

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 10th October 2006.

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 A G Jackson	Mr S A Sinclair
	Mr J F G Kelsey	

68 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs G Harrison (holiday) and M Smillie (work). Messrs Jackson and Cowen apologised for late arrival and Mr Cowen left before the end of the meeting.

69 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12th September 2006 were agreed and signed as a true record following the deletion of Mr Roberts and the inclusion of Mr Sinclair in the list of attendees.

70 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mrs P Dalton declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 5 planning application 06/0878 Dalston Service Station – nearby resident.

Mr S A Sinclair declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 7a) Station approach – family connection.

71 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of the public were present. Mrs Nicola Clarke introduced herself as the prospective Conservative candidate for the Dalston Ward on Carlisle City Council and indicated that she wished to listen to the matters currently being considered by the Parish Council. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tweedie. Councillor Allison raised concerns expressed by residents regarding poor parking at school arrival and collection times on Ninerigg in particular. Mr Newton stated that the matter had been raised at St Michael's School Governors meeting. A Parishioner had contacted Councillor Allison about a split tree branch overhanging the footpath near Dalston Bridge – agreed that Mr Park should be asked to look at this. The Clerk reported that the Police had recorded 15 crime, 4 anti social behaviour and 5 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.

72 PLANNING DECISIONS

06/0857 Orton Grange Caravan Park, Orton grange – temporary sales office (retrospective application) – approved 1 condition.

06/0902 The Old Vicarage, The Square – proposed installation of cavity drain membrane system to cellar – approved 1 condition.

06/0972 Land adjacent Green Farm Cottage, Stockdalewath – new dwelling house, garage and garage store (renewal of consent) – approved 7 conditions.

06/0907 Dalston Pharmacy, 2 Vicars Cottages, The Square – display of an illuminated fascia and projecting sign – approved 6 conditions.

06/0961 4 Glebe Close – kitchen extension – approved 3 conditions.

- 06/0820 Dalston Recreation Field, The Green – provision of floodlighting to Courts 3 & 4 via 6no. 8m lighting columns – deferred for site visit and to investigate the impact of the development on bats.
- 06/0934 22 The Green - – replacement of rotten staircase window traditional sliding sash window, on waxed cords and pulleys factory glazed with 24mm Pilkington toughened units incorporating 18mm back to back spacer bars with timber astringed bars bonded to the inside and outside of each unit (LBC) – withdrawn.
- 06/0864 7 The Green – erection of satellite dish to be fixed to rear offshoot elevation – approved 2 conditions.
- 06/1045 The Surgery, Townhead Road – replacement of flat roofs with pitched roofs over entrance porches and installation of roof window to rear elevation – approved 1 condition.
- 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; and, a climbing wall;
 - c) Installation of external lighting system – approved subject to Legal Agreement and 26 conditions. Letter from Mr Walsingham regarding the inaugural meeting of the Local Liaison Committee on 13th October 2006 – **resolved** that Mrs Dalton was to represent the Parish Council.
- 06/0820 Dalston Recreation Field, The Green – provision of floodlighting to Courts 3 & 4 via 6no. 8m lighting columns – site visit 8th November 2006 – Mrs Dalton and Mr Auld to attend.

73 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 06/0878 Dalston Service Station, The Green – erection of steel framed shed for use as commercial garage (2nd revised plan) no observations.
- 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 – no observations.
- Carlisle District Local Plan – Revised Redeposit – consultation document in circulation – deadline 3rd November 2006. Agreed that comments should be returned to the Clerk by the end of October for compilation and submission.

74 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Carlisle CC – Charter consultation – response from 4 Councillors to date. **Resolved** that the Clerk should compile a consultation response by 19th October 2006 based on comments received and report to next meeting.
- 2 Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum 25th September – Mr Turnbull had attended and raised various matters of inadequacy in connection with the bridges in Dalston. Mrs Dalton commented on the virtues of Neighbourhood Forums, or whether a different approach was required.
- 3 CPCA AGM 4th October – Clerk reported that Amy East, Carlisle CC Sports Development officer had spoken about the sports opportunities available for rural areas, including coaching and volunteer assistants. Caldew School was currently being used for multi-sports sessions. It was suggested that the requirements highlighted in the Parish Plan should be followed up. The Chairman explained the respective roles of the Local Strategic partnership on strategy, especially in connection with movement and housing, and Carlisle Renaissance on vision. There was a need to lobby for more funding for Stronger Communities and to join the national Village Hall Forum to strengthen the voice to central government. Information was provided on the Lengthsman scheme, IT funding, Youth shelters, free O.S. map use in the future for Parish Councils and the extension of Leader Plus EEC funding to the whole of rural Cumbria. The need for legal insurance cover was emphasised.
- 4 Cumbria Police Authority Carlisle Community Liaison Forum 12th October – Mrs Dalton, Mr Auld and the Clerk to attend and report to next meeting. Main topic - Police Community Support Officers.

