

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom on the 11th August 2020 at 7.15pm.

S. Milburn Clerk

Present

Cllr Byers Cllr Kyle Cllr Dinning Cllr Kaye-Kreckowski Cllr Gray
Cllr Robson Cllr Potter Cllr Baxter Cllr Craig Cllr Drouet

Apologies

Cllr Auld – Work Commitments Cllr McKerrell

Cllr Byers notified all present that the meeting was going to be recorded. She also requested that the Councillors press their mute button and asked them to raise their hand if they want to speak.

The members of the public were advised that they could only speak in public participation and for a maximum of 3 minutes (as outlined in standing order number 3g). Cllr Byers stated that they would be asked to leave the meeting before item 13 (Financial).

Minutes

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting on the 14th July 2020.

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Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Gray planning application 20/0302, 20/0303, 20/0476, 20/0533 & 20/0497.

61/20 Public Participation

There were 3 members of the public present. Cllr Allison was also in attendance. Cllr Allison thanked the Parish Council for contributing £150 towards cutting back the vegetation on the sustrans cyclepath. He also noted that Cllr Auld is taking pictures of the dilapidated village entrance signs, once these have been received he will approach Cumbria County Council to see if they will replace them.

A member of the public suggested that Wigton Town Council cut the vegetation back on the cycle path. They also requested it be cut back earlier.

The owner of 1 Walk Mill spoke in relation to the Common Land garden lease.

Cllr Byers brought forward agenda item 4. Common Land CL211- 1 Walk Mill Garden Lease. All Councillors present agreed.

62/20 Common Land CL211- 1 Walk Mill Garden Lease

An objection has been received from a parishioner regarding the Parish Council leasing Common Land at No.1 Walk Mill. The Clerk circulated pictures to the Councillors prior to the meeting showing recently erected fencing around the area.

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Commons Officer stating that under Section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 restricted works on Common Land are prohibited without the permission of the Secretary of State.

After discussion the Clerk was asked to send a copy of the lease agreement to Jason Weatherill (Commons Officer Cumbria County Council), explaining that the PC's interpretation of Section 2 & 3 is that the Common Land is protected by the lease as it states that permanent buildings or structures are not permitted around the land. It was concluded that the newly erected fence incorporates a gate thus making the land accessible.

The owners of the property have agreed to remove the wire fence leading down to the riverbank and a chain and sign have also been removed.

63/20 Planning Applications:

Decisions:

Appn Ref: 20/0316 Paragon Veterinary Group, Carlisle House, Townhead Rd, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JF. Change Of Use Of Former Office Space To Residential Accommodation For Use By Students Working at The Veterinary Practice. Grant Permission.

Appn Ref: 20/0226 Dobcross Hall, Gaitsgill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AW. Formation Of Slurry Lagoon. Grant Permission.

Appn Ref: 20/0306 Ben Hodgson Cars Ltd, Bridge End, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7BH. Erection of Extension to Provide Showroom. Grant Permission.

Applications:

Appn Ref: 20/0478 18 Yetlands, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7PB. Erection Of Single Storey Extension To South East Elevation To Provide Sunroom. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 20/0476 The Mango Tree, Cardewlees, Carlisle CA5 6LG. Change Of Use From Restaurant To Dwelling Together With Single Storey Extensions To Create Additional Accommodation. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 20/0497 Deepdale, Bridge End, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7BH. Erection of Two Storey And Single Storey Extensions To Create Additional Living Accommodation Together With Erection of Detached Outbuildings. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 20/0043 S211 1 The Green, Dalston CA5 7QB. Removal of 1 No Silver Birch. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 20/0533 The Croft, Cardewlees, Carlisle, CA5 6LE. Change of Use of Agricultural Land To Domestic Garden (Retrospective). No Observations.

Appn Ref: 20/0302 Barn adjacent to Lane Head Cottage, Dalston, CA5 7JP. Change Of Use Of Barn To 1 no. Dwelling Together With Two Storey Side Extension To Provide Kitchen / Dining Room On Ground Floor With 2 no. Bedrooms Above Together With Erection Of A Detached Double Garage. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 20/0303 Milking Parlour Adjacent to Bishop Lough Farm, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JP. Change Of Use And Extension To Agricultural Building To Create 1 no. Dwelling Together With Erection Of Detached Double Garage To Serve Proposed Dwelling And Stone Barn (Appn Ref: 19/0006/COU) And Change Of Use Of Agricultural Land To Domestic Curtilage. No Observations.

The Clerk was requested to enquire about the caravans and car compound at the above property.

