

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green, Dalston on Tuesday
8th November 2016.

S. Milburn Clerk

Present

Cllr Byers	Cllr Ebbatson	Cllr Baxter	Cllr Craig	Cllr Roberts	Cllr Drouet
Cllr Kyle	Cllr Dalton	Cllr Rickerby	Cllr Auld	Cllr Newton	Felicity Kaye-Kreczkowski

Apologies

Cllr Potter	Cllr Cowen	Cllr Lancaster
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Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th October 2016 were approved and signed by Cllr Byers as a true record.

Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

Clerk for planning application 16/0784.

132/16 Public Participation

Apologies were received from Cllr McKerrell, Cllr Christian and Cllr Allison. In attendance were Pat Jackson, Craig Brough, Niel Brough and Richard & Moira Graham. Mr and Mrs Graham spoke in regards to the stakes on the verge outside their property, it was agreed that this would be discussed at the next PC meeting as Cllr Allison and Cllr Potter need to be consulted. Mr Graham made the PC aware that there is a problem with standing water on the road outside his property at Cumdivock.

133/16 Planning Decisions and Applications

Planning Decisions:

Appn Ref: 16/0705 Cardew Hall Farm, Dalston, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA5 7JQ. Variation Of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) Of Previously Approved Planning Permission 15/0955. Grant Permission.

Appn Ref: 16/0789 Dalston Hall Caravan Park, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JX. Removal Of Condition 3 (To Allow Holiday Occupation Of Approved Units For 12 Months) And Variation Of Condition 5 (Restriction Of Colours Of Holiday Lodges & Static Caravans To Green, Brown & Beige) Of Previously Approved Planning Permission 14/0124. Grant Permission.

Appn Ref: 16/0770 Dalston Medical Surgery, Bank Croft, Townhead Rd, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7PZ. Removal Of Conservatory; Erection Of Single Storey Extension To Provide Medical Store. Grant Permission.

Appn Ref: 16/0649 Land adjacent Gill House, The Gill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JP. Erection Of 2no. Dwellings (Outline). Refuse permission.

Planning Applications:

Appn Ref: 16/0907 Land Adjacent Buckabank Hall, Buckabank, Carlisle, CA5 7AA. Erection Of 2No. Detached Dwellings On Agricultural Land (Revised Application). No Observations.

Appn Ref: 16/0895 Lonning Side, Lakerigg, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7BS. Erection Of Single Storey Rear Extension To Provide Lounge, Kitchen & Utility Together With Internal Alterations And Removal Of Porch To Front Elevation (Revised Application). No Observations.

Appn Ref: 16/0874 Greensyke, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle. Variation Of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) Of Previously Approved Permission 13/0973 (Change From Stonework To Brickwork On Plot 7). The PC requested that the decision on this application is deferred until they have seen more detailed plans /pictures of what the building will look like when completed.

Appn Ref: 16/0916 1&2 Barras Lane, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7ND. Change Of Use 1 Barras Lane From Residential To Commercial Offices With External Light Industrial Storage Use And Vehicle Parking; Works To 1&2 Barras Lane To Make Good The Commercial Appearance Of Both Properties By Cladding The Roof, Front & Side Profiles; Removal Of Both Front Porches And Re-Positioning Of Front Doors To Sides And Removal Of Chimney Stacks; Provision Of Secure Compound To Rear And Side Of 1 Barras Lane By Erecting 2.4 Metre High Palisade Fence And Vehicle Access Gate To Side; Removal Of Existing Trees; Provision Of Sub-Base And Dressed Stone To Surface With Natural Drainage. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 16/0898 Field adjacent to Bridge End, Buckabank Weir, River Caldew, Dalston, CA5 7BH. Installation Of Pipe Connected To Buried Header Tank And Access Hatch (All Below Ground) Adjacent To Buckabank Weir Fish Pass; Includes Above Ground Control Box, Use Of Current Access Track And Grid Connection (Revised Application). No Observations.

Appn Ref: 16/0068 S211 The Coach House, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7BH. Remove four or five lower branches to allow access beneath the tree. No Observations.

NOTIFICATION OF AMENDED DETAILS/FURTHER INFORMATION

Appn Ref: 16/0784 Land To South East Of Orton Grange Roundabout, Orton Grange, Carlisle, CA5 6LA. Erection Of 5No. Detached Dwellings. No Observations.

