## **DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at the Forge Green on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

S. Milburn Clerk

Present

Cllr Byers Cllr Drouet Cllr Baxter Cllr Auld Cllr Dinning Cllr Roberts

Cllr Kyle Cllr Potter Cllr McKerrell Cllr Craig Cllr Kaye-Kreczowski

**Apologies** 

Cllr Brewster Cllr Utting Cllr Allen

#### **Minutes**

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

### **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Clerk planning application 18/0583. Cllr Kyle agenda item 8. Cllr Dinning and Cllr McKerrell agenda item 3.

### 83/18 Public Participation

Cllr Allison was in attendance and 3 members of the public.

Cllr Allison reported on the Cumbria County Council Road Maintenance meeting which was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. The meeting recommended that communities undertake lower level road maintenance. Cllr Roberts proposed that the Parish Council strongly disagree with this, Cllr Kaye-Kreczowski seconded this and all Councillors present were in favour. Clerk to write to Mr Donnini (Corporate Director) Economy & Highways.

Cllr Allison also stated that there is currently £6,000 for maintenance work on the cycle path however a further £4,000 is needed.

Two parishioners spoke about parking in Barras Close.

Concerns were also raised regarding the state of the roads in the village and the problems with Network Rail.

### 84/18 Planning Applications:

# **Planning Decisions:**

**Appn Ref: 18/0238** 7 Low Mill, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7JU. Erection of porch to side elevation; Installation of 4 No. Roof Lights. Grant Permission.

**Appn Ref: 18/0023/S211** Kingsway, The Square, Dalston, CA5 7PH. Works To Chestnut Tree Crown By 2.5m And Remove Low Hanging East Limb; Minor Crown Oak Tree And Removal of 4no. Low Branches; Fell Cherry Tree And Remove Lower Branches To Enable Grass To Be Cut. Grant Permission.

**Appn Ref: 18/0022/S211** Dalston Parish Council, Forge Green Office, Riverside, Dalston, CA5 7QG. Cut Back Vegetation In Woodland Adjacent To Parish Council Office. Grant Permission.

**Appn Ref: 18/0024/S211** Jubilee Garden, The Square, Dalston, CA5 7PH. Work To Sycamore, Cherry, Maple And Copper Beech Tree. Grant Permission.

**Appn Ref: 18/0021/S211** St Michaels Church, The Square, Dalston, CA5 7LL. Removal Of 2no. Yew Tree Stumps From Church Yard. Grant Permission.

Appn Ref: 18/0025/S211 Bridge End, Dalston, Carlisle. Remove Self Seeded Cherry Trees. Grant Permission.

### **Planning Applications:**

**Appn Ref: 18/0526** Pinquays Farm, Raughton, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AQ. Internal Works To Include Construction Of Wardrobe In Bedroom; Boxing In Of A Fireplace Opening And Construction Of Cupboard In Bedroom (LBC). No Observations

**Appn Ref: 18/0566** Dobcross Hall, Gaitsgill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AW. Roofing Over Existing Silage Pit. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 18/0575** Hawksbank, The Gill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JP. Erection Of Two Storey And Single Storey Side Extensions To Provide Lounge And Garage On Ground Floor With 2no. En-Suite Bedrooms Above (Revised Application). No Observations.

**Appn Ref:18/0583** Land to South East of Orton Grange Roundabout, Orton Grange, Carlisle CA5 6LA. Erection of 4No Detached Dwellings Without Compliance with Condition 2 Imposed by Planning Permission 17/0355 to allow another vehicular Entrance from the Highway for Plot 1. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 18/0503** Ratten Row and The Pond House, Dalston Carlisle, CA5 7AY. Proposed Extension to South Elevation At Rear Of Ratten Row To Provide Sun Lounge And First Floor Bedroom Extension; Car Port Conversion To East Elevation Of The Pond House To Provide Additional New Bedroom And En-Suite; Internal Alterations To Facilitate (LBC). No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 18/0438** The Green, Dalston, Carlisle. Relocation Of Flag Pole From Outside Of The Church To Outside Of Co-op. No Observations. 8 Councillors were in favour, 1 Councillor against and there were 3 abstentions.

Tree Preservation Order: The City Of Carlisle Orton Grange Park, Grange Park Road, Orton Grange, Carlisle, CA5 6LA.