64/20 Co-option Of Councillor To The Dalston Ward

Cllr Byers welcomed Ruth Irving to the meeting. Ruth gave a brief summary of her experience and interests.

It was proposed by Cllr Craig and seconded by Cllr Robson to co-opt Ruth Irving as Councillor for Dalston Ward effective from the 11th August 2020, all Councillors present were in favour. Clerk to forward Ruth the declaration of acceptance to office and pecuniary and other registerable interest forms to complete together with the new Councillor starter pack.

65/20 Clerk and Chairman Report

- Cllr Byers reported that Mike Lowther had removed a fallen tree on river side and partially into river (near hump back bridge) for a cost of £350.
- Approval was granted to remove a dead Willow tree close to the White Bridge for a cost of £200.
- Cllr Byers reported that the installation of equipment, feeder pillar cabinet and associated groundworks for the Electrical Vehicle Charging points is to commence on the 13th August 2020. A date for the works to be completed by Electricity North West is still to be confirmed.

66/20 Correspondence

- 2 letters of complaint have been received regarding the felling of 2 no. Horse Chestnut trees and 1 no. Sycamore tree on The Green. The Clerk explained that the trees in question were diseased and removed on

recommendation from Tillhill Forestry. The necessary consent for removal was granted by Carlisle City Council on the 17th April 2020. A copy of the tree report has been sent to the concerned parties. It was agreed to discuss replacements in 12 months time.

- CALC is holding a virtual Annual General meeting on the 26th September 2020 at 10.30am. Joining instructions will be forwarded in due course.
- The Great Cumbrian Litter Pick is to take place on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th August 2020. To register an individual or community litter pick please email:- www.thegreatcumbrianlitterpick.org.uk. A parishioner has kindly offered to organise a group. Cllr McKerrell agreed to source the hi vis jackets and litter pickers from Carlisle City Council and the RFO has arranged for the bags of litter to be picked up and taken away.

67/20 Government Funding Cycle Paths

- Cllr Byers stated that she has written to John Stevenson (MP) regarding the recent announcement of money available for cycle paths and cycles and has requested he lobby to obtain money for the resurfacing / maintenance of the cycle path. Cllr McKerrell has also written to John Stevenson detailing how important the cycle path is especially as Dalston is one of the areas linked to the Garden Village Project meaning there will be a direct link into our cycle way. A description of the cycle path and details of maintenance requirements have also been sent.

It was stated that the Parish Council strongly support the cycle path getting Government funding however under no circumstances will they take any responsibility for the path.

68/20 To Consider the Re opening Of Summerfield Play Area

Updated Government Guidelines were circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, however Cllr Craig stated that further guidance had been announced on the 3rd August 2020 (Clerk to circulate and make necessary changes before the play area is opened).

The Clerk was requested to make the following amendments to the guidance for users notice:- No.6, change wash to clean. No.8, take out the brackets. A maximum of 6 children in the area is also to be stipulated.

Cllr Byers requested a vote be taken in relation to reopening the play area. 5 Councillors agreed it should be reopened, 1 Councillor was against and 3 Councillors abstained.

69/20 Carlisle District (B) Removal of Payphone 90 Day Public Consultation

Correspondence in support of keeping the payphone at Gaitsgill has been received from a number of residents in the area, this was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Clerk to forward this information with the Parish Councils recommendation that the payphone is kept to Richard Wood. Residents of Gaitsgill have been encouraged to use the phone.

70/20 Station Rd 30mph Speed Limit

Cllr Allison's thoughts regarding the extended 30mph speed limit were circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. He explained that the 30mph signs define the curtilage of a village and is widely used in planning as the limit for any housing development for instance the development outwards on Station Road is already at the limit on account of the fuel depot safety zone.

It then becomes complicated as redrawing the boundary outwards to accommodate the new limit of the village across the fields North of the Zone, could bring with it interest in sites currently outside the curtilage of the village.

Apart from the planning aspect, an extension of the 30mph speed limit would require a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) through the DfT, a long winded and costly exercise with public consultation.

As the aim is to reduce the speed of the traffic at the approach to the village an option could be to extend the 40mph limit at the approach, the same as at Cummersdale onto Dalston Road.

After discussion it was decided that due to the speed of traffic on this stretch of road and associated safety concerns, Cllr Allison liaise with Kevin Crawley (Cumbria County Council). Cllr Allison also agreed to find out how many accidents have happened on this stretch of road over the last year. This is to be discussed again at the September meeting.

