

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Mr R Auld took the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs C Oakley, Messrs B Craig, G Harrison (holiday) and M Smillie (work).

79 MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 11th October 2005 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

80 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Allison, L Crookdake and PC Colin Hird. A Police report of recent incidents was received highlighting an upsurge in damage to windows at the Victory Hall and youth disorder centred on the schools and cemetery/church areas, with some housing being targeted. The Clerk advised the Council that arrangements were being made to remove the graffiti through the Crime and Disorder Partnership. Monitoring of the speed of traffic on the Green had been carried out in July 2005 – 40% of all traffic exceeded the limit by 2/3mph to 40mph. The Council requested additional breakdown of the figures to include type of vehicle/speed, but if not available, a further period of monitoring to include the extra data. PC Hird had suggested that a letter should be sent to Cumbria Highways regarding improved signs on the road near Green Lane – agreed that red highway sections with lettering, rather than upright verge signs should be requested.

81 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr D Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – Kingswood Educational Centre, agenda item 6 – Churchwarden, Dalston PCC, Cumbria in Bloom judge.

Mr A R Auld declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – planning application 05/1153, agenda item 6 – website grant application.

Declarations of interest were made and recorded in agenda item 6 by Mr I Newton (Recreation Association, Festival Committee and Victory Hall), Mr J Kelsey (Recreation Association, Festival Committee and Methodist Church), Mr A Jackson (Redspearlands Footpath Group), Mrs J Rawstron (Festival Committee) and Mr S A Sinclair (Victory Hall).

Mrs P Dalton declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 8 – proximity of home to Show Field.

82 PLANNING DECISIONS

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 – approved 3 conditions.

05/0876 Holmhill, Hawksdale – incorporation of outbuilding into dwelling to provide additional 3no. bedrooms and bathroom. – approved 4 conditions.

05/0880 Holm Hill House, Hawksdale – restoration and conversion of outbuilding to domestic accommodation (LBC) – approved 4 conditions.

05/0915 The Gill – erection of milking parlour, animal treatment area and silo – approved 3 conditions.

- 05/0903 Lime House School, Holm Hill, Hawksdale – erection of external fire escape stair – withdrawn.
- 05/0904 Lime House School, Holm Hill, Hawksdale – erection of external fire escape to comply with fire regulations – withdrawn.
- 05/0908 7 Crakegarth – erection of detached garage for the use of garaging vehicles and secure storage – approved 1 condition.
- 05/1026 27 Summerfields – extension over garage to provide 1no additional bedroom – approved 2 conditions.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 04/1042 Kingswood Educational Activity Centre (Former Lime House School), Greensyke, Cumdivock – proposed agreement pursuant to Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 106 – a letter had been received from Legal Services indicating the proposed course of action and the timescale involved, with the aim of reporting to the Development Control Committee on 16th December 2005 – agreed that it was helpful to have an update on the situation.
- 05/0963 Dalston Library, 14 The Square – change of use from library to sandwich/food outlet revised plans – bow window changed to flat front Georgian style one. Hours of operation: 9am – 3pm, Monday to Friday – no observations.
- 05/1034 Dalston Library, 14 The Square – change of use from library to sandwich/food outlet (LBC) – as above.
- 05/1066 Dalston Library, 14 The Square – erection of fascia and projecting signage – resolved that cat sign inappropriate and too large in a Conservation Area. Materials used should be traditional and comply with LBC conditions.
- 05/1067 Dalston Library, 14 The Square – change of use from library to sandwich shop – original and amended plans and copy letter with opening hours (7.30am - 3.30pm, Monday to Saturday) – resolved to indicate that traditional materials should be used (no PVC windows) to comply with LBC conditions. Considered to be inappropriate to have an additional door to the building, especially close to the corner and the highway. The proposal was not considered to be complimentary to the vernacular of the Square.
- 05/1070 Dalston Library, 14 The Square – internal alteration to provide counters and workspace with internal partition walls and installation of extractor fans (LBC) – as above.
- 05/1041 37 New Road – change of use for the parking of a 37 seater coach and an additional three vehicles. Retention of metal storage container – concern that the correct interceptor facilities were available on site for washing vehicles. There was no indication of the type/size of the additional three vehicles. There were continued concerns regarding access visibility and the need for provision of a fuller landscaping scheme.
- 05/1076 37 New Road – erection of conservatory – no observations.
- 05/1088 27 Low Moorlands – extension to provide enlarged kitchen, bedroom and utility – no observations.
- 05/1130 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 (revised application) – no observations.
- 05/1131 Dalston Amey Depot, Barras Lane – replace existing asbestos pitch roofing sheets with new metal insulated panels to garage – no observations.
- 05/1123 4 Low Mill – alteration and extension to existing dwelling and formation of an additional three storey self catering holiday unit within the existing building (revised application) – no observations.
- 05/0992 Tilecote, Orton Grange – two storey extension to provide entrance porch with enlarged bedroom over – no observations.
- 05/1153 Deepdale Cottage, Bridge End – alterations and extensions to provide bathroom, utility/wc and entrance lobby, together with the surfacing of the existing access to form a holiday cottage – no observations.
- 05/1147 Latimers Cottage, Hawksdale – replacement dwelling and detached garage – no observations.
- 05/1154 Beech Cottage, Orton Grange – two storey rear extension to provide sunroom, dining area and WC, to ground floor with 2no en-suite bedrooms above – no observations.

