caldw and Carlisle City Flood Alleviation Scheme Environmental Scoping Report received for response by 24<sup>th</sup> March 2006 – to be circulated. The Clerk had advised the Environment Agency that it was unlikely to obtain comments from the Parish Council in the timescale. Mr Auld reported that this lengthy document mainly stated the situation as existing. The Clerk identified that the Union Bridge and the Parish Council fishing stretch of the river were not mentioned in the report. Mr Jackson expressed concern that the ‘dam’ at Hawksdale was perhaps being considered a bit hastily and that prolonged drought might be ensuing. There was no mention of any measures further upstream on the Caldew or on the Ive and Roe.
- b) The Clerk requested advice on replacement tree types and confirmation of the Diocesan Faculty for felling the Norwegian maple in the Churchyard. A letter had been received regarding the Listed Building repair grant for Forge Green – claim being attended to. The signpost project leaflet production was being progressed.

138 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	Gray Associates – Station entrance survey & plans 14/02/06	972.50
2	Dalston PCC – Festival Committee meeting hire of Church House s137 17/02/06	5.00
3	E Davidson – grave digging ashes space 28/02/06	30.00
4	Staples – copy paper, labels, notebook	31.27
5	British Telecom – telephone charges 19/11/05-17/02/06	80.52
6	Biffa Waste Services Ltd – Cemetery waste collection 01/04-30/06/06	115.17
7	Mrs M Watson – cleaning Forge Green offices 5 months	37.50
8	Mrs E Auld – salary £645.55, expenses £38.48	684.03
9	Dalston PCC - Festival Committee meeting hire of Church House s137 15/20/02/06	10.00
10	H & E Trotter – Forge Green septic tank emptying and drain clearance 28/12/05	180.00

Income:

1	T & E Allinson – 2 Forge Green February rent 14/02/06	398.67
2	Dalston Post Office – 10 x map packs	20.00
3	J Tremble – burial ashes fee 03/03/06	74.00
4	J Tremble – burial ashes fee & grave space purchase	145.50
5	P Rowcroft & R Willatt – 1 Forge Green March rent 08/03/06	209.00
6	Step Saver a/c – bank interest 05/12/05-05/03/06	87.24
7	Mrs L-J Cowen – Nook Lane Foot way leave	1.00
8	T & E Allinson – 2 Forge Green March rent	398.67

The Clerk advised the Council that the Inland Revenue end of year returns could be completed on-line to obtain £250 rebate – agreed.

139 CLERK’S SALARY

Resolved, proposed Mr Smillie, seconded Mr Roberts to increase the Clerk’s hourly rate by 27p to £9.35 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 in accordance with the NALC revised rate for Scale LC1 SCP21. No further information was available regarding the Clerk’s termination settlement.

140 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Interment: William Hird ashes Ward 4 Section C Space 45e
- b) Grave space purchase: Joan Yvonne Hird Ward 4 Section C Space 45e – approved.
- c) Enquiry from Mrs Williams regarding any ‘Fishers’ living locally – family thought to have moved from Cardew to Southwaite. Enquiry re ‘Bells’ of Unthank – no information. Agreed that the Clerk should make further enquiries regarding TechTrek Technologies (UK) Ltd Record Management/Data Conversion and Deceased Index/Grave Owner Index. Abainfo magazine Jan/Feb/Mar 06 received.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.