Tree Preservation Order 2017 No.287

#### 85/18 Clerk and Chairman Report

- On request the Parish Council agreed to sponsor a flower arrangement and £25 is to be forwarded to the Festival committee, this will be displayed in the church during festival week.
- The gutters have been cleaned at Forge Green.
- The downpipe is to be replaced at Forge Green, Clerk to organise.
- The door to the Parish offices has been replaced.

### 86/18 Correspondence

- Following a period of further assessment and public consultation on the Carlisle Southern Link Road Cumbria
  County Council has taken a decision that the green route is preferred. The project team are currently
  developing designs to inform a planning application for the project, however, funding is not yet in place beyond
  the planning submission.
- Barras House planning application 18/0421 is to be determined by the City Councils Development Control Planning Committee on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Cllr Drouet to formulate a response to Suzanne Osborne (Planning Officer) regarding concerns over the affordable housing statement they want to use over riding the S106 agreement that the Dalston Neighbourhood Plan states should be used.
- Correspondence has been received regarding the overgrown nettles on the cycle path. Cllr Allison, Cllr McKerrell and Cllr Christian have very kindly agreed to fund the spraying of the area between Dalston and Cummersdale. Luke Leathers (Carlisle City Council) is currently pricing the work.
- St Cuthberts (Garden Village) Local Plan: Concept And Visioning Engagement public engagement events are to take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 10am-9pm Carlisle Racecourse, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 10am-9pm Carlisle Racecourse, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday 4th August 10am-5pm Tourist information Centre, Carlisle
- A letter of complaint has been received from a resident of Smithfield regarding minute number 67/18 (planning application 18/0421). She stated that she has lived in the area for 40 years and there has been no parking behind Barras flats other than for Smithfield residents. The Parish Council is to speak to Riverside to clarify the situation.
- A picture/map of trees on the Kingsway/ The Green has been found in the Victory Hall. It was resolved that they should keep it and display.
- Ownpower Renewables Limited had contacted the RFO to invite the Parish Council to apply for funding to
  have an energy audit carried out with a view to applying to their Energy Conservation Fund for grant support
  towards energy efficiency measures. RFO is seeking guidance regarding whether funding would apply to the
  Forge Green property.
- Correspondence has been received from Scott Bradshaw (Story Homes) informing the Parish Council that the
  proposed roundabout at the Carlisle Rd / Station Rd junction will not be implemented. Clerk to respond
  expressing the Councillors disappointment at the decision. It is to be noted that it is very difficult for
  parishioners, especially the elderly with visibility problems to cross the road at this point.

Agenda item 12 was brought forward and discussed after correspondence.

### 87/18 Littering at the Bay

Over recent weeks there has been a number of complaints regarding littering at the bay. Cllr Kaye-Kreczowski is to speak to the landowner and request a bin is placed there.

### 88/18 Dalston In Bloom

- Cumbria In Bloom judging is to take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> July.
- Britain In Bloom judging is on the 8<sup>th</sup> August.
- Clerk requested to contact Gareth Scott (County Highways) regarding the poor condition of the road outside the church, The Square and outside the Cumberland Building Society.

### 89/18 Housing Need Survey

Dalston's Housing Need Survey is due to be renewed September 2018. The Clerk has been in contact with Action with Communities In Cumbria and the Northern Housing Consortium. Both are submitting quotes for completing the report. Lorraine Smyth (Chief Executive) Action with Communities In Cumbria is to be invited to the August PC meeting. She has also submitted an outline cost of £5,000 to do the work. Clerk to speak to Richard Wood (Carlisle City Council) regarding funding possibilities.

### 90/18 Eden River Trust Meeting Update

Cllr Auld reported on the meeting held with Daniel Brazier on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018; he stated it had been a very productive meeting and Dan agreed with the Parish Councils concerns.

To move forward a meeting is to be arranged between Gareth Scott (Highway Network Manager), Daniel Brazier (River Restoration Manager) and the Parish Council to discuss the situation further. Clerk to arrange.

#### 91/18 Glave Hill Car Park

Correspondence has been received from the Chairman of the Victory Hall, the committee would like to give the Parish Council the opportunity to purchase the Glave Hill car park. Documents detailing the area to be sold was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was stated that permission would need to be granted from the Charity Commission prior to purchase. The Parish Council agreed it is a village amenity and requested Cllr Kyle ask the Victory Hall committee for a guide price. This will then be discussed further.

