

## DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at Forge Green on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs P Dalton (holiday).

### 54 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Resolved, proposed Mr Auld, seconded Mr Kelsey to co-opt Mr Ian Newton onto the Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interest forms were signed and completed. Revised Interest forms were received from Mr Kelsey and Mrs Oakley.

### 55 MINUTES

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2005 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

### 56 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Apologies were received from Councillor L Crookdake. PC Colin Hird reported a trend in stone throwing at passing vehicles and signs – Mr Smillie stated that the Station signs had been targeted. Motorcycles, including mini-cycles continued to be problematical on common land and the cycleway. One shed burglary, an increase in litter in the Cemetery, broken Victory Hall windows and damaged 30mph road sign at Raughton Head were all reported. Overseas vehicles were being driven on the wrong side of the road – PC Hird indicated that he would speak to the businesses involved regarding the language problem of some of the drivers.

Mr Bruce Armstrong indicated that slow progress had been made regarding the Kingswood Centre s106 Agreement (including the Management Code) since the Development Control meeting in June. The major outstanding issue for the Cumdivock Group was the incorporation of a 6-week summer break as per Lime House School. He reported that booking numbers exceeded 160 on some occasions, indicating that the situation needed to be carefully monitored. The Cumdivock Group was responding to the consultation documents by the end of September for the Carlisle CC Development Control meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

Members were reminded that the Neighbourhood Forum meeting at Caldew School on 15<sup>th</sup> September included discussion on the future of the Library.

### 57 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr D Cowen declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – Kingswood Educational Centre, agenda item 9 – Cumbria in Bloom judge, agenda item 10 – employed Mr MacInnes.

Mr O Roberts declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – Moryn House neighbour.

Mr S A Sinclair declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – Moryn House relative of owner.

Mr A Jackson declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 6 – owner of property adjacent to Green Farm Cottage, Stockdalewath.

Mrs J Rawstron declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 11 – Dalston WI member.

Mr J Kelsey declared and recorded an interest in agenda item 11 – husband of Dalston WI member.

PLANNING DECISIONS

- 05/0438 37 New Road – change of use from agriculture/hardstanding to create parking area for a maximum of 3no. private hire mini buses, retention of metal storage container and erection of 1.8 metre high security fence around part of the parking area – application withdrawn.
- 05/0646 Dalmar House, Barras Lane- three storey extension to existing office accommodation and associated car parking – approved 3 conditions.
- 05/0660 Site no. 1, Clipston M.O.T. Centre, Barras Lane Industrial Centre – erection of vehicle repair garage – approved 4 conditions.
- 05/9014 Cardewmires Quarry, Cardewlees – provision of office accommodation and laboratory – approved 3 conditions.
- 05/0702 Birds Hill Farm, Raughton Head – erection of replacement general purpose agricultural building – approved 1 condition.
- 05/0139 S211 Struan, Carlisle Road – fell sycamore in garden adjacent to the Cemetery access lane – approved.
- 05/0140 S211 St Michael’s Church – fell sycamore (Norway maple) adjacent Carlisle Road in the churchyard – approved.
- 05/0210/12 Temperance Farm, Raughton Head – erection of general purpose and livestock buildings – Clerk reported that the site had been inspected by Planning Officers and a revised application was required because of a projection of the building in the NW corner affecting the public Right of Way. Additional correspondence received regarding this potential obstruction of the footpath. Mr Jackson expressed residents concern regarding the unsightly use of concrete railway sleepers with metal projections rather than grey concrete blocks for the walls – agreed that the Planners should be informed.
- 04/1034 Raughton Head Hill Farm, Raughton Head – conversion of barn to form holiday accommodation, including the raising of the existing roof by 0.3 metres – refused 1 reason.

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 – agreed, proposed B Craig, seconded J Kelsey to circulate the documents for comments, with the compiled response to be submitted by the Clerk before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2005.
- 05/0794 Lime House School – siting of temporary classroom – no further comments.
- 05/0799 Lime House School – erection of temporary classroom – no further comments.
- 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 – notification of site meeting 28<sup>th</sup> September 2005 – Mr Sinclair and Clerk to attend.
- 05/0858 Moryn House, The Square – demolition of existing triple garage and erection of double garage and store rooms – no observations.
- 05/0876 Holmhill, Hawksdale – incorporation of outbuilding into dwelling to provide additional 3no. bedrooms and bathroom. – no observations.
- 05/0880 Holm Hill House, Hawksdale – restoration and conversion of outbuilding to domestic accommodation (LBC) – no observations.
- 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 – no observations.
- 05/0903 Lime House School, Holm Hill, Hawksdale – erection of external fire escape stair – no observations.
- 05/0904 Lime House School, Holm Hill, Hawksdale – erection of external fire escape to comply with fire regulations – no observations.
- 04/0765 Land adjacent Green Farm Cottage, Stockdalewath – erection of dwelling house, garage and garden store (reserved matters) – amended plan – no observations.
- 05/0908 7 Crakegarth – erection of detached garage for the use of garaging vehicles and secure storage – no observations.
- 05/0915 The Gill – erection of milking parlour, animal treatment area and silo – no observations.

