

MINUTES DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green, Dalston on Tuesday 12th January 2016.

S.Milburn Clerk

Present

Cllr Auld	Cllr Baxter	Cllr Byers	Cllr Craig	Cllr Dalton	Cllr Drouet
Cllr Kyle	Cllr Newton	Cllr Potter	Cllr Rickerby	Cllr Roberts	Cllr Smith

Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Cowen, Cllr Ebbatson and Cllr Lancaster.

Minutes

The minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th December 2015 were approved and signed by Cllr Auld as a true record.

Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Roberts agenda item 3 (Scott tenancy). Cllr Drouet planning application 15/0821 and Clerk planning application 15/0821.

01/16 Public participation

Apologies were received from Cllr McKerrell, Cllr Allison and Cllr Christian.

Pat Jackson, David Dickinson, Freda Carrick, Pam Coke, Patricia Macdonald and Sue & Terry Nichol were in attendance.

Mrs Nichol thanked the councillors for their time and advice in regards to planning application 15/0821. Mrs Nichol then asked for information on the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Drouet explained that the draft plan is on target to be completed by late spring, this will then be submitted to the planning department at Carlisle City Council. A number of open days will then be set up in the parish, this will give the public an opportunity to comment on the plan. The plan will then be passed to an outside inspector who will ensure it complies with the Localism Act. The plan will run for 15 years with the possibility of a review after 5 years.

Freda Carrick spoke of the ongoing problem in the village in regards to the bulb thief. Clerk to write to Cumbria Constabulary to ask for the involvement of the Wildlife Officer.

02/16 Planning Decisions and Applications

Planning Decisions:

Appn Ref: First Engineering, Barras Lane Industrial Estate, Dalston, CA5 7LX. Creation Of Secondary Entrance To Site. Grant Permission.

Appn Ref: 25 Yetlands, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7PB. Erection Of Single Storey Front And Side

Extension To Provide Porch And En-Suite Bedroom. Grant Permission.

Appn Ref: 15/0821 Land adjacent Buckabank Hall, Buckabank, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AA. Erection Of 2No. Detached Dwellings On Agricultural Land. Grant Permission. Cllr Auld noted that 12 conditions applied to this application and gave councillors the opportunity to look at them.

Notification Of Deferment

Appn Ref: 15/0831 4 The Green, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QB. Demolition Of Existing Dwelling And Erection Of 3no. Dwellings Together With Erection Of Parish Offices With First Floor Flat Above.

Planning Applications

Appn Ref: 15/1118 Chalkfoot Farm, Chalkfoot, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JH. Replacement Dwelling; Conversion Of Barn To Provide 1no Dwelling With Detached Annexe. While not opposed to this application, the councillors felt that three new houses would make the site quite congested, so therefore recommended the planning committee have a site visit.

Appn Ref: 15/1116 Chalkfoot Farm, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JH. Demolition Of Existing Agricultural Sheds; Erection Of 2No Dwellings. As above.

Appn Ref: 15/1115 Roewath Cottage, Stockdalewath, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7DP. Erection Of Single Storey Garden Room. No observations.

Appn Ref: 16/0001 TPO Dalston Hall Hotel, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JX. Tree R – Remove as it is likely to break or fall over, insecurely rooted.

Remove fallen tree as it was blown over by Storm Desmond in December 2015. No observations.

Due to members of the public wanting to speak in relation to agenda item 8 (Dalston Floods) Cllr Auld brought this agenda item forward.

03/16 Floods

Both Patricia Macdonald and Pam Coke spoke of their concern over the recent flooding in Dalston. On both the 5th and 26th December 2015 a large amount of water ran from the Show Field flooding their gardens. They requested that both parishioners and Parish Councillors work together to find a solution to the problem ensuring the same thing does not happen again. David Dickinson stressed the importance of prevention. Cllr Auld agreed to speak to local experts about the land around the Show Field and would report back.

04/16 Clerk and Chairman's Report

- Gaitsgill notice board is currently being made and will be completed by the end of January.
- The two tubs placed outside the Dalston Fryer have been stolen. These were to prevent vehicles parking on the pavement. Clerk has reported the theft to the police. It was agreed to replace the tubs.
- The Dalston Fryer, gable end sign, has been removed following correspondence with the planning department. In order for the sign to be put back up an application must be submitted to the planners by the landlord.
- Appn Ref: 15/0821 Cllr Auld reported that both the site visit and the planning committee meeting on 8th January 2016 had been well conducted. Councillors were very surprised to hear that Highways dismissed safety issues at the junction so readily.
- It was agreed that the clerk contacts Ian Richie (Hopes) to get a quote for re writing the Scott Tenancy agreement.
- Park Gate is currently installing both emergency lights and a fire alarm system into the office / meeting room at Forge Green. The fire alarm system will be interlinked to the flat above.

