

## DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

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PRESENT	Mr B C Craig (Chairman)	Mr A G Jackson
	Mr A R Auld	Mr J F G Kelsey
	Mr D C Cowen	Mr I Newton
	Mrs P Dalton	Mrs C M Oakley
	Mr D W Hand	Mr R J Potter
	Mr G Harrison	Mrs J L Rawstron

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs O Roberts (ill), S A Sinclair and M Smillie (work).

### 66 MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

### 67 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies were received from PC Colin Hird. The Clerk read out a report of recent youth disorder, theft, burglary and other incidents. It was agreed that the Police could be more visible in Dalston and that backup by other members of the community policing team would be helpful.

Councillor Allison asked about the current Parish Council position regarding the displaced river revetment blocks on the Green – he was informed that the situation was being monitored at present. The Property and Maintenance Committee current thinking was to do nothing and let nature take its course of action. Some planting of willows had also been discussed, but again there was a reluctance to detract from the open view of the river in this area. Dalston Parish Council would have to fund any work undertaken.

Councillor Crookdake reported that complaints had been made regarding the number of accidents on the road at Green Lane. A Highways engineer had been asked to look at the camber and a flashing speed sign was being considered – the Council felt that speed of travel might be the cause of the problem.

Individuals were urged to complete the questionnaire regarding Cumbria CC engagement with local communities.

### 68 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr D Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – Kingswood Educational Centre, agenda item 8/10 – St Michael's Church re Cemetery CCTV/fencing, agenda item 6 – employed Mr MacInnes on occasions.

Mr D Hand declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 – Orton Grange Farm lattice tower land ownership.

Mr A R Auld declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 12 – mileage expenses.

Mrs Oakley declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 8/10 – St Michael's Church re Cemetery CCTV/fencing.

Mr I Newton declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – Forge Green.

### 69 PLANNING DECISIONS

05/0794 Lime House School – siting of temporary classroom – approved 1 condition.

05/0799 Lime House School – erection of temporary classroom – approved 1 condition.

05/0858 Moryn House, The Square – demolition of existing triple garage and erection of double garage and storerooms – approved 3 conditions.

04/0765 Land adjacent Green Farm Cottage, Stockdalewath – erection of dwelling house, garage and garden store (reserved matters) – amended plan – approved 1 condition.

- 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.
- 05/0723 3 Summerfields – conversion of garage to playroom with 1no. ensuite bedroom extension above – approved 3 conditions.
- 05/0725 Hillcrest Farm, Cardewlees – erection of steel framed livestock building (Phase 1) – approved 1 condition.
- 05/0726 Hillcrest Farm, Cardewlees – erection of steel framed silage building (Phase 2) – approved 1 condition.
- 05/0947 Hallfield, The Forge – erection of 2no. dwellings (revised proposal encompassing realignment of drive with grounds) – withdrawn.
- 05/0169 Pirelli Tyres Ltd – erection of wind turbine – approved 10 conditions.
- 05/0834 Westwood Nurseries, Orton Grange – change of use of existing redundant building to provide retail unit selling outdoor hot tubs, spas, saunas, steam rooms and related accessories together with provision of 6no. parking spaces – approved 4 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 – the Clerk read out the consultation response and acknowledgement letter from Legal Services. Agreed to respond indicating that the Activity Standards and Delivery instructions had not been annexed to the Management Plan, nor had the plan referred to in draft conditions 19, 23 and 24. A reply had been received from Mr Eales, Head of Planning Services, in response to written comments made by the Parish Council regarding the Development Control Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 – agreed that the Clerk should acknowledge. Copies of letters from Mr and Mrs Harle and Mr Wilbraham to Legal Services received. Councillor Crookdake informed the meeting that she had made enquiries about the arrangements for the installation of the bund and noise attenuation measures – she provided copy letters relating to this and a possible breach of numbers permitted on site. It was unlikely that the Development Control Committee, at its 11th November 2005 meeting, would consider the matter.
- 05/1026 27 Summerfields – extension over garage to provide 1no additional bedroom – no observations.
- 05/0993 Orton Grange Farm, Orton Grange – replacement of existing lattice tower with new 25m lattice tower to accommodate 6no. O2 PCS antenna, 2no. Orange PCS antenna, 3no. Vodafone antennas, 2no. 0.6 metre Orange transmission dishes and 2no. 0.6 metre Vodafpne transmission dishes with associated radio equipment housing and ancillary development – agreed to applaud multi purpose use of the tower, but felt that the height was intrusive. The question as to whether the tower was replacing the ones at Cardewlees and Barras Lane was raised.
- 05/0963 Dalston Library, 14 The Square – change of use from library to sandwich/food outlet – resolved to object to the bow fronted window as being out of character in the Square. A request was made to include a condition regarding the removal of litter. Enquiries were to be made regarding the trading hours to be operated on the premises. A resolution to submit reservations regarding inadequate parking, particularly at lunchtime, was defeated by the Chairman's casting vote. Councillor Allison declared an interest and left the meeting.
- 05/1034 Dalston Library, 14 The Square – change of use from library to sandwich/food outlet (LBC) – as above. The Clerk advised the meeting that planning applications 1066, 1067 and 1070 would be forthcoming regarding a similar application for the same premises.
- The Clerk reported on email correspondence with Mr Fynn regarding the settlement boundaries to Raughton Head being inaccurate and the Plan on which they were superimposed being out of date. He also expressed concerns regarding the consultation process. Mr Jackson had spoken to Carlisle CC re the Local Plan and was informed that the issues raised would be checked and the objections had been noted in connection with the boundaries – this information had been imparted to Mr Fynn.

71 PARISH OFFICE/COMMUNITY BUILDING UPDATE

Mr Newton, having declared a prejudicial interest left the meeting. Mr Auld updated the Council on the current situation regarding the purchase interest in Forge Green, with one offer received so far. Further viewings were pending. There was an identified need for a narrow strip of land, on the west side, to be included with the property being marketed to prevent the boundary being right up to the building. Four separate Housing Associations had expressed firm interest in being involved in any development of the Maurice Dalton property, together with possible interest in Forge Green as well. Some had indicated an upfront sum, with staged payments during development. Mr A Welton, Cumbria CC Library Manager had indicated verbally following the Neighbourhood Forum meeting, that some help with capital funding and in procurement from other sources could be forthcoming, if space for a library facility was available in any development. Mr Stybelski, Cumbria CC Chief Executive and Ms Mooney, Carlisle CC Chief Executive had also verbally expressed support for the project, if pursued. Mr Kelsey requested that thanks for the work put in by Mr Auld were recorded and he in turn thanked Messrs Harrison and Cowen for their input into the proposals.

72 PARKING

A letter had been received from Dalston Agricultural Society suggesting that there might be a possibility of the Parish Council having some form of parking facility on the Show field between the Doctors Surgery and Glave Hill car park – agreed to reply stating that the matter was being pursued and that further communication would be forthcoming shortly. Mr Craig agreed to draw up outline specifications for both this parking area and on the Kingsway. He also offered to speak to the Practice Manager at the Surgery. An entrance through the existing Glave Hill car park would necessitate the involvement of the Victory Hall Committee. The Show field area was felt to have priority, with a lease of the land being a consideration. It was suggested that eventually a meeting of three Parish Councillors with Dalston Agricultural Society representatives should be convened.

73 CAPITAL PROJECTS AND BUDGET FOR 2006/07

Various projects were discussed including grasscrete between the Victory Hall and Methodist Church, office development, Parish Plan actions and parking - for consideration by the Policy and Resources Committee.

74 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Cumbria & Lake District Joint Structure Plan Modifications September 2005 – no comment.
- 2 Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum meeting 15<sup>th</sup> September – Clerk reported, the main topic being the Dalston library closure and associated matters.
- 3 CPCA AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Mrs Dalton reported that the main speaker was Ms Maggie Mooney, Chief Executive, Carlisle CC on Carlisle Renaissance. Following the usual reports the Officers and members of the Executive Committee were appointed, as well as the various representatives to other bodies. Mrs J Holland was elected as Chairman and Mr W Little as Vice-Chairman. Other topics were Clerks workload and hours, Parish planning, and Quality Parish Status.
- 4 Notification of Cumbria Police Authority Community Liaison Forum - 13<sup>th</sup> October – Mrs Dalton had sent apologies for absence.
- 5 VAC, Carlisle CC, Cumbria CC Community & Parish Plans workshops – 21<sup>st</sup> October – Clerk to attend.
- 6 Carlisle Environment Forum AGM and ‘No time to Waste!’ – 27<sup>th</sup> October – Mr Kelsey and the Clerk to attend.
- 7 Notification of CALC AGM – 12<sup>th</sup> November, Cleator Moor – Mrs Dalton to attend.
- 8 VAC Implementing your Parish/Community Plan – 16<sup>th</sup> November – Mrs Dalton and the Clerk to attend.
- 9 Home Office & Cumbria Association of Councils for Voluntary Service Special Event on Local Area Agreements – 24<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – Mrs Dalton and the Clerk to attend.
- 10 Notice of CPCA/Carlisle CC Executive meeting - 28<sup>th</sup> November – Mr Craig and the Clerk to attend.
- 11 Dalston Recreation Association letter requesting permission for bonfire on the Green – 6<sup>th</sup>

- November – agreed subject to usual insurance arrangements and notification to Mrs Scott.
- 12 Allerdale BC Statement of Community Involvement questionnaire – no action.
- 13 Redspearlands Footpath Group October Newsletter
- 14 CALC October County Circular
- 15 Eden DC Local Development Framework Core Strategy consultation – no action.
- 16 Notification letter of change of Chairman for Dalston Pre-School Group
- 17 Highways Traffic information leaflet September – November 2005
- 18 Raughton Head October magazine
- 19 Friends of the Lake District Report & Newsletter Autumn 2005
- 20 English Nature Sitelines & SSSI Awards magazine, Parish Pump News Autumn 2005
- 21 Audit Commission Review of Road Safety in Cumbria – response to CALC – no action.
- 22 North West Air Ambulance appeal – suggested inclusion in Festival Week
- 24 Notes from CALC meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September for larger Parishes – Mr Auld had attended and reported that the main discussion was on the services provided by CALC and relationships with Principal Authorities and the Quality Parish Scheme.