05/0947 Hallfield, The Forge – erection of 2no. dwellings (revised proposal encompassing realignment of drive with grounds) – agreed to express continued concerns regarding the position of the access to the highway.

60 PARISH PLAN

Mr Kelsey congratulated all those involved in organising the successful, well attended Parish Plan Launch Event on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. It was agreed that the actions in the Plan should be reviewed annually and progress reported at the Annual Parish Meeting. Mr Craig proposed that a meeting of organisation representatives should be held to discuss forming a Dalston Festival Group to progress with a week/weekend long event in 2006 – various suggestions for activities were put forward. Mr Newton agreed to book the Victory Hall Social Room on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2005 – Messrs Craig, Kelsey, Auld, Smillie, Mesdames Oakley and Rawstron to attend for the Parish Council. Mr Craig offered to draft an invitation letter for distribution to all organisations by the Clerk, who also agreed to submit an item for the website and Parish magazines.

61 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Cumbria Local Democracy Commission consultation re Cumbria CC engagement with local communities – questionnaire considered to consist of time consuming open ended questions, which did not warrant an answer. It was not thought to be a very worthwhile exercise – merely a justification for the organisation to exist.
- 2 VAC dates for Workshops about Parish and Community Planning – possible attendance by the Clerk and Mrs Dalton.
- 3 W D Mark-Bell, Solicitor request for letter to include in folder for Magistrates regarding youth problems in Dalston – agreed that letter should be provided, reiterating intimidation, desecration and damage caused by group of young people.
- 4 Minutes of CPCA/Carlisle CC Executive joint meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June 2005
- 5 Cumbria CC letter and information leaflets regarding Cumbria Rural Infrastructure Support Programme (CRISP)
- 6 Carlisle CC Housing Strategy for Carlisle 2005-2010
- 7 Cumbria & Lake District Public Transport map
- 8 Cumbria County Playing Fields Association Annual Report 2004-2005
- 9 Cumbria & Lake District Joint Structure Plan Modifications September 2005 – consultation by 15<sup>th</sup> October 2005 – agreed to circulate.
- 10 Carlisle District Local Plan Redeposit Draft 2001-2016 - consultation on amendments – Mr Smillie to consider.
- 11 Dalston & Cummersdale Neighbourhood Forum meeting 15<sup>th</sup> September - notice, agenda and minutes – members urged to attend as Dalston Library main topic for discussion.
- 12 Redspearlands Footpath Group September Newsletter. Clerk reported that a Health & Safety Executive enquiry had been received re BW 114036, Stockdalewath following correspondence from the Redspearland Group – agreed that more details were to be obtained as to why the letter had been sent and not copied to the Parish Council.
- 13 Report of meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005 re motorcycles on cycleway and proposed actions – Clerk had attended. Contact was to be made with Nestle to discuss ways of curtailing motorbike access at Low Mill, Masonic Hall and behind Caldew and St Michael's Schools.
- 14 Planning Aid Community News
- 15 Local Works campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill literature and request for Local Authority resolution – no action.
- 16 Carlisle Mobile Post Office branch timetable – for information.
- 17 The Local Channel website competition entry – no action.
- 18 CALC September County Circular. Quality Parish Development Programme – questionnaire re Charters – agreed to circulate for response by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005. CALC Statement of Policies, CALC Training Programme, Autumn 2005-Spring 2006 – Councillors advised.
- 19 Local Council Review September 2005
- 20 Raughton Head September magazine
- 21 CMC Landscapes – request to be considered for grass cutting contracts – Clerk to acknowledge.
- 22 Carlisle CC Rural Voice September 2005 & leaflet on Neighbourhood Forums.

