

## DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held in Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.15pm.

M. Watling Assistant Clerk

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### **Present**

Cllr Byers    Cllr Drouet    Cllr Kyle    Cllr Craig    Cllr Robson    Cllr Auld    Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski  
Cllr Baxter    Cllr Potter    Cllr Dickinson    Cllr Dinning    Cllr McKerrell    Cllr Utting    Cllr Ebbatson

### **Apologies**

The following apologies were approved  
Cllr Irving - sickness

### **Minutes**

**Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

### **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **150/21 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present. Cllr Allison advised that he had filled in the sinkhole on the Sustrans Cyclepath.

### **151/21 Planning Applications:**

#### **Decisions:**

**Appn Ref: 21/0991** The Mango Tree, Cardewlees, Carlisle, CA5 6LG. Variation Of Condition 3 (2m Stone Boundary Wall) Of Previously Approved Application 21/0100 (Conversion Of Former Restaurant To Create A Single Residential Unit And Erection Of A Detached Residential Unit) To Omit The Requirement For A Stone Wall And Replace With A 2m High Timber Boarded Fence. Grant Permission.

#### **Applications:**

**Appn Ref: 21/1057** Moss End farm, Welton Road, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7EL. Change Of Use Of Agricultural Land For The Siting Of 6no. Holiday Camping Pods. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 21/0955** Rocafosca, Barras Brow, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7NA. Demolition of Existing Flat Roofed Extensions To North And South Elevations; Erection of Replacement Single Storey Extension To Provide Lounge/Sunroom To The South; Erection of Replacement Single Storey Extension To Provide New Entrance And Dining Room; Erection of Replacement Garage. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 21/1095** Thackwood Farm, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7DT. Roofing Over Sheep Pens & Extension To Existing Building. No Observations

**Appn Ref: 21/1101** 20 Caldew Drive, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7NS. Erection Of Single Storey Side & Rear Extension To Provide Kitchen/Dining Room, Living Room, Utility, WC & Bedroom Together With Erection Of Detached Double Garage. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 21/0072/S211** Deepdale, Bridge End, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7BH. Removal Of 6no. Trees Within Dalston Conservation Area. No observations. A request was made for the clerk to check if a list of the tree preservation orders in the Parish is on the Parish Council website.

**Appn Ref: 21/1125** Ryeclouse, Stockdalewath, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7DP. Erection Of Two Storey Front & Rear Extensions Along With Raising The Roof Of Part Of Existing Dwelling To Provide Additional Living Accommodation On Ground Floor With 4no. Bedrooms (1no. Ensuite) & 2 no. Shower Rooms Above. Observation – We note this property is in flood zone 2 and would like assurance that flood defences are currently adequate and will be maintained.

**Appn Ref: 21/1124** Lemon Nook Bungalow, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JN. Erection Of Single Storey Extensions To Front, Side And Rear To Provide Open Plan Kitchen/Living Area With Utility Room, Bootroom And WC. No Observations.

### **152/21 Clerk and Chairman Report**

- It was agreed to hold the next Parish Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill.

### **153/21 Correspondence**

- A letter from the HM Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria encouraging the support of The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 inviting people to "plant a tree for the Jubilee" has been circulated to various organisations within the parish.
- A request to put rehab4addiction information on the Parish Council website was discussed. Cllr Byers will find out more about this project.
- A parishioner has requested a light be put in the village lamp. It was agreed that there should be a light. Clerk to make enquiries about the location of the electricity supply and the cost.
- Correspondence from a parishioner regarding 1 Walk Mill had been circulated prior to the meeting.

### **154/21 1 Walk Mill Gate Signage**

It was resolved to ask Watsign to supply the sign for the gate after the following amendments are made to the draft sign. 'Warning Steep Drop' to be moved to the bottom of the sign and to be in the same black font as the rest of the signage. The remainder of the wording is to be separated onto separate lines as the clerks original sign. Cllr Dinning agreed to affix the sign to the gate.

### **155/21 Bat Survey Forge Green**

The bat survey had been circulated this morning as just arrived. It was resolved to have the survey as an agenda item at the next meeting. Cllr McKerrell to seek advice from the City Council Conservation Officer, Cllr Drouet will do research and the RFO will speak to S.A.P Ecology about the options.

### **156/21 Riverbank Erosion Signs**

It was resolved that a further 8 riverbank erosion signs were required to read 'Caution Riverbank Erosion'. It was not necessary to include 'Unstable Rocks'. Stakes to mount the signs would also be required for the two existing signs as these are showing signs of rot. Clerk to ask Caldew School if they would kindly make the signs.

### **157/21 Summerfield Play Area**

Kompan's quote of £2,468.50 for the installation of swing hanger anti wraps to prevent the vandalism of swing chains was discussed. It was resolved not to proceed with this due to the small number of instances which have taken place. Clerk to thank Kompan for their quote.