## 75 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) The Clerk advised Members of the reply from the Environment Agency, following the Council's response to the unlawful gravel extraction at the September meeting. It had been agreed by the Property and Maintenance Committee to make the gate on the access track more secure. It was agreed that it would be helpful for the Parish Council to be aware of who had licences to remove gravel from the River Caldew at Bridge End, for how long and the quantity of abstraction permitted.
- b) A report was given on the Property and Maintenance Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2005. It was suggested that any remedial works on the Green riverbank revetment or tree planting were to be kept on hold. The Committee had proposed to recommend the erection of a fence around the Cemetery, with the pursuit of CCTV installation to be left in abeyance for the moment. Resolved, proposed Mr Harrison, seconded Mrs Dalton to refer the whole matter back to Property and Maintenance for further consideration. It was agreed that Mr Cowen should ascertain the availability and correct time for planting of the wild flower plugs (300) for volunteers to plant at Forge Green. The Clerk was to organise the topping of the grass etc. growth on the wild flower meadow area. Mr Cowen had drawn up the Cemetery access lane wall repairs specification. Agreed that this should be put out to tender to Messrs Faulder, Wannop, Cullen & Lancaster and Ford (or another contractor). Mr Craig had offered to draw up a specification for works to the Station approach 'island'.
- c) Some of the notice boards required attention and the quantity of unnecessary advertising was of concern.

## 76 DALSTON FESTIVAL MEETING

Mr Craig reported on the inaugural meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at which 18 organisations were represented. It was agreed that the Festival should be held from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2006 ending on Dalston Show Day. Various activities were discussed and people volunteered to be on the Festival Committee. Representatives were to report back to organisations and ascertain what contributions they would each make to the Festival content for the next meeting to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2005, when it was hoped to also appoint Mr A Dinning as Chairman and Mrs L Roadknight as Secretary.

## 77 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	Barclays Bank – safe custody fee 20/09/05	1.00
2	Audit Commission – audit fee 04/05	293.75
3	Staples – cartridges, staples	32.20
4	Smiths Gore – Forge Green & office development work	306.67
5	A R Auld – mileage expenses to CALC meeting for larger Councils, Keswick	20.00
6	Powergen - electricity	39.49
7	Garthside Landscapes – Cemetery maintenance 3 August-September	1151.50

8	Inland Revenue – PAYE/NIC	436.72
9	Mrs E Auld – salary £645.57, expenses £22.62	668.19
10	Allianz Cornhill – additional premium	83.05

Income:

1	Business Reserve a/c interest 16/08/05	159.23
2	Step Saver a/c interest 05/09/05	33.16
3	Lakeland Slate Products – additional inscription 03/10/05	31.00
4	Cumbria Memorials – 2 x headstones, 2 x additional inscriptions	164.00
5	K Patton – grave space purchase outside Parish	106.00
6	Co-operative Memorials – 1 x headstone, 1 x additional inscription	82.00
7	P Rowcroft & R Willatt – 1 Forge Green October rent	209.00
9	Beattie Memorials - headstone	51.00
10	T & E Allinson – 2 Forge Green October rent	398.67

The Chairman had completed a form regarding the acquisition of a quotation from Allianz Cornhill for an increase in the Fidelity Guarantee insurance cover. The Internal Auditor had examined the accounts to date and was satisfied that they were correct. Mr Couling expressed some concern regarding an invoice from Mr Jeffery. Resolved that a letter be sent to him requesting an improved duplicate invoice and ascertaining further information regarding his position on tax declaration.

## 78 CEMETERY MATTERS

- a) Additional inscriptions: Co-operative Monumental Service – Inglis headstone ‘and also of their younger daughter Margaret Spens Inglis 1913-2005’ – approved.  
Lakeland Slate Products – Hewitt headstone ‘also their son in law David Malcolm Wardrop 1913 to 1995 and their daughter Mary Margery 1917 to 1999’ – approved.  
Headstones: Co-operative Monumental Service – Grey granite ‘Treasured memories of a dear wife and mother Sarah Frances McGuinness died 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005 aged 73 years’ – approved.  
Beattie & Co – Rustic mahogany granite ‘ Treasured memories of Richard Dempster Lyder of Hawksdale died 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 aged 66 years a much loved husband, dad and cherished grandad’ – approved.
- b) MAB Bulletin and ABA Information magazines.
- c) The Chairman and Clerk had inspected the Cemetery and identified various headstones to make safe and grave spaces requiring filling up. Agreed to authorise the Clerk to instruct Mr Jeffery to carry out the work. The Jubilee tree had been totally vandalised and the tree cage damaged again – agreed to place the matter on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.