### 92/18 Outdoor Gym Equipment

In order to apply for funding from the Big Lottery the land on which the equipment is to be placed must belong to or leased by the Parish Council on a long term lease; also the idea is to be parishioner driven. The Clerk asked the Parish Council if they would still like to continue with the application and it was resolved to put an article in the next issue of the parish paper to gauge the interest of the parish.

### 93/18 Gas Supply

It was resolved at the June Parish Council meeting to purchase a convector heater to replace the gas fire. The cost to disconnect the gas supply and remove the gas meter will be £183 plus VAT. It was agreed that it was no longer necessary to keep paying a standing charge to keep the gas supply and to pay for annual gas safety checks. RFO to arrange disconnection of the gas supply.

### 94/18 Condition and Maintenance Liabilities Report

Two quotations have been received to prepare a report on Forge Green. The prices quoted were £750 and £330, both plus VAT. It was resolved that Cllr Craig would speak to the supplier of the lower quote and arrange for the report to be prepared.

# 95/18 Summerfield Play Area

- Cllr Craig had carried out the Risk Assessment. Cllr McKerrell is going to inspect the play equipment on a monthly basis prior to each Parish Council meeting using the checklist provided by the equipment supplier. In addition the City Council inspect annually at a cost of £53.
- Cllr Craig reported that there should be a sign in the play area with information about the operator of the site and contact details to report damage or accidents. It is also recommended "No Dogs" signage. Cllr McKerrell will arrange for a sign to be obtained.
- Various safety issues had been identified by Cllr Craig in relation to the fencing. Clerk to arrange for these to be rectified.

### 96/18 Financial

• The following payments were authorised:

Chq	Payee	Details	£
388	Westwood Landscape	Landscape Co-op frontage	1,333.20
389	Carlisle City Council	Council Tax 2 Forge Green while unoccupied	77.16
390	Aileen West	Medical Centre Donation for Grange Gardening Group paid out	205.00
391	Carlisle Business Supplies	Inks	87.36
392	Carlisle City Council	Planning Fee to move flagpole	117.00
393	E-On	Electricity & gas 2 Forge Green while empty	12.77
394	Ann Byers	Copying photograph	20.00
395	S Milburn	July Notices	9.00
396	M Watling	Batteries	4.99
Total			£1,866.48

The Clerks/RFO agreed Salary, PAYE and National Insurance was paid.

- 3 month accounts to 30 June 2018 had been circulated. There were no queries raised.
- It was resolved that vouchers to the value of £100 should be bought for the work done by the Internal Auditor. Cllr Byers to arrange.
- The Dalston and Burgh Grant Panel Applications have been sent to Panel for approval. There is only a fund of £3,000 available for the entire year. The recommendation was a grant of £300 would be given to repair the paths in the cemetery, £100 towards a picnic bench at Bridge End and £100 for a memorial seat for The Jubilee Garden.

# 97/18 Cemetery Matters

There were no cemetery matters.

#### 98/18 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Baxter requested that the details of the newly Co-opted Councillors be published in the parish paper.
- There is to be a 10k trail run during festival week. There will be between 50-100 runners; the route will start at the gym at Ellers Mill.
- Correspondence has also been received regarding children jumping off the White Bridge, this is causing grave concern and its felt an accident is just waiting to happen.
- Cllr Kaye-Krecowski noted that a traffic counter has been placed at Raughtonhead. Clerk to ensure a counter has also been placed at Raughton.

- Cllr Roberts informed the Council that the weeds in the cemetery is Butterburr and not Coltsfoot as previously stated.
- Cllr Roberts recommended that mulching is placed at the base of the Chestnut tree which is located on the area of grass next to the Kingsway car park.
- Cllr Roberts also asked who was responsible for the new rockery outside the Co-op.

## **Date of Forthcoming Meetings**

Next meeting of The Parish Council to take place on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7.15pm at Forge Green. Policy & Resource Meeting Dates 2018:- 31<sup>st</sup> July and the 30<sup>th</sup> October. Property & Maintenance Meeting Dates 2018:- 18<sup>th</sup> September.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm