

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held in Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill on the 8th March 2022 at 7.15pm.

S. Milburn Clerk

Present

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

Apologies

There were no apologies.

Minutes

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 8th February 2022.

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Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

29/22 Public Participation

Cllr Allison was present and spoke in relation to the significantly reduced 74/75 bus service. He reported that in conjunction with Wetheral Parish Council a questionnaire had been devised, this will be distributed to parishioners with his newsletter.

30/22 Planning

Decisions:

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 W.C. Grant Permission.

Appn Ref: 21/1151 Corsica, Buckabank, Dalston, CA5 7AA. Erection Of Replacement Porch (LBC) Grant Permission.

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. Grant Permission

Appn Ref: 21/1092 Land at Dalston House, Townhead Road, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7PZ. Refurbishment & Restoration Of Original Barn; .Partial Demolition And Rebuilding Of Modern Shed (LBC). Grant Permission

NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWN APPLICATION

Appn Ref: 21/0245 Bridge End Inn, Bridge End, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7BH. Conversion Of Garage To 1no. Dwelling.

Applications:

Appn Ref: 22/0078 Bridge End Inn, Bridge End, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7BH. Change Of Use Of Garage To Dual Use Consisting Of Staff Accommodation & Holiday Let To Be Used In Association With The Bridge End Public House

(Revised Application). The PC would like this application refused. Observations can be found on the Carlisle City Council website.

Appn Ref: 22/0101 1 Summerfields, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7NW. Erection of Boundary Fence Maximum Height 1.9 Metres (Revised). No Observations.

Appn Ref: 22/0115 2 Caldew Drive, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7NS. Erection Of Single Storey Extension To Front Elevation To Increase Living Accommodation; First Floor Side Extension Over Existing Garage/Utility Room To Provide 1no. En-Suite Bedroom. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 22/0133 23 Caldew Drive, Dalston, Carlisle. CA5 7NS. Demolition of Existing Garage; Erection of Two Storey Side Extension to Provide Replacement Garage & Utility on Ground Floor with 1No En-Suite Bedroom & Family Bathroom Above; Single Storey Rear Extension To Provide Additional Living Accommodation (Revised Application). No Observations.

Appn Ref: 22/0138 2 The Forge, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7QP. Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension to Provide Extended Living/Dining Room. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 22/0144 Redcroft, 19 Carlisle Road, Dalston CA5 7NG. Erection of First Floor Rear Extension to Provide Bedroom. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 22/0102 16 The Square, Dalston CA5 7PY. Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension to Provide Store. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 22/0107 16 The Square, Dalston CA5 7PY. Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension to Provide Store (LBC). No Observations.

Appn Ref: 22/0019/S211 3 Bishops Mill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QN. Removal Of 2no. Leylandiis In Dalston Conservation Area. No Observations.

THE PLANNING (HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES) ACT 1990: CONSULTATION ON APPLICATION FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE CONSENT

Appn Ref: 22/0001 HAZ Dalston Distribution Terminal, Barras Lane, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7LX. Variation Of Condition 1 (Storage) Of Previously Approved Hazardous Substances Consent 18/0001/HAZ (Storage Of Kerosene, BP Petrol Additive, Petrol, Diesel, Gas Oil marker Dye And BP Derv Additive) To Enable Petrol To Be Stored In T-13 Instead Of Diesel. No Observations.

31/22 Clerk and Chairman Report

- It was agreed to hold the 12th April 2022 Parish Council meeting in the Cumdivock WI Hall.
- A request has been made from the village Methodists and Anglicans to work together to plant a tree for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. It was agreed that they could plant a Prunus Kanzan cherry tree in the Jubilee Garden.
- It was agreed that Cumdivock WI can place a bench at Lakerigg. It was also agreed that they can plant an Oak tree opposite Cumdivock Church in memory of past WI members and in recognition of the Queens Platinum Jubilee.
- It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting in the Victory Hall on the 12th May 2022. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will commence at 6.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm. Clerk to arrange for Dalston WI to do the catering.
- The first meeting of the Wildlife & Biodiversity Group was held on the 22nd February 2022. The group identified several areas within the parish which are or could be areas for wildlife and biodiversity. The next meeting is to be held on the 22nd March 2022, the group will look at the common land at Chalkfoot Farm to assess whether or not they feel the area is suitable for the plantation of woodland.

32/22 Correspondence

- Cumbrian Newspaper Ltd are running a feature called “person of the week” which highlights people in the community who go the extra mile. After discussion Cllr McKerrell agreed to speak to the nominee to check that they are happy for the Parish Council to put their name forward.
- A request from The Dalston Show Committee to use the Village Green for parking on the 13th August 2022 (Dalston Show day) was approved. Clerk to inform the tenant.
- The request from the charity Scope to place a textile recycling bank in the village was refused due to there already being one located at Hospice at Home on Barras Lane Industrial Estate.
- The request from Le Petit Barista to trade from the Kingsway car park was refused on the grounds that the Parish Council don’t want to set a precedent for the future and the village already has established businesses in this field.

- Dalston WI request to place crocuses (planted in the letters of WI) on the area of grass outside the Cumberland Building Society was approved. The WI are to celebrate their centenary next year and to mark this would like to plant fruit trees which would be available for the community. The Parish Council fully support this idea and suggested locations were on the area of grass at Smithfield or on the school field at St Michael's School (permission for this would need to be sought). The idea of purchasing mugs for the children of the parish in celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee was also suggested. This will be discussed at the April Parish Meeting.
- St Michael's Pre School-Nursery and Dalston Tennis Club have written a letter of thanks to the Charitable Trust for the grants they recently received.

33/22 Policy & Resource Meeting Update 1st March 2022

The draft minutes from the Policy & Resource minutes were circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the solar panel income continues to be designated to The Dalston Charitable Trust. It was recommended that payments made from the Charitable Trust be more transparent. The Policies and Standing orders were reviewed. It was agreed to transfer £5,000 to the roof replacement fund. It was also agreed that the Parish Council pay for the Clerk / RFO eye tests for VDU use (Visual display unit) and the RFO is to act on the internal audit report including the recommendation to monitor Freedom of Information requests.

34/22 Local Government Reorganisation Update

- Cumbria County Council has decided not to pursue an appeal to pursue a Judicial Review.
- There is currently a consultation underway by the Police and Crime Commissioner on proposals for the future Governance of the Fire and Rescue Service. The Consultation closes at midday on 21 March 2022.
- Work will get underway in March to raise public awareness of LGR in the run up to the 5 May elections.
- CALC have arranged an LGR/Elections update meeting for 15th March between 7pm and 8.30pm. RFO will forward the link to join the meeting when it is made available.
- CALC are hoping to develop events for Parish Councils to attend to liaise with some of the Parishes that have recently gone through LGR. This will be after the Structural Change Order has gone through Parliament and the Shadow Authorities have been formed in May by the City / County Councils.
- Cllr Kyle reported that a sub committee had been formed on the 6th November 2021 to look at Parish Councils in the Carlisle area, information regarding this hasn't been forthcoming.
- Cllr McKerrell & Cllr Byers are to write to Cumbria County to request their list of Dalston Assets.

35/22 Clerk / RFO Appraisals

Cllr Byers reported on the recent appraisals of both Clerks. It was a glowing report for them both, especially with the difficulties over the last two years with home working, zoom meetings and internet problems. It is still difficult for them to get in touch with some people who are working from home and not responding to emails. Dalston is very lucky to have two such diligent and conscientious clerks.

Cllr Kyle had a copy of the new pay scales giving a 1.75% increase back dated to 1st April 2021. He also proposed that both Clerks should have a 5% bonus because of their hard work and difficulties over the last 2 years. This was seconded by Cllr Craig and everyone was in favour.

36/22 Forge Green Outside Light

It was agreed to place an additional light outside the office door at Forge Green. Clerk to arrange.

37/22 Financial

The below payments were approved.

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Sue Milburn	Notices for March	9.00
BACS	M Broatch	Window Cleaning 2/3/22	5.00
BACS	R & M Lowther	Remove 2 oak trees at Mitchell Brow	240.00

BACS	Caldew School	Erosion signs	79.20
BACS	Carlisle Business Supplies	Printer inks	92.40
Chq716	Eric Davidson	gravedigging Vevers	380.00
Chq 717	Primrose Hall	Hire meeting room for March PC meeting	15.00
Total			£820.60

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

- The Dalston & District Gardening Club Grant application for £330 for works in the Jubilee and Millennium Garden was approved.
- Carlisle City Council has allocated a capital sum of £250,000 in its 2022/23 budget for the improvement of play areas in the city and surrounding district. A proportion of this sum is to be made available to Parish Councils. The closing dates for applications is 31st March 2022. It was agreed an application be made for play equipment at the Recreation Centre.

38/22 Cemetery

The following cemetery matters were approved:

- The burial of the late Kathleen Vevers in Ward 5, Section I, Space 47 on the 11th February 2022.
- The following additional inscription for the late Thomas Howorth Rawstron:- Also Her Beloved Husband Thomas Howorth Rawstron (Tom) died 9th September 2021 aged 77 years. Ward 5, Section K, Space 11.
- The purchase of grave space Ward 5, Section K, Space 54 by Mr Joseph & Mrs Moira Irving.

39/22 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Baxter noted his concern regarding the leaning tree at Smithfield. The Clerk stated that Kim Fitzmaurice (Carlisle City Council) had recently surveyed the tree and reported that no action or removal was necessary.
- Cllr Baxter also asked when the seats at Smithfield, Lakerigg and The Green are to be installed, the Clerk explained that it was in hand.
- Cllr Baxter reported that during school pick up times cars sit in front of the houses on Carlisle Road opposite St Michael's School with their car engines running (leading to excessive exhaust fumes), he requested the Community Support Officer visit and the schools write to parents requesting engines be turned off.
- Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski spoke in relation to the proposed picnic table at Gaitsgill. The Property & Maintenance Committee are to have a site visit there on the 19th April.
- Cllr Dinning reported that a drunk driver had crashed into the wall at the Old Vicarage on Saturday evening.
- Cllr Dinning also stated that the traffic lights at Buckabank had been there for a long period of time, it was reported they would be there for another 2 weeks.
- Cllr Craig reported that a parishioner had contacted him regarding Cumbria's boundary review. Councillors submitted individual responses on this as the Parish Council is a non-political entity.
- Cllr Kyle spoke in relation to the CALC January / February 2022 newsletter. Clifton Community Council have purchased and installed an AutoSpeed watch camera at a cost of £500 per unit. Clerk to make further enquiries.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

The monthly Parish Council meeting is to take place in Cumdivock WI Hall on the 12th April 2022 at 7.15pm.

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2022: 18th October.

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2022: 19th April & 28th June.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

