

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green, Dalston on Tuesday 12th December 2017.

S. Milburn Clerk

Helen Renyard from Cumbria County Council spoke in relation to the Andidrain report carried out earlier in the year, Helen agreed that the drainage system may not be big enough to cope with all the water during heavy rainfall. She suggested that funds permitting an open ditch drain could be taken across The Green running to the river or alternatively an underground pipe could be taken across the field (this would be the Parish Councils preference). Helen agreed to obtain prices for the work.

Present

Cllr Byers	Cllr Craig	Cllr Baxter	Cllr Utting	Cllr Roberts	Cllr Kaye-Kreczkowski
Cllr Kyle	Cllr Glencross	Cllr Auld	Cllr Ebbatson	Cllr Drouet	Cllr McKerrell
Cllr Potter					

Apologies

Resolved to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Cowen and Cllr Dalton.

Minutes

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th November 2017.

Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Potter planning application 17/0936 and Cllr Auld agenda item 6 (Unthank Pond).

311/17 Public Participation

Margaret Greenup was in attendance. Cllr Allison attended a Carlisle City Council briefing prior to the Parish Council meeting; he gave his apologies for arriving late to the Parish Council meeting.

312/17 Planning Decisions and Applications

Planning Decisions:

Appn Ref: 17/0827 Flatt Bank, Gaitsgill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AH. Installation Of Hard Core Agricultural Tracks. Grant Permission.

Appn Ref: 1/17/9013 Realignment of the U1143 to provide safe highway route following closure to landslips and provision of construction compound/welfare facilities.

Notification of and Consultation on an Application for Planning Permission

Appn Ref: 1/17/9017 Highways depot, Barras Lane, Dalston, CA5 7NY. Temporary Hire Welfare Building for a period of 6 months. No Observations.

Planning Applications:

Appn Ref: 17/0936 Sunny Croft, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7JJ. Proposed New Vehicular Access. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 17/1008 Lime House School, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7BX. Erection Of Classroom Block. No Observations.

Notification Of Amended Details/Further Information:

Appn Ref: 17/0753 Low Mill Barn, Low Mill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JU. Formation Of Flood Defences Including Raising Of Existing Access Track. The Parish Council stand by their previous observation to request a site visit.

Appn Ref: 17/1023 Gaitsgill Hall Farm, Gaitsgill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AH. Variation Of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) Of Previously Approved Permission 17/0625 To Change Roof Detail From Mono Pitch To Dual Pitch. No Observations.

313/17 Clerk and Chairman Report

- The Parish Council office will be closed from the 25th December to the 2nd January 2018.
- Caldew Schools Community Christmas Concert is being held on Thursday 14th December at 7pm in St Michaels Church. Tickets to be purchased in advance from the school reception priced £3 (£2.50 concessions) includes mulled wine and mince pies.
- A neighbouring property to Forge Green has requested that the gable end security light is either switched off or replaced with a light that can be adjusted so it doesn't shine into their property. It was agreed that a Timeguard 2 x LED light be installed as its direction is alterable and it has a motion detector. The cost of installing the light is £105.25. Advice to be sought from SH Electrical regarding where to place the light.

314/17 Correspondence

- A request has been made to the Parish Council regarding funding the installation of fibre broadband in Cumdivock. The Council agreed they would support the parishioner's application to BT however they could not provide funding. RFO to respond.
- A complaint has been received regarding a vehicle parking on the grass at Townhead Road. The vehicle is causing damage and mud is getting onto the pavement making it very slippery. Clerk to recommend the parishioner speaks to Riverside Housing as they own the land.
- Cllr Allison reported that he has had correspondence with Mark Wilson (Network Officer, Cumbria Highways) regarding the Parish Councils concerns over the river bank erosion at Bridge End and the possible damage that could be done to the B5299 if there is another flood. Marks response was that there is no threat to the B5299 in the short or medium term and that at present it appears to look no worse than the last time he saw it. He noted that it is monitored periodically. The structure team is to look at the build up of gravel on the bank. Clerk to write to Mark requesting confirmation of the exact area highways are responsible for.

In relation to insurance, the Parish Council has public liability in regards to third party property / injury. If the Council are responsible for the river then an appropriate risk assessment/measures should be in place. A claimant will only be successful if negligence is proven on the Councils part.

315/17 Victory Hall

Cllr Kyle reported that the planning application for the Victory Hall is to be submitted shortly; as this is of mutual interest he asked for the Parish Councils support. Cllr Kyle as a member of the Victory Hall Committee was concerned by the lack of support from Councillors at the recent open meeting to discuss the considerable refurbishment proposals.

Cllr Kyle reported there had been some changes to the committee. The chair is Mick Ryan, the secretary is Jane Clark and the treasurer is Ivan Johnston other members are Geoff Graham, David

Dickinson, Alf Brown, Pauline Occleston, Chris Scales, Merle Smith, Carolyn Hodgson, John Atkinson, Jim Callow, Lucy Morrison and Dougal. There is 1 vacancy due to be filled.
Cllr Kyle thanked Cllr Allison for his help in distributing the initial leaflets about the refurbishment plans.

316/17 Unthank Pond

Cllr Auld requested the pond be cleaned. Cllr Baxter proposed that the quote of £460 to clean the pond and remove its silt be accepted, Cllr McKerrell seconded this and all Councillors were in favour. RFO to apply to Cumbria County Council, Dalston and Burgh grants panel for possible funding.

317/17 Dalston Charitable Trust

On the Charitable Trusts advice Cllr Kaye-Kreczowski proposed the 2017 Dalston Parish Awards be given to the following organisations:- Dalston Tennis Club £350, Heskett in the Forest Scout Group £300, Dalston Recreation Association £400, Dalston Festival Committee £800, Primrose Hall £500 and St Michael's Pre School Nursery £500. This was seconded by Cllr Auld and all Councillors were in favour.
£2,500 would be awarded from Dalston Parish Council and £350 would be awarded from the Charitable Trust.

318/17 Summerfield Lease

The draft Summerfield Lease was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Craig proposed the lease be signed when the Ordinance Survey map has been received. Cllr Baxter seconded this and all Councillors were in favour.

Cllr McKerrell to request Carlisle City Council remove the existing equipment and Clerk to arrange the ordering of new equipment from Kompan.

319/17 Financial

The authorisation sheet was discussed and the following payments approved.

Chq	Payee	Details	£
300	CALC	4 copies The Good Councillor guide £14 Clerk induction module 1&2 £97.50	111.50
301	Pam Coke	Donation for Christmas tree in St Michaels Church	25.00
302	R M Capstick	Plant up troughs and tubs	729.04
303	Brian Hetherington	Gaitsgill notice board, concrete bases seats cemetery, painting FG windows, radiator No.1 FG.	4,842.30
304	S Milburn	December notices £9, printer ink £45.48	54.48
305	Ann Byers	Cut toilet keys	8.00
306	Dalston Festival Committee	Christmas Tree Display in St Michaels Church	275.00
307	AR Auld	website hosting and work done 2016 &2017	200.00

Total			£6,245.32

The Clerks / RFO agreed salary, PAYE & NI was paid.

- A grant of £200 has been received from Cumbria County Council this will be used to go towards the refurbishment of road signs. The Council agreed this should be an ongoing project and recommended Alan Jackson's previous report is looked at.
- It was resolved that the annual rent for the Forge Green Gardens would remain at £35.
- Cllr Baxter proposed the Financial Regulations dated November 2017 were approved, Cllr Drouet seconded this and all Councillors were in favour.
- RFO to apply to Nestle for funding towards a new flag pole. Cllr Ebbatson to obtain prices.
- Following receipt of the tax base information from Carlisle City Council, Cllr Auld proposed the precept for 2018/19 be ratified, Cllr Kay-Kreczowski seconded this and all Councillors were in favour of the 6 % increase making the precept total £66,462, this is a 6p per week increase for a band D property before any adjustment for the additional properties completed and becoming taxable in the year.

320/17 Cemetery Matters

- The Parish Council resolved to renew the path around the Oak tree in the cemetery. This will be completed by Carleton Paving and Groundworks for a sum of £1,700. The work will commence in January 2018.
- It was resolved to level an area of sunken graves in Ward 5. The price to level, top soil and turf the graves is £16 per square metre or £35 for an individual grave. Cllr Craig proposed the worst 10 graves be filled, Cllr Auld seconded this and all Councillors were in favour.

321/17 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Glencross asked the protocol for placing a memorial in the Parish. It was stated that both seats and trees have been used as memorials in the past. It was agreed the family of the late Paterson Jardine could make a contribution towards the seat that is to be placed on Townhead Rd; they would be responsible for the memorial plaque.
- Cllr Utting stated that Stockdalewath does not have a 30 mph speed limit through the village and requested this is implemented as many children live there and vehicles pass through far too fast. Cllr Allison offered to include the village in the next round of traffic recording which he pays for out of his allowance.
- Cllr Craig requested the P&M meeting in September 2018 is brought forward from the 25th September to the 18th September. This was agreed.
- Cllr Kaye-Kreczowski informed the Council of the official re-opening of Bell Bridge on the 19th December 2017 at 11am.
- Cllr Auld requested that the P&M meeting in June next year is moved as he is on holiday. A date is to be arranged.
- Cllr Potter reported that a parishioner on Grange Park Rd has deliberately left hedge cuttings on the highway in front of their property to stop people parking there. Clerk to inform highways.
- Cllr Roberts reported that the trellis on the public toilets had been damaged by a car, and he would repair or replace.
- Cllr Ebbatson and Cllr Craig are to meet with Sportstyle in relation to placing gym equipment on the Kingsway. Cllr Ebbatson is also looking at outdoor table tennis possibilities.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

Next meeting of The Parish Council to take place on 9th January 2018 at 7.15pm at Forge Green.

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates 2018:- 30th January, 1st May, 31st July and the 30th October.

Property & Maintenance Meeting Dates 2018:- 27th March, June TBA and 18th September.

The meeting closed at 9pm