

## DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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PRESENT	Mr A R Auld (Chairman)	Mr I Newton
	Mr D C Cowen	Mr O J Rickerby
	Mr D B Craig	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
	Mr A G Jackson	Mr M Smillie
	Mr J F G Kelsey	

### 78 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

### 79 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006 were agreed and signed as a true record.

### 80 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr A R Auld declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – grant Website and a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 10 – Policy & Resources Sub-Committee.

Mr I Newton declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – grants Recreation Association & St Michael's School.

Mr M Smillie declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – grant Explorer Scouts and agenda item 9a – Station approach.

Mr J F G Kelsey declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – grants Recreation Association & Festival Committee.

Mr D C Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – grant Dalston PCC

Mr A G Jackson declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – grant Redspearlands Footpath Group and agenda item 5 – planning application 06/1188 18 Brow Nelson.

### 81 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of the public were present - Mrs Nicola Clarke, Councillor B Dodd and Mr D Couling. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Collier. The Clerk reported that the Police had recorded 7 crime, 6 anti social behaviour and 6 road safety incidents since the last meeting. Sergeant Paul Senior had provided a list, broken down into various categories of the 80 offences in the Dalston area during the year to date. Indications were that figures were down on the previous year total crimes (146). It was agreed that the statistics should be included in the Parish magazines.

### 82 PLANNING DECISIONS

06/0997 34 New Road – demolition of garage and utility and formation of garage, utility and kitchen extension with conservatory ground floor and 2 bedrooms over with bathroom (revised proposal) – approved 2 conditions.

06/1027 Sunnycroft, High Bridge – single storey extension to provide sunroom and utility – approved 2 conditions.

06/1020 The Bakery, 20 The Square – single storey extension to provide w.c/cloakroom facilities within the bakery/shop premises – approved 2 conditions.

06/0820 Dalston Recreation Field, The Green – provision of floodlighting to Courts 3 & 4 via 6no. 8m lighting columns – withdrawn.

- 06/0878 Dalston Service Station, The Green – erection of steel framed shed for use as commercial garage (revised plans) – approved 2 conditions.
- 06/1135 2 Lingyclose Cottage, Lingy Close Road – two storey side extension providing lounge and office on the ground floor with 2no. additional bedrooms (one with en-suite) to first floor – approved 2 conditions.
- 06/1061 the Oak House, Cardew – erection of garden shed – approved 2 conditions.

83 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 06/1188 18 Brow Nelson & adjoining land – change of use of land from agriculture to domestic and formation of new access – no observations.
- 06/1263 2 Glebe Close – bedroom and en-suite extension plus conservatory – no observations.
- Carlisle District Local Plan – Revised Redeposit – Clerk reported on consultation response and receipt of acknowledgement.
- Dalston Design Statement – following consultation, objections received from Government Office North West and English Heritage. Carlisle CC Conservation officer was to carry out Conservation Area appraisal. Agreed that assistance for this from residents should be sought through the Parish magazines and website. Councillors Roberts and Sinclair offered to help.

84 GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

**Resolved** proposed Mr Craig, seconded Mrs Dalton to award grants to local organisations as follows:

	ORGANISATION	PROJECT	GRANT
1	Redspearlands Footpath Group	Running expenses	200.00
2	Raughton Head PCC	Churchyard grass cutting & paths maintenance Refurbishment of metal gate	1,400.00
3	Gaitsgill Parent & Toddlers	Replacement books and toys	100.00
4	Dalston Pre-school Nursery	Books & equipment	100.00
5	Dalston Recreation Association	2 foldaway Pool tables	400.00
6	Dalston Festival Committee	Insurance	400.00
7	Dalston PCC	a) Parish Paper b) Youth activities c) Church House – internal decoration	100.00 400.00 250.00
8	Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill	Table cloths & replacement internal lights	200.00
9	Inglewood Explorer Scout Unit	4 x lightweight 2 man backpacking tents	500.00
10	Age Concern Day Care	Cost of outings & providing entertainment	100.00
11	Dalston Tennis Club	Coaching costs	300.00
12	A R Auld	Dalston website annual hosting and maintenance	100.00
13	St Michael's After School Club	Safety mat	100.00
14	Dalston Junior Football	Training equipment for all age groups	400.00
15	D C Cowen	Cumdivock Churchyard grass cutting costs 2006	120.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£5,170.00</b>

The application from St Michael's School for a grant towards a software programme for use in the school library was rejected. Grants were awarded under the following powers:

- 3, 4, 6, 7a & b, 9, 12, 13 – General Expenditure s137
- 2, 15 – Churchyard Local Government Act 1972 s214
- 5, 7c, 8, 10, 11, 14 – Recreation and Halls Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19
- 1 – Local Government Act 1972 s144

85 ACCOUNTS

**Resolved** to exclude members of the public and press from the meeting pursuant to section 1(2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 The Internal Auditor reported that the accounts were in order to date. He felt that assets should not be written down and property should

be index related for insurance purposes. He suggested that the Parish Council should not have a deficit budget therefore should consider raising the Precept. Mr Couling was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

**Resolved** to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	CALC – AGM lunch expenses x 3	30.00
2	E Davidson – grave digging 01/1106	150.00
3	Dalston Poppy Appeal – 2 x wreaths s137	30.00
4	M Capstick – bedding plants, bulbs, compost	33.86
5	British Gas – gas supply	25.10
6	George Douglas – gorse removal/grass topping 2004/05 & 2005/06	605.12
7	Powergen – 2 Forge Green electricity	1.62
8	Mrs E Auld – salary £561.21, expenses £66.21	627.42
9	City of Carlisle – Forge Green wasp nests removal	44.65
10	L & D White – 2 Forge Green paint	60.38
11	Mrs P Dalton – Jubilee garden roses s137	74.95
12	Dalston PCC – Festival Committee Church House rent 13/11/06 s137	5.00
13	Redspearlands Footpath Group – grant running expenses	200.00
14	Raughton Head PCC – grant Churchyard grass cutting & paths maintenance Refurbishment of metal gate	1,400.00
15	Gaitsgill Parent & Toddlers – grant replacement books and toys s137	100.00
16	Dalston Pre-school Nursery – grant books & equipment s137	100.00
17	Dalston Recreation Association – grant 2 foldaway Pool tables	400.00
18	Dalston Festival Committee – grant 2007 insurance s137	400.00
19	Dalston PCC – grant a) Parish Paper s137 b) Youth activities s137 c) Church House – internal decoration	100.00 400.00 250.00
20	Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill – grant table cloths & replacement internal lights	200.00
21	Inglewood Explorer Scout Unit – grant 4 x lightweight backpacking tents s137	500.00
22	Age Concern Day Care – grant cost of outings & providing entertainment	100.00
23	Dalston Tennis Club – grant coaching costs	300.00
24	A R Auld – grant Dalston website annual hosting and maintenance s137	100.00
25	St Michael’s After School Club – grant safety mat s137	100.00
26	Dalston Junior Football - grant training equipment for all age groups	400.00
27	D C Cowen – grant Cumdivock Churchyard grass cutting costs 2006	120.00

Income:

1	Caldbeck PC – use of PC computer & telephone 27/02-18/08/06	55.03
2	Hunsonby PC - use of PC computer & telephone 27/02-18/08/06	28.85
3	P Rowcroft & R Willatt – 1 Forge Green 1 week October rent	54.00
4	Mr Pattinson – Toddle Row annual rent	10.00
5	L & D White – 2 Forge Green 1 month deposit	411.67
6	L & D White – 2 Forge Green November rent	411.67
7	Mr & Mrs Rutherford – land to rear 2 Walk Mill rent	50.00
8	J Tremble – burial fee	261.00

GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) The Clerk gave an update on the Station approach project. Mr Cowen, following consultation with Mr Harrison had compiled a specification letter, together with drawings inviting quotations for consultancy and planning supervisory work following the withdrawal of Mr Gray from the project. **Resolved** that the papers should be sent to four consulting engineers, including Capita Symonds. The project had been split into 2 phases to accommodate grant provision timing.
- b) Parish Council and Dalston Agricultural Society representatives had met on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2006 to discuss car parking on part of the Show Field. It was agreed that the concept and principal in general were good, but the proposal was financially difficult. A valuation had been obtained for the land and a reasonable rent income for the use of the land for a 5-20 year lease might be expected. It was suggested that there should be some financial input by businesses, including the Doctors Surgery, as well as reliance on revenue obtained from Parishioners through the

precept. Parish Council enquiries were to be made regarding any mechanisms in place for clawing this back through the business rate, whilst the representatives agreed to report back the discussions to the next Agricultural Society meeting, together with a request for more specific figures for consideration.

- c) The Clerk reported that Tristan Josh, Eco-Tech Systems was unable to attend the December meeting, but might be available in January. **Resolved**, following his advice, but subject to Environment Agency agreement, to erect some temporary fencing and warning signs around the areas of unstable rock armour on the Green. Residents to be advised of this action in the Parish magazines and on the website.
- d) The Clerk reported that Mr and Mrs White and 2 children had taken up occupancy of 2 Forge Green. 1 Forge Green had been inspected and found to be satisfactory on the departure of the tenants and essential minor repairs were in hand. **Resolved** that the flat was to be advertised to let. A private offer had been received to purchase Forge Green, conditional on the property being free of all common land encumbrances at the time of completion and the addition of a strip of land on the west side of the property to enhance security. **Resolved** to respond that Dalston Parish Council was appreciative and interested in the offer, but that it was unable to offer any commitment on the common land issue, as the timing of the regulating facility to preclude the house and garden from the registered unit was out of its hands. It was agreed that the interested party should be kept informed of progress in this respect.
- e) An update was requested regarding progress with rebuilding the Cemetery wall. The contractor had advised the Clerk that the work would be re-commenced shortly.

## 87 CAPITAL PROJECTS, BUDGETS AND PRECEPT 2007/08

**Resolved** that applications for grants should be made to CPCA as follows:

2006/07 additional funding	Capital project – seat outside the church wall at Raughton Head. Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill – gravel renewal and railing repainting.
2007/08 CPCA City/County	Capital project – Station approach completion Phase 2. Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill – internal lighting and tablecloths.

The Parish Council discussed the briefing paper and proposals set out in draft budgets A, B and C produced for illustrative purposes. It was **resolved** that further consideration was required in connection with capital projects – Station entrance, car parking, Square regeneration, new community building, dependent on the sale or renovation of Forge Green and grasscreting. Mr Kelsey proposed, seconded Mr Craig to hold a special meeting in January 2007 regarding these matters – agreed. It was proposed by Mr Craig, seconded Mr Roberts to set the Precept at £32,000 for 2007/08. An amendment to the resolution, proposed Mr Harrison, seconded Mr Potter to set the Precept at £31,000 was defeated – 2 in favour, 13 against. The original **resolution** to set the Precept at £32,000 for 2007/08 was carried – 12 in favour, 3 against.

## 88 POLICY AND RESOURCES SUB-COMMITTEE

Resolve to exclude members of the public and press from the meeting pursuant to section 1(2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Mr Auld and the Clerk declared prejudicial interests and left the meeting. It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006 should be provided at the earliest opportunity. A **resolution** to accept the Sub-Committee's request to seek legal advice, initially through CALC and NALC was carried.

## 89 CALC AGM REPORT

The main item on the agenda was the presentation by Mr Stybelski, Cumbria CC Chief Executive and ensuing discussion on the newly published Local Government White Paper. Councillors were encouraged to make themselves aware of the contents of the documents.

## 90 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Carlisle CC – Charter consultation – Clerk report deferred.
- 2 Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006 – Mr Auld gave brief report on the main topic of Police matters and local issues. The slurry and 30mph road markings cost £89 each. Proposed locations were at Buckabank, on the Green and on the

- approach to the schools.
- 3 Cumbria Police Authority Carlisle Community Liaison Forum 12<sup>th</sup> October – Police Community Support Officers – information at future PC meeting.
  - 4 Carlisle CC Development Services response to letter re application for DHL operator’s license at Pirelli – for information.
  - 5 Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service letter and notes re community partnership working. Letter re community fire safety awareness and home safety visits – Clerk to respond.
  - 6 Kingswood Local Liaison Committee meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 2006 notes. Copy letter from Mr Allison to Mr Walsingham re proposed main access.
  - 7 Notification of Carlisle Environmental Action AGM, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2006 – no attendance.
  - 8 Notification of Carlisle Environment Forum meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006 – no attendance.
  - 9 Draft Cumbria Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document – no response.
  - 10 Copy of CALC November County Circular. CALC Neighbourhood Forums consultation – response by 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007 – Clerk to complete. The Cumbria Courier on-line newsheet.
  - 11 Cumbria in Bloom AGM Agenda 27<sup>th</sup> November – no attendance.
  - 12 Countryside Alliance letter requesting support for rural post offices – Clerk to respond.
  - 13 H & H Bowe Ltd reply re gas pipe way leave at Lakerigg – Clerk to respond

91 CEMETERY MATTERS

Interment: Edwin McKinlay 01/11/06 Ward 5 Section K Space 36  
Stan Jackson – sandstone headstone 8”x21” in front of existing memorial ‘Also her dear Husband Robert Mackay Died 27<sup>th</sup> January 2006 aged 89 years’ – approved.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.