134/16 Clerk and Chairman's Report

- A meeting is to take place in January to discuss the progress of the village sign.
- Andidrain have completed a drain survey from the humped back bridge to the Dalston Fryer for the County Council. Their report / findings will be forwarded to the PC.
- The Recreation Association was thanked for organising the bonfire evening on the 5th November; it was a huge success and raised over £1,000.
- Cllr Byers has updated the village walks. It was suggested that David Wood (Redspearlands) is notified as he may be able to organise volunteers to walk the routes to ensure they are correct.

135/16 Correspondence

- Cumbria In Bloom AGM to take place 14th November 2016, 2pm at Newton Rigg. Cllr Byers and Cllr Auld are to attend.
- The Pharmaceutical Services Committee have determined that the Dalston area is not rural in character and therefore should not be a controlled locality. This decision will not result in any changes for the patients at Dalston Medical Group, as they are still able to receive prescriptions from the practice. The PC noted that they were pleased with the decision.
- National Grid consultation on the £2.8bn project to connect the proposed new nuclear power station at Moorside in Cumbria into the electricity network to commence 28th October 2016. CALC are holding a workshop on the 24th November 2016, 6-8.30pm at the University Of Cumbria, Fusehill Street. A consultation event will also take place on the 16th November at Great Orton Village Hall 2-8pm. Responses to be submitted by 6th January 2017.
- A letter regarding the Margaret Gore Will Trust has been written to Reverend Steve Carter. The purpose of the letter was to request confirmation from the Trustees that in the year to the 31st March 2018 and the years thereafter the income arising from the Margaret Gore Trust will be at least £2,500, ie, around 3.5% per year on the funds bequeathed. The money is to be used for projects in the cemetery. Reverend Carter replied that this would be a reasonable estimate for budgeting purposes, however the PCC would only be able to remit the actual dividends it receives to the Parish Council. A further letter is to be written to the PCC requesting confirmation of what is to happen to the capital growth money and also to request that an outstanding amount of £379.35 which was income included in the original payment of the bequest is paid.
- Correspondence has been received from Dalston Gardening Club seeking permission to continue the Jubilee Garden project. The PC granted permission for the Diamond Rose Bed to be removed, however instead of replacing it with a circular flower bed as requested they would like the area to be grass, 6 councillors were in favour of this, 3 councillors were in favour of replacing the flower bed and 2 councillors abstained. All councillors were in favour of the cherry tree being removed, however instead of replacing this it was agreed to remove the stump and leave as grass. This would enable more space for children to run around and also for functions during Festival Week. The

request for a new bench in the area is to be discussed at the next P&M meeting. The council expressed their thanks to the Gardening Club for all their work to date.

- It was requested that some lower branches are removed from the Oak tree opposite the Co-op, the Clerk is to arrange for the work to be completed.
- A letter has been received from Nestle requesting the Parish Council supports their planning application to install a new Nescafe sign on the front of the main building. 7 councillors were in favour of this, 3 councillors were against and 1 councillor abstained. The Clerk is to write to Nestle and ask that the lighting is toned down as much as possible.
- Lightsource asset management responsibilities transferred to Quintas Energy from 1st November 2016.

136/16 Chalk Quarry

Cllr Dalton reported that Ian Rousell has been researching Chalk Quarry. Both an archaeologist and geologist have looked at the area. It is thought that the 3 lime kilns there are of national importance and should be registered with National Heritage. This area is in Westward Parish Council. The Clerk is to write to Ian thanking him for sharing the information with the Parish Council and to request that if he finds out any more information about the area he relays it back to the Council as it is of great interest.

137/16 BIB Update

Cllr Aud reported that Dalston received a Silver Gilt Award in the Large Village category at the Britain In Bloom awards; as a first time entrant this was an amazing achievement. The awards were held in Birmingham at Edgbaston Cricket club. There were over 500 guests representing categories from the best villages through to the outstanding large towns in the Country.

Cumbria In Bloom has invited Dalston to represent the County in the competition again next year.

Councillors at the Property & Maintenance Committee agreed to this and Cllr Auld reported that the volunteers also support the decision. Cllr Auld is to put together a plan, this will incorporate ideas on how to improve the areas where the village fell short. Areas that the village could improve on included more business participation and the inclusion of a wild flower area. Next year Dalston will aim to achieve the Gold award.

It was suggested that signs should be placed at the entrance to the village acknowledging the Silver Gilt award this could also incorporate the village emblem, this will be discussed at a later date.

A celebratory American supper has been organised for all the volunteers, to be held on the 30th November at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall.