05/1231 TPO 53 Madam Banks Road – reduce back to boundary Oak tree growing adjacent to and overhanging 53 Madam Banks – resolved to suggest that work should be carried out professionally to ensure that a sensible shaped canopy remained.

84 GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Resolved to award grants to the following local organisations:

1	Raughton Head PCC	Churchyard maintenance – grass cutting and gravel for paths	1,362.00
2	Dalston Festival Committee	Stationery, stamps, ink cartridge etc	100.00
3	Gaitsgill Parent & Toddlers	Folding bookcase	100.00
4	Dalston Methodist Church	Extend heating system and insulation	750.00
5	St Michael's After School Club	Toys, art & craft materials, first aid equipment	200.00
6	Redspearlands Footpath Group	Assistance with operating costs	100.00
7	Cumdivock WI	New gate to Reading Rooms entrance	75.00
8	Dalston PCC	a) Parish Paper, b) computer & photocopier	500.00
		c) Church House external decoration	250.00
9	Dalston Pre School Nursery	Construction toys, home corner/kitchen, display boards and storage (includes surplus £200 from disbanded Parent and Toddler)	300.00
10	Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill	Redecoration of internal and external wooden window frames and doors. Kitchen unit doors and heater	400.00
11	Dalston Guides	3 x lightweight cooking stoves, play parachute	100.00
12	Dalston Recreation Association	Youth Club - Folding table tennis table	150.00
13	A R Auld	Dalston website annual hosting and maintenance	100.00
14	Dalston Tennis Club	Junior & adults coaching	300.00
15	Dalston 'gardening' Volunteers	<i>Provisional allocation – 'planter' for public area</i>	250.00
	<u>TOTAL</u>		£5,037

The application from St Michael's School for re-fillable water bottles as part of a 'How Cool is Water' scheme was rejected. It was agreed that the Parish Council would undertake the repairs required to the Glave Hill car park fence adjacent to the road for the Victory Hall.