62 GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE

- a) The Clerk reported on a letter received and email communications with the Environment Agency following the illegal mechanical extraction of a substantial amount of stone from the gravel bank at Bridge End. Agreed to respond that the Parish Council was concerned that the gravel had been taken without consent, but that it was not entirely unhappy with the result. No action was to be taken regarding making the gate hinge more secure.
- b) CALC email requesting information on Right of Way activity/work in Dalston Parish – agreed to respond advising of the Redspearlands Group update of PPP survey work. Mr Sinclair agreed to represent the Parish Council at any meeting convened by Cumbria CC on the subject.
- c) The Clerk reported on various maintenance matters requiring attention – pedestrian line on Union Bridge, replacement seat slats on the Green, repairs to fencing at N Cemetery entrance, stop on hinge of big Cemetery gate, emptying of Forge Green litterbin, blocked highway drain outside Corner Shop, overgrown rose bush at Ben Hodgson’s garage, faulty light outside Hallfield, Buckabank.
- d) The bridleway between Flatt Bank, Gaitsgill and Lime House was reported as being impassable – agreed that letter should be sent to ECCP.
- e) Reported that Dalston had been awarded a Silver Medal certificate in the Cumbria in Bloom competition. Dalston Bowling Club had won the Continental Landscapes Trophy in the Special Category section. It was agreed that the Parish Council would cover the cost of the engraving but not mileage expenses for the Bowling Club representatives. The Clerk and Mr & Mrs J Jeff had attended the presentation event at Muncaster for Dalston. An article about the awards was to be included on the website and in the Parish magazines.

63 PARISH OFFICE/COMMUNITY BUILDING UPDATE

Mr Auld reported that Forge Green was, subject to Council approval, to be put on the market by Cumbrian Properties for £350,000, at the end of the week. The Working Group requested to change, for financial savings and other reasons, from using Smiths Gore for the sale of Forge Green and negotiations for the purchase of Maurice Dalton Ltd, with the suggestion to ask Mr Miles MacInnes to undertake the latter transactions. Resolved, proposed Mr Smillie, seconded Mr Kelsey that the Council appoint an agent to act on the Council’s behalf, who in the opinion of the Working Group was most likely to meet the Council’s needs both for the sale of Forge Green and for negotiations for the purchase of the Maurice Dalton Ltd property – carried, 2 abstentions. An offer to purchase was to be made in the near future, subject to contract, planning etc. Some errors in relation to the boundaries shown had been highlighted. Resolved, proposed Mr Smillie, seconded Mrs Oakley that the Council delegated to the Working Group an amount of £5,000 to incur necessary costs in progressing the Council’s proposed development – carried, 1 against, 2 abstentions. Voluntary registration of the title to Forge Green was required, following further research of some documents. The Chairman reported that the tenants had been advised of the situation. More than one Housing Association had expressed interest in the PC proposals for the Maurice Dalton Ltd property.

64 ACCOUNTS

Resolved to approve the following expenditure and record of income:

1	Fullpoint Design Associates Ltd – Parish Plan design, print Appendix covers	732.02
2	British Telecommunications – telephone 23/05-18/08	76.63
3	Biffa Waste Collection Services Ltd – Cemetery waste 24/09-23/12/05	90.43
4	Maurice Dalton Ltd – Forge Green annual gas safety checks and certification	273.78
5	R & M Burns – Cemetery fencing	105.75
6	Mr D Cowen – gift for Internal Auditor s137	23.99
7	Mr P Garnett – Parish Plan Launch refreshments	59.74
8	Allan Gregory – repairs to the Green bus shelter	120.00
9	United Utilities - ½ year Cemetery water rates	24.95
10	Primrose Hall Committee – CPCA grant floor covering/redecoration 2004/05	250.00
11	Mrs J Rawstron – refreshments Parish Plan initial meeting	15.00
12	Dalston Victory Hall – Parish Plan Launch hire of hall	55.00
13	Mrs E Auld – salary £645.33, expenses £34.08	679.41

14	Staples – copy paper, Velcro display strips (Parish Plan)	20.03
15	Mrs D Kelsey – Parish Plan Launch card	3.99
16	Dalston WI – Parish Plan Launch catering	40.00
17	Mrs J Rawstron – Parish Plan Launch refreshments	16.50

Income:

1	Dalston Post Office – 20 x map packs 05/08/05	40.00
2	HM Customs & Excise – VAT repayment 30/08/05	1,209.27
3	Cumbria CC – CPCA grant Primrose Hall 05/09/05	125.00
4	CPCA – grant Primrose Hall floor covering/redecoration 2004/05 08/09/05	125.00
5	P Rowcroft & R Willatt – 1 Forge Green September rent	206.00

65 CEMETERY MATTERS

Cumbria Memorials Direct: application for additional inscription on Lupton memorial ‘also John H (Jack) a loving husband and father 26.4.1920 – 15.7.2005’ – approved subject to payment of fee and outstanding account.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.