138/16 Charitable Trust Awards

Cllr Kyle reported that the following organisations were successful in the 2016 Charitable Trust Awards; St Michaels Pre-School Nursery, Raughtonhead Womens Institute, Dalston Ladies Hockey Team, Dalston Ladies Choir, Cumdivock Defibrillator Project, Dalston Handbells Ringers, Dalston Festival Committee, Friends Of Dalston Station, Dalston Tennis Club, Dalston Recreation Association and Dalston Gardening Club. A total amount of £3,372.40 was awarded. This information is to be published in the Parish Magazine.

139/16 Forge Green

Three quotes have been sought for the damp proof work needed in Forge Green. It was agreed that Donaldson Damp Proofing should be used as it was the most competitive quote. The first area to be completed is Flat 2 and this work will commence on the 28th November 2016. The overall price for the work is £9,525.00.

The work to the chimney is to take place in the spring. Mr Turk is to complete the necessary roof repairs on 12th November 2016.

140/16 The Square

Correspondence has been received from a parishioner requesting that the rejuvenation of The Square is considered again. It was decided to set up a committee to look at this, Cllr Auld, Cllr Dalton and Cllr Ebbatson all agreed to sit on the committee. The first area of concern to be looked at is the parking surface.

141/16 Kingsway Car Park

Councillors agreed in principle that there should be directional car parking signs for the Kingsway car park. It was agreed that councillors would have a look at the area before the next meeting so that possible locations of the signs could be discussed. It was also proposed to have a clearer toilet sign.

142/16 Financial

The authorisation sheet was discussed and the following payments approved.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE No.	AMOUNT £
Victory Hall	Hire of room for consultations	000101	£60
SH Electrical	PAT testing office equipment	000102	£54
Wigton Town Council	Grass cutting	000103	£4,576.50
CALC	Asset training course	000104	£29.50
S. Milburn	4 x keys cut / mileage for notices	000105	£25.50
Mr Thomlinson	Grass cutting Raughton Head Church	000106	£1,200
Fran Wilcock	Dalston Station	000107	£109.07
RBL Poppy Appeal	3 x poppy wreaths	000108	£54
Cumdivock WI	DNP	000109	£50
Carleton Paving & Groundworks	Repair headstone within the cemetery	000110	£75
Cumbria & Lancashire CRC	Paint jubilee fence / Recreation gate	000111	£47.76
Centrewire	Kissing gate for The Green	000112	£638.40

- The Clerks / RFO agreed salary, PAYE & NI was paid.
- The financial Regulations were ratified, this was proposed by Cllr Kyle and seconded by Cllr Baxter, all councillors were in favour.
- The budget for 2017/18 was discussed and ratified. The precept was increased by 14%. Reasons for this increase are detailed below:-
 1. **Concurrent Services Grant** – this grant, which historically was paid to PCs which were Burial Authorities, has now been phased out. This means that Carlisle City Council is no longer prepared to compensate Dalston for the expense of running a cemetery.
 2. **Council Tax Support Grant** – while additional clarification will be sought by Cllr Kyle, it is thought that this has now been phased out.
 3. **Forge Green Property Maintenance** – it was agreed that the PC must take urgent steps to do all the internal work, including damp remedies and the roof, during the 2016/17 financial year. This will leave the chimney and other necessary external work still to be completed in 2017/18.
 4. **Band D Property Charge** – in 2017/18 this calculates to 15p per property per week.
 5. **Deficit** – this is mainly represented by the essential repair work to Forge Green and reduced rental income.

143/16 Cemetery Matters

- To ratify the transfer of grave space from Ward 5, Section K, Space 56 to Ward 5, Section J, Space 58 for Mr & Mrs Collins.
- The cemetery programme of works was distributed to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Craig reported that a full cemetery inspection had been completed. Work is to be completed on eight headstones that have become loose.

144/16 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Craig discussed the water flow at The White Bridge, when the water levels are low one side of the river does not flow, this could result in the gathering of debris.
- Cllr Dalton reported a missing bollard outside Crumbs. Clerk to ensure Cllr Allison has reported this to highways.
- It was reported that the work the electricity board have been doing along The Green was for a property on Nook Lane.
- Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski requested information on the road closure U1143 Raughtonhead to Gaitsgill.
- Cllr Baxter requested a letter be written to Stephen Daniel in regards to the Section 278 highways agreement.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

Next meeting of The Parish Council to take place on 13th December 2016 at 7.15pm at Forge Green.

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2017:- TBA.

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2017:- TBA

The meeting closed at 9.55pm