### **158/21 Bullying and Harassment Statement for the website**

The bullying & harassment statement had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The document was approved. Clerk to put onto the website.

### **159/21 Local Government Reorganisation Update**

An online presentation for CALC members took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December regarding progress with Local Government Reorganisation. Cllr Kyle was concerned that the answer given to most questions was 'The Secretary of State will decide' and this reorganisation is going to take place in the shortest time of any other Local Government Reorganisation.

He suggested Local Government Reorganisation be an agenda item every month to keep abreast of developments in the lead up to the election of the Shadow Authority. Cllr Allison suggested inviting Jason Gooding to a meeting to discuss the Reorganisation when he has enough information to warrant this. The end of March was recommended and to open the invitation to surrounding parishes. Cllr McKerrell will speak to Jason Gooding and report back at the next meeting before invitations are sent out.

The Parish Council election in May 2022 will be the last one to coincide with the Local Elections as the new Shadow Authority will be elected initially for a five year term. The Parish Council will have to budget and precept for elections for 2026 onwards.

### 160/21 Financial

The following were approved for payment:

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Sue Milburn	Notices 9.00 recorded delivey of land regisrty documents 3.79 Smoke alarm batteries 10.50	23.29
BACS	CommuniCorp	Renew subscription to Clerks & Councils Direct magazine	12.00
BACS	Martin Broatch	Window cleaning for december	5.00
BACS	Minihan McAlister	Legal fees for Registering Kingsway	547.20
BACS	Viking	Diary and year planner	15.22
BACS	Carlisle Business Supplies	Ink	62.28
BACS	Victory Hall	Hire Social Room for Neighbourhood plan meeting	20.00
BACS	Carlisle City Council	Kingsway Car Park rates Instalment 2021/22	204.00
Chq 708	Eric Davidson	Gravedigging Penrice & Metcalf	425.00
Chq 709	RM Capstick	Watering troughs etc 12/9 to 9/10 407.68 Winter planting 854.36	1,262.04
Chq 710	Primrose Hall	Hire meeting room for 14 December PC meeting	15.00
Total			<u>£2,591.03</u>

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

- The Budget for 2022/23 to 2026/27 proposed by the Policy and Resources Committee had been circulated prior to the meeting. An increase in precept for 2022/23 of 4.8% equivalent to 6p per week for a Band D property was recommended. Cllr Auld proposed that the budget and precept be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Craig. All Councillors voted in favour. The RFO will submit the precept request of £81,674 to the City Council. Cllr Auld thanked the RFO for preparing a clear budget and explanatory notes.
- It was resolved that the direct debit mandate to pay the business rates for the Kingsway Car Park be approved for signature.
- The RFO advised that the electricity supplier 'Bulb' had gone into special administration. There would be no change in our electricity supply and we have a rolling monthly contract. It was resolved that no action would be taken at present to find a new supplier. The situation will continue to be monitored.

### **161/21 Charitable Trust Awards 2021**

Cllr Kyle presented the proposed list of grant awards which totalled £3,589 and used some of the funds set aside from 2020 when there were fewer grants requested. It was resolved to make awards to the following organisations: St Michaels Pre-School Nursery, Caldew School, Dalston Drama Society, Dalston Handbell Ringers, Dalston Victory Hall, Dalston Tennis Club, Dalston Recreation Association and Dalston Scout Group.

### **162/21 Cemetery**

The following cemetery matters were approved:-

- The purchase of grave space in Ward 5, Section L, Space 2 to Mr Simon Metcalf.
- The burial of the late Lisa Diane Metcalf in Ward 5, Section L, Space 2 on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- The additional inscription for the late Marry (Molly) Greenwood buried in Ward 5, Section H, Space 11. Also Molly Greenwood, Died 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Darling wife of Brian, much loved Mum, Gran and Great Gran. Hand in hand forever.

### **163/21 Councillor Matters**

Cllr Auld reported that the Royal Horticultural Society were holding a competition in 2022 for those who have done well in previous Britain in Bloom competitions and Dalston have been invited to enter. The closing date for responses is 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Cllr Byers is consulting the volunteer groups as it is not a Parish Council entry. Cllr Auld hoped the Parish Council would support the volunteer groups should they decide to enter the competition.

Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski asked if it would be possible to obtain salt bins for the locations where salt heaps are currently placed by the County Council. The salt heaps get washed away and contaminated by animals.

Cllr Ebbatson reported that the triangle at Hawksdale was being made into a wildflower area.

### **Date of Forthcoming Meetings**

The monthly Parish Council meeting is to take place in Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.15pm.

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2022: TBC

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2022: TBC

The meeting closed at 8.45pm