71/20 Report Property & Maintenance meeting held on the 3rd August 2020

The draft minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

After recommendation by the Property & Maintenance Committee the following issues were approved:-

- Ward 2, Section G is to continue to be a children's burial area only. Clerk to inform Dalston Chapel of Rest that the application to inter an adult into one of these graves has been refused on the following grounds:-

1. Unfortunately the grave space in question has not been recorded in the burial records therefore the child's exact location cannot be found.
2. The grave spaces in this section were used for burials in the 1800's and more latterly the area was ring fenced as a children's area.
3. The location of grave spaces in this section don't correspond with the burial records.
4. The grave space in question was not purchased. An interment fee and minister fee was however paid.

- It was agreed that memorials can only be placed in the village if the deceased has lived in the parish.

72/20 Consultation to Inform Cllr's On NALC's Position On The Upcoming Devolution White Paper

The information was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Clerk is to respond explaining that the Councillors found the document extremely difficult to understand and that they would send individual comments back.

73/20 Financial

The following payments were approved

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	CALC	12 month subscription to Zoom	94.08
BACS	Sue Milburn	Keys cut Co-op Flagpole & Stockdalewath noticeboard 28.25 Recorded delivery postage EV lease 2.45 August notices 9.00 Ink for home printer 56.00	95.70
BACS	Shaw & Sons Ltd	Exclusive Rights of Burial Register	357.60
BACS	Mark Murray	Gardening in the Kingsway Car Park	675.00
BACS	Viking	Printer paper, envelopes, plastic wallets etc	76.81
BACS	Carlisle Business Supplies	Office Printer inks	194.80
BACS	Wigton Town Council	Grass contract April to June 2020 Parish 2866.22 Church 1701.76 Summerfield 117.55 VAT 937.11	5,622.64
BACS	Watsign Ltd	Dog fouling sign for Millrace	106.80
BACS	R & M Lowther	Various work from Tree Survey 750.00 Remove damaged Ash limb Forge Green 100.00 Deadwood sycamore at Hawksdale Bridge 300.00 Work in cemetery 150.00 VAT 260.00	1,560.00
BACS	Tilhill Forestry Ltd	Tree inspection on 2 trees in the Churchyard	618.00

Chq 578	Communicorp	Local Councils Update subscription	75.00
Total			<u>£9,476.43</u>

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

The RFO reported that the VAT repayments and Legacy Income due were both up to date.

- The Annual Subscription of £75 to Clerks and Councils Direct for the Local Council Update Papers was approved.
- The RFO confirmed that the Internal Audit had been completed. There have been no changes to the Annual Governance Statement or Accounting Statements and the Returns have now been submitted to the External Auditor. The written report from the Internal Auditor has not yet been received.

74/20 Cemetery

The following cemetery matters were approved:-

- The purchase of grave space Ward 5, Section J, Space 34 to Ian Armstrong.
- The additional inscription for the late Anne Jane Glaister buried in Ward 5, Section A, Space 21. Anne Jane (Jean) Who entered into rest at Cardewlees, September 1st 2019 aged 96 years, Much loved wife, mother, Nana, Great Nana and Sister.
- The additional inscription for the late John Smith buried in Ward 5, Section J, Space 16. Also her much loved husband John Smith, who died aged 96 years.
- A memorial and first inscription for the late Michael Rogerson in Ward 5, Section K, Space 52. All polished black granite memorial with sandblasted and gilded inscription reading Treasured memories of Michael Rogerson, a loving brother, Brother in Law and Uncle, who died 14th April 2020, aged 63 years. Height 2'6" x 1'9" x 3". Base 2'0" x 1'0" x 3".
- A memorial and first inscription for the late Ethna Margaret Trimble in Ward 5, Section K, Space 57. Honed grey slate sandblasted with painted white lettering. Dimensions 2'9" x 2'6" x 3". Inscription reading Trimble, In Loving Memory Of Ethna Margaret, Maggie, 24th April 1946 – 15th April 2020, loving Mother and Grandmother. Peace perfect peace.

75/20 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Drouet requested a copy of the assets that he is responsible for checking.
- Cllr Robson expressed concern regarding parking in the square and requested this be discussed at the meeting in September.
- Cllr Irving expressed concern regarding inappropriate parking outside the Co-op.
- Cllr Craig reported a damaged bollard in the Kingsway car park.
- Cllr Potter reported fly tipping at Buebank. Cllr Irving kindly offered to report this.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

Next meeting of the Parish Council to take place via zoom on the 8th September 2020

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2020: 27th October at Forge Green

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2020: 29th September.

The meeting closed at 9pm.