- 5 Councillor Allison letter re proposal by DHL to transfer their operation from Kingmoor Park to Pirelli. **Resolved** to write to Councillor Collier, with a copy to Carlisle CC Planners, expressing concern about the potential for increase in HGVs travelling through the City or ignoring the ban through Dalston arising from this development.
- 6 CALC AGM 4th November, Kendal – Mrs Dalton, Mr Auld and the Clerk to attend. **Resolved** that lunch expenses would be covered.
- 7 Dalston Recreation Association request to hold a Bonfire Night on the Green on 5th November – **resolved** to agree to the location of the event on the Green.
- 8 Allerdale BC Local Development Conduct Issues and Options Consultation – the Clerk was attending a meeting for Caldbeck PC in connection with this on 19th October.
- 9 Carlisle CC Standards Matters Newsletter – Chairman highlighted various cases.
- 10 Confirmation letter from Caldew School regarding a meeting on 12th October 2006 for Governor representatives and Parish Councillors – Mrs Dalton and Messrs Auld, Craig, Hand, Smillie to attend.
- 11 Cumbria in Figures 2006 document – available on Dalston website
- 12 Letter on website & in Parish Paper regarding Cumbria CC library service in Dalston – **resolved** that an article clarifying the situation should be included in next month's publications.

75 GARDENS & MAINTENANCE – PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- a) Station approach project - the Clerk reported on a site meeting held on 2nd October 2006 regarding the proposals for work on the play area boundary hedge adjoining the Station Road access to the railway station. Messrs Hammond, Carlisle CC Landscape Development Officer, D Cowen, R Auld and the Clerk attended. Subsequently, a letter had been sent to Carlisle CC including detailed notes of works to be undertaken by the City Council, with ongoing maintenance being taken over by the Parish Council. Mr Cowen reported that Mr Gray was uncomfortable about the Station entrance project as some highways engineering aspects were outside his area of expertise. It was felt that the specifications required revision to include a drainage scheme, prior to submitting to contractors for re-tendering. **Resolved** that a letter was sent reminding Mr Gray of the terms of his engagement and asking for some alternative suggestions for making progress with the project as a matter of urgency, as there were certain time constraints relating to grant funding and gaining necessary permissions for the work to be carried out. Mr Mallinson had produced a preliminary drawing for a sign upgrade on the traffic island. Mallinsons business signs would require planning permission for advance signs.
- b) Car parking - a meeting had been arranged with Dalston Agricultural Society representatives on 24th October 2006 at Forge Green – Messrs Auld, Craig, Roberts and Hand to attend. A reply had been received from Mr Pickering, Corporate Director, Cumbria CC Client Services regarding 20mph speed restrictions, HGV traffic and parking in Dalston. **Resolved** to send a letter to Councillor Collier seeking information on the satisfying criteria needed and costs involved in obtaining a 20mph restricted area and whether a contribution from the Parish Council to this provision would be of assistance in priority terms. Also to be included in the letter was reference to enforcement of the HGV ban, the effectiveness of the current restrictions and the possible options for future changes. **Resolved** to request provision of disabled persons parking spaces outside the Co-op in the Square as asked for by residents from Raughton Head. Copy letters to be sent to Mr Pickering, Messrs Poole and Taylor, Carlisle CC Highways Service and Development Control Managers, Inspector Coates, Cumbria Constabulary and Mr Allison, District Councillor.
- c) Riverbank erosion – the Clerk reported on a site meeting held on 21st September 2006 with Mr Tristan Josh, ECO-Tech Systems regarding the riverbank erosion in particular on the Green, but also upstream to Hawksdale Bridge. **Resolved** that Mr Josh should be invited to attend and speak at the December Parish Council meeting.
- d) Forge Green – the Contracts for the tenancy of 2 Forge Green were available for signature by Messrs Auld and Craig. The White family hoped to move in later in the month. Mr Rowcroft and Miss Willatt had notified the Parish Council that they would be vacating 1 Forge Green within two weeks. It was agreed that the premises should be inspected and repairs carried out prior to trying to re-let the property. Further to recent legislation, Mr Craig was pursuing the completion of a fire risk assessment and fire extinguishing equipment was being investigated.

- e) Parish maintenance – the Clerk reported on a site meeting with Brian Butler, Capita regarding the area to the east of the White Bridge, including the broken railings, the cleaning of the bridge and other maintenance matters. Matters in connection with Lakerigg, the other areas of common land and the Green were all ongoing. The wild flower plugs were still to order by Mr Cowen.
- f) Notice boards – some of these were in need of refurbishment and estimates were to be obtained for carrying out the work as required.
- g) A report of the Parish paths Initiative meeting had been received. Potholes were reported to the south of the Co-op delivery bay and on Buebanks Lane between Barras Brow and Cardew. Loose paving stones had caused problems in the cut between Barras Close and Station Road. A problem was arising with HGVs trying to approach Dalston from Buckabank via Mitchell Brow and having to turn around at the bottom of the hill due to the increase in use of satellite navigation equipment. **Resolved** that Cumbria Highways was to be advised of these matters.

76 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	Mr D Cowen – Internal Auditor gift from Chairman’s allowance	44.40
2	Powergen – electricity supply	53.61
3	Powergen – electricity 2 Forge Green	17.66
4	Dalston PCC – Festival Committee Church House rent 18/09/06 s137	5.00
5	CALC – Councillor training fees x 2	50.00
6	Inland Revenue – PAYE/NIC	543.44
7	Mrs E Auld – salary £561.21, expenses £36.44	597.65
8	SLCC – annual subscription 2006/07	93.00
9	Barclays Bank – safe custody fee	1.00
Income:		
1	P Rowcroft & R Willatt – 1 Forge Green September rent	210.75

77 CEMETERY MATTERS

Resolved, proposed Mrs Dalton, seconded Mr Roberts to approve the revised Cemetery Regulations and Fees commencing from 1st December 2006. A removable vase was to be permitted on un-purchased grave spaces.

The meeting closed at 9pm.