Grants were awarded under the following powers:

2, 3,5, 8a, 9, 11, 13, 15 – General Expenditure s137

1 – Churchyard Local Government Act 1972 s214

4, 7, 8b, 8c, 10, 12, 14 – Recreation and Halls Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19

6 – Local Government Act 1972 s144

85 PARISH OFFICE/COMMUNITY BUILDING UPDATE

Mr Auld reported that another firm offer had been received for Forge Green, but under the asking price. Three Housing Associations had also expressed interest in the property. Resolved, proposed Mr Cowen, seconded Mrs Dalton to seek the asking price for Forge Green of £350,000 – 8 in favour, 3 abstentions. Agreed that the tenants should be informed that negotiations were ongoing. The initial and increased offers for the Maurice Dalton property had been turned down. Resolved, proposed Mr Kelsey, seconded Mr Hand to increase the offer to a final agreed limit – carried 8 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention. Should this be accepted, it would be subject to contract, an environmental impact survey, buildings survey and planning permission ratification.

86 CAPITAL PROJECTS, BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2006/07

Mr Auld had produced notes based on three alternative budget options, which he presented to the meeting, including the various capital projects considered by the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting held on 2nd November 2005. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that a deficit budget should be minimised, a static budget should be discounted and that some of the aims of the Parish Plan should be progressed. Additional parking provision, to enable implementation of some

regeneration of the Square was considered a priority, with the top end of the Show field being the preferred option ahead of the top of the Kingsway. Other capital projects for initial consideration were the renewal and re-painting of the railings by the beck in Gaitsgill, the continuation of the footway from Station Road to the car park for railway users and the rebuilding of the Cemetery access lane wall. Resolved, proposed Mr Hand, seconded Mr Roberts to set the precept at £30,000 for 2006/07. Minor revisions to the budget option C figures were to be made accordingly. This would mean an increase of approximately £10 per D Band property. Agreed that a meeting should be arranged for Messrs Sinclair, Roberts and Hand with Agricultural Society representatives, to enter into preliminary discussions regarding the possibility of parking on part of the Show field.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Burnetts Solicitors – enquiry re land ownership at Barras Lane – since ascertained as in Carlisle CC ownership.
- 2 Communities Opposing Lamonby Turbines – letter requesting comments to Eden DC Planners – resolved, proposed Mrs Rawstron, seconded Mr Hand to object to the proposed development as 102 metre high turbines would be intrusive in open countryside and have an adverse affect on the visual amenity of the area – 8 in favour, 3 abstentions.
- 3 Letter from Claire Rankin/Judith Derbyshire re changeover of Carlisle CC Rural Community Support Officer role and times of availability.
- 4 Notification from Carlisle CC Rural Community Support Officer of additional funding in current financial year from Cumbria CC for village halls – agreed that Primrose Hall internal and external painting of windows and doors plus replacement of kitchen unit doors and a heater should be submitted for grant consideration. Applications from the Victory Hall and Cumdivock Reading Room Committees to be put forward if requested.
- 5 Signpost Restoration Ltd Newsletter Issue 2 October 2005 – for information.
- 6 North West Regional Spatial Strategy Consultation: Session 5 – no interest.
- 7 Agenda and minutes for CALC AGM – 12th November, Cleator Moor – Mrs Dalton attending – agreed to fund lunch expenses £9.50 and mileage costs..
- 8 M & J Farms letter re damage to signpost at Cumdivock Church – Mr D Cowen was arranging for the broken finger to be transported to Signpost Restoration for repair.
- 9 Cumbria in Bloom judges comments – to be included in the Parish magazines and on the website with any ideas for the Dalston entry to be requested. Notification of AGM 21st November – apologies for absence to be sent.
- 10 W D Mark-Bell Solicitor – request for copy of PC Colin Hird report to Parish Council – sent.
- 11 Cumbria Police Authority potential re-structuring of police services in Cumbria – questionnaire completed by Clerk. Agreed that additional comments made on the consultation document following circulation should be compiled and submitted.
- 12 Redspearlands Footpath Group reply re BW114036/Health & Safety Executive enquiry – noted. Newsletter 10 November 2005.
- 13 Carlisle Environmental Action AGM – 9th November 2005 – no attendance.
- 14 Carlisle College letter re availability of Odd Job Crew.
- 15 English Nature letter re Views about Management of River Eden & Tributaries SSSI.
- 16 Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum agenda and minutes, 14th November – Clerk to attend.
- 17 BT letter indicating Gaitsgill payphone to remain in operation at present.
- 18 CALC November County Circular. Quality Parish Development Programme Update 4 – Charters – comments made following consultation.
- 19 Notification of Age Concern Rural Well-Being Project Open Day – 4th November
- 20 Invitation to Energising Cumbria Conference – 3rd November
- 21 Raughton Head November magazine.
- 22 Local Council Review.