05/16 Correspondence

- A letter has been written to the tenants of Forge Green informing them of the annual rent

increase.

- The front doors for no. 1 & 2 Forge Green have been replaced. A spare key for both properties is to be kept in the safe.
- After receiving a complaint regarding a delivery van parking inappropriately on the grass opposite the corner shop in Dalston, a letter has been written to the owner asking for him not to park on the grass in future.
- A positive response has been made in regards to the potential adoption of BT telephone kiosks by the Community Heartbeat Trust for the installation of defibrillators. However after concerns were raised regarding the removal of the telephone service stopping calls to the emergency services, BT have said that the Community Heartbeat Trust can offer a cellular 999 only phone as part of the defibrillator package and for those areas with poor mobile phone coverage they are looking into providing a landline 999 only service.
- NALC has been requested by the Lord Chamberlain's office to inform member councils that Her Majesty is hosting a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 19th May 2016 and that 4 places have been allocated for the County. Invitations are in recognition of past service and it is therefore appropriate that outgoing members rather than those newly elected, should be invited to attend. Cllr Potter was nominated.
- As part of Caldew Schools Yr 7 Community Award they are holding a community day on 13th June 2016. This involves groups of pupils (20-30) working in the community. The Parish Council have been asked for ideas, in the past hampers have been made and distributed to the venerable in the village. An idea was put forward for the pupils to help with Britain In Bloom.

06/16 Tree Report

Westwood Landscape have submitted a tree report for the 3 trees at the back of Walk Mill and 2 trees at Buckabank.

Cllr Craig gave an overview of the report and it was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Baxter, that an application should be submitted to fell the 3 trees at Walkmill, all councillors were in favour of this. Cllr Craig will assist.

As highways are responsible for the 2 trees at Buckabank, clerk to forward them the relevant part of the tree report.

Clerk also to contact Zurich Insurance to ensure our current policy covers tree liability.

Due to financial information being discussed a resolution for the public to leave was proposed by Cllr Potter and seconded by Cllr Dalton.

07/16 Forge Green Gardens

The Forge Green gardens were discussed and it was unanimously agreed that the rent for 2016 should remain the same as the previous year.

Clerk was asked to speak to Zurich and confirm that the Forge Green gardens are covered within the current insurance policy.

08/16 Kingsway Car Park

- Bollards – It was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Craig to replace the bollards in the Kingsway car park and to increase their height by 1 foot. 7 councillors were in favour and 4 councillors were against. Clerk to price.
- Lighting – Cllr Craig reported that parishioners have requested lighting in the Kingsway car park. If this were to go ahead the Parish Council would be responsible for both the installation and the running costs of the lights. Cllr Craig to price.

09/16 Dalston Emblem

All councillors were asked to complete a voting sheet and choose their favourite Dalston Parish Council emblem. The emblem chosen was the Dalston Bowling Club image of the cockerel and the motto "Whilst I Live I'll Crow".

10/16 Charitable Trust

It was proposed by Cllr Baxter and seconded by Cllr Byers to transfer £2,500 to Dalston Charitable Trust (monies to be distributed to parish grants). All councillors were in favour.

11/16 Cemetery Matters

There were no cemetery matters.

12/16 Payment of Accounts

The authorisation sheet was discussed and approved. Cllr Smith distributed a financial report for the 9 months ending 31st December 2015 and requested councillors look at the liabilities sheet and inform the clerk if they have any additions.

13/16 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Smith feels the Dalston Fryer detracts from the feel of the village and there was a general feeling that the front window is very stark.
- Cllr Dalton is concerned about the amount of chewing gum on the pavement outside the Co-op and feels that Caldew School should be contacted.
- Cllr Kyle expressed his concern over the recent cutting back of the brambles/trees between Bridge End and the union bridge.
- Cllr Roberts requested we look into purchasing video screens, these would be used to display relevant information for meetings.

14/16 Date of Forthcoming Meetings

Next meeting of the Parish Council to take place on Tuesday 9th February at 7.15pm Forge Green.

Policy & Resource Meeting dates for 2016:- 22nd March, 21st June and 20th September.

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2016:- 23rd February, 17th May, 19th July and 25th October.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm