

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom on the 9th February 2021 at 7.15pm.

S. Milburn Clerk

Present

Cllr Byers	Cllr McKerrell	Cllr Kyle	Cllr Dinning	Cllr Kaye-Kreckowski	
Cllr Robson	Cllr Potter	Cllr Craig	Cllr Ebbatson	Cllr Auld	Cllr Baxter
Cllr Drouet	Cllr Irving	Cllr Dickinson			

Apologies

Cllr Utting – working in vaccination hub.

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 12 (Financial).

Minutes

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the virtual Parish Council meetings on the 8th December 2020 and the 12th January 2021.

Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

11/21 Public Participation

Cllr Allison and 2 members of the public were present.

2 parishioners raised concerns regarding flooding at their properties No 1 & 2 The Green, they requested the PC support them by applying pressure on the relevant authorities ensuring that action is taken. The PC were also asked to support an application for grant funding for flood avoidance work. A flood report that was undertaken on behalf of the residents is to be given to Cllr Byers.

Cllr Byers reported that the parishioners had arranged a meeting on 10th February 2021 to discuss the issue. Helen Renyard (Flood & Development Officer, Cumbria County Council), Mark Wilson (Network Officer, Cumbria County Council), a land owner on The Green, Cllr Trevor Allison and Cllr Byers would also be attending. Cllr Auld requested the whole area / drainage system on The Green be looked at.

Discussion took place detailing factors which may have contributed to the change of direction of the watercourse.

Cllr Allison thought a short term solution would be to put a protective wall around both properties, the same as the Victory Hall. Cllr Allison also stated that Cumbria County Council have an obligation to address the drains as they are at present. Possible solutions would be to have a culvert beneath the road leading to the river, secure an area for an attenuation pond or have a bund.

12/21 Planning Applications:

Decisions:

Appn Ref: 20/0794 2 Walk Mill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QW. Demolition Of Conservatory; Erection Of Single Storey Rear Extension To Provide Sunroom & Dining Area. Grant Permission.

Appn Ref: 20/0830 The Hollin in Hawksdale, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7BL. Demolition Of Conservatory; Erection Of Two Storey Side Extension To Provide Additional Living Accommodation on Ground Floor With Covered Terrace/Balcony Above; Internal And External Alterations. Grant Permission.

Applications:

Appn Ref: 20/0881 26 Summerfields, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7NW. Erection Of Carport/Canopy. No Observations.

Appn Ref 20/0046/S211 Caldew Bank, Bridge End, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7BJ. Removal Of 2no. Rowan Trees. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 21/0070 4 Barras Close, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7NT. Demolition Of Existing Garage; Erection Of Single Storey Side And Rear Extension To Provide Additional Living Accommodation. No Observations.

Appn Ref 20/0090 S211 Greenhead House, 37 The Green, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QD. Removal of 3no. Yew Trees in Dalston Conservation Area. Clerk to enquire if Yew trees are a protected species. No Other Observations.

Appn Ref: 21/0100 The Mango Tree, Cardewlees, Carlisle, CA5 6LG. Conversion Of Former Restaurant To Create A Single Residential Unit And Erection Of A Detached Residential Unit. No Observations.

13/21 Clerk and Chairman Report

- Clerk to inform Charge My Street that Vodaphone / EE has the best mobile phone reception in the village, therefore either of these would be the preferred network for the electric vehicle chargers.
- It was resolved that the Clerk instruct Tillhill Forestry to survey the trees on the Common Land at No 1, 2 and 3 Walk Mill.

14/21 Correspondence

- A request to place a memorial tree in memory of the late John Michael Jones was approved. Clerk to notify parishioner that they are responsible for the cost and must supply the tree guard and maintain the tree. A policy for all memorial street furniture and trees to be made at the Policy and Resource meeting on the 23rd February.
- Roots of Remembrance - a request for an Oak tree to be planted on The Green for the late Michael Rogerson was approved. Cllr Auld proposed that the PC / Dalston In Bloom purchase and maintain all trees under this remit. Cllr Kaye-Kreckowski seconded this and all Councillors present were in favour. It was agreed to ask Capsticks to do the maintenance.
- An NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day event has been planned for the 5th July 2021. Activities to include the raising of the Rainbow Flag, a two minute silence and playing of the Last Post and Reveille, a toast to the Nations heroes, garden parties, afternoon tea and clapping and ringing of the Church Bells. It was agreed this should be re visited and an agenda item in May 2021.
- A complaint regarding the number of vehicles associated to the village funeral directors parking in the centre of the village was discussed. The Councillors agreed that we are in unprecedented times and that it was unfair to single out the funeral directors as there are other businesses in the village who also use parking spaces.
- A letter of complaint has been received regarding an issue on the common land at Walk Mill. This is to be discussed at a future PC meeting.

15/21 1 Walk Mill Common Land Lease

Due to new information coming to light this item was deferred. It was resolved to discuss the item further when the relevant information has been looked at. The item will be discussed in Part B of the meeting due to it's financial implications.

16/21 Flooding Within Parish

This item was discussed in public participation.

17/21 Cumbria In Bloom 2021

- Dalston's Gardening Club request for £500 to help towards ongoing works in the Jubilee and Millennium Garden was approved. Clerk to issue a cheque. Cllr Allison kindly offered to donate funds to this project if approached.

- Cllr Auld proposed that the PC set aside £2,000 for projects relating to Britain In Bloom 2021 (this money to be ring fenced in the accounts as in previous years). Cllr Drouet seconded this and all Councillors present were in favour. All funding will need to be approved by 2 signatories.

It was noted that Pat Jackson has once again cleaned the White Bride. It was agreed to send her a letter of thanks.

18/21 Grit Bin

Cumbria County Council can supply and install bins for £147.88. Subsequent replenishment of grit is charged at £54.88 per bin. Cllr Allison felt that the bins on the highway (Low Moorlands and The Grange) should be free of charge, and agreed to follow this up. Clerk to purchase a bin to be placed outside The Glave Hill car park.

As Cllr McKerrell is unable to contribute towards a bin she kindly offered £200 in lieu of painting the village notice boards.

19/21 Raughton Head Trees

Discussion took place regarding 6 trees in need of attention on the verge outside Raughton Head School. Cumbria County Council surveyed the trees whilst carrying out a tree survey for the school. A copy of this survey was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cumbria County Council, Carlisle City Council and the Church Commissioners say they are not responsible. Cllr Allison to speak to the legal team at Cumbria County Council to ascertain exactly what highways are legally responsible for once off the road. There is a possibility that the trees in question were planted by the PC for the Millennium. Clerk to investigate. Mike Lowther quoted £450 + VAT to complete the works.

20/21 Census March 2021

It was reported that all households throughout Cumbria will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. Information from the census will help decide how services are planned and funded in our local area. Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will also be available on request. More information can be found on the Parish Council website and Twitter.

21/21 Return To Face To Face Meetings

The Parish Council has been notified that the regulations which allow local authorities to hold meetings remotely end on the 7th May 2021, therefore unless government extend this face to face meetings will need to commence from this date. CALC are strongly pushing for this to be extended. Cllr Byers is also going to contact John Stevenson regarding the situation. It was agreed that the PC will hold this years Annual Parish Meeting via Zoom in late April. Date to be confirmed at next month's PC meeting.

22/21 Financial

- Cllr Irving proposed the following payments be approved for payment. This was seconded by Cllr Auld. All Councillors present were in favour.

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Sue Milburn	Notices Recorded delivery post	9.00 2.93 11.93
BACS	Carlisle Business Supplies	Inks	89.66
BACS	SH Electrical	2 new office lights	267.84
BACS	Tree Wise Solutions	Grass cutting maps	180.00
BACS	M Broatch	Window cleaning Forge Green office	5.00

BACS	Wigton Town Council	Parish grass Oct-Dec	2866.22	5,742.64
		Cemetery grass Oct-Dec	1701.76	
		Summerfield grass Oct-Sept	117.55	
		Cut of Nook Lane Foot	100.00	
		VAT	957.11	
BACS	A Routledge	New post for cemetery gate		93.00
Total				£6390.07

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

23/21 Cemetery

- There were no cemetery matters.

24/21 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Irving reported the wall along The Green close to the corner at Bridge End is in need of repair. Clerk to write a letter to the owners. Cllr McKerrell stated that all of the wall needs to be monitored as it is in a poor state of repair.
- Cllr Baxter requested a letter of thanks be written to Mark Nugent for donating part of his mole catching payment to charity.
- Cllr McKerrell reported that the RFO has contacted Environmental Services regarding a smell coming from a lagoon at the back of Nestle. It was also stated that the smell might be coming from the sewage works at Low Mill and has been more prominent due to the east wind.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

Next meeting of the Parish Council to take place via zoom on the 9th March 2021 at 7.15pm.

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2021: 23rd February 2021 & 26th October 2021 at 7.15pm the location to be confirmed. An additional meeting in between to be arranged if required.

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2021: TBC

The meeting closed at 8.50pm