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GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) No tenders received for the Cemetery access lane wall to date. Suggested that the work should be deferred until weather conditions more suitable for the task. Clerk to enquire whether £1,500 grant could be carried forward.
- b) Station ‘island’ improvements to be discussed at the next meeting.

- c) Agreed that a more mature walnut tree should be purchased to replace the vandalised one in the Cemetery, protected by an enlarged tree guard coated in anti-climbing paint.
- d) The Clerk reported that Amey would remove the debris caught on the central bulwark of the White Bridge when the river levels had subsided sufficiently. Agreed to ask Mr Park to undertake the pollarding of a tree damaged adjacent to the riverbank footpath, together with any other repair work required.
- e) Clerk to ask Mr Faulder to reinstate the litterbin by the 'Lamp' in a position to be agreed with Mr Roberts.
- f) Mr Cowen reported that the most suitable time to plant wild flower plugs was in the spring.
- g) Reported that an area of nettles in the Recreation Ground was being attended to.
- h) Several areas of flooding on the highways were recorded for passing on to Cumbria Highways for attention.
- i) The fencing to the north side of the Kingsway was considered to be in a dilapidated state. Suggested that the Clerk should ask the owners to attend to it as it was becoming a safety liability.

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ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	Lorne Stewart – 2 Forge Green periodic test and repairs		276.67
2	Carlisle CC – A3 copies of draft Design Statement for Parish Plan Launch Event		36.24
3	Society of Local Council Clerks – annual subscription		91.00
4	CALC AGM – lunch expenses		9.50
5	CACVS CTU – Local Area Agreement Event 24 th November returnable deposit		10.00
6	British Gas – gas supply		16.63
7	Mike Capstick – winter bedding plants s137		44.59
8	Mrs E Auld – salary £645.56, expenses £8.40		653.96
9	Dalston Victory Hall – Festival Meeting 10/10/05		13.00
10	Ordinance Survey – Map Licence fee for Design Statement		55.81
11	Fullpoint Design – design and printing Design Statement		682.68
12	Amey Infrastructure Services Ltd – grass cutting & maintenance contract Aug-Oct		864.13
13	Mrs M Watson – Forge Green office cleaning 7 months		52.50
14	Dalston Poppy Appeal – wreath x 2 s137		30.00
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Income:

1	Caldbeck PC Clerk – use of computer and telephone 19/02-18/08/05	57.13
2	Hunsonby PC Clerk - use of computer and telephone 19/02-18/08/05	35.35
3	Dalston Post Office – 100 postcards	16.00
4	Mr Pattinson – Toddle Row rent 2005	10.00
5	P Rowcroft & R Willatt – 1 Forge Green November rent	261.25
6	T & E Allinson – 2 Forge Green November rent	398.67
7	Beattie Memorials - headstone	51.00

90 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Beattie Memorials – Cremated remains memorial stone ‘In ever loving memory of David Maclaughlan Greatly loved husband and family man Died 14th June 2005 Aged 76 Forever in our hearts’ – approved.
- b) Letter from Mr Eden Irving enquiring about the history of the Churchyard and Cemetery – Clerk responding.
- c) Mr Auld and Mr Jackson agreed to lay the wreaths at Dalston and Raughton Head respectively on Remembrance Sunday.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm