

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

The term of office of the current Dalston Parish Councillors expires on the 10th May 2010. The official Notice of Election posters will be displayed on notice boards and the website in mid-March.

Anyone who is interested in being a candidate for the Parish Council need to complete and return nomination papers to the Returning Officer, Carlisle City Council before the deadline of **Thursday 8th April 2010**. Nomination papers can be obtained from the Returning Officer (01228 817555) or the Clerk at Forge Green Office (01228 712766).

If more candidates than the number of seats on the Parish Council are received, i.e. more than 15, then an election will take place. This is planned to take place on the 6th May (the same day as City Council elections). However, at the time of going to press, there is speculation that a parliamentary general election may also take place on the 6th May. If so, the Parish Council election will be postponed to the 27th May 2010. A list of candidates and location of the polling stations will be displayed on notice boards and the website in mid-April.

If 15 or less validly nominated candidates are received, then it is declared an uncontested election. Nominated candidates will take up office and no Parish Council election will take place.

TREE WORKS

In March/April the Parish Council is scheduled to undertake an extensive programme of tree and vegetation removal in the Cemetery. This is due to tree and root systems damaging headstones and grave spaces. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause, but the work is essential to maintain the Churchyard and grave spaces.

DALSTON AGRICULTURAL SHOWFIELD – CAR PARK

Application No. 10/0050 for the formation of car parking areas to serve Dalston Medical Practice, proposed store and residential units was considered. The Council recommended refusal of the application due to visibility concerns at the Glave Hill exit. It was also noted that this exit is positioned on the only pedestrian footway into the village from Townhead Road. It was also commented that the application is also considered piecemeal – in an attempt to address problems in design and the requirements of different user groups. The full Parish Council response can be viewed on the Carlisle City Council website.

DALSTON POST OFFICE IS ON THE MOVE

The Post Office is currently inviting comments regarding the movement of the service to 2-4 Vicars Cottages, The Square. If you have any comments on the proposed move, in particular on opening hours, access to the new location or any local issues specific to Dalston that you would like to be considered, please write to **Post Office Limited, c/o National Consultation Team, PO Box 2060, Watford, WD18 8ZW** before the **9th March**.

At its meeting held on the 9th February, the Parish Council agreed to respond to the consultation highlighting that it would have preferred for the Post Office to have stayed in a location central to the village, but if this is not possible, it is important that Dalston retains a Post Office.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 27th April 2010** at 7:30 pm in the Victory Hall. This is your opportunity to find out what Dalston Parish Council has been involved with over the year for the benefit of the community. You will be able to raise matters of interest or concern and ask questions relating to Dalston Parish. The guest speaker is Mr David Anderson, Factory Manager, Nestlé, Dalston. Delicious refreshments provided by Dalston WI will be available after the meeting – another good reason to come along!