

## **DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.15pm.

S. Milburn Clerk

A minute's silence was held at the start of the meeting to mark the passing of Her Majesty the Queen.

### **Present**

Cllr McKerrell Cllr Kyle Cllr Craig Cllr Kaye-Krzczkowski Cllr Irving Cllr Robson  
Cllr Potter Cllr Dinning Cllr Steele-Wilson Cllr Baxter Cllr Drouet

### **Apologies**

Cllr Utting – Recovery post operation.  
Cllr Byers – Gardening Club meeting

### **Minutes**

**Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

### **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **98/22 Public Participation**

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

### **99/22 Parish Tree Works**

Mike Lowther (tree surgeon) attended the meeting to address the Council on the current ash die back disease. It was agreed to fell 3 ash trees in Kelseys Meadow and Mike agreed to monitor the remaining trees.  
It was reported there is currently a balance of £4185 set aside in a tree maintenance reserve.

### **100/22 Planning Applications:**

#### **Decisions:**

**Appn 22/0396:** Cardewlees Farm, Cardewless, Carlisle CA5 6LE. Formation of 3no. Agricultural Tracks (Retrospective). Grant Permission.

**Appn Ref: 22/0352** 28 The Green, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QD. Erection Of Single Storey Rear Extension To Provide Dining Room. Grant Permission.

#### **Applications:**

**Appn Ref: 22/0642** Land adjacent Alpine Cottage, Raughton Head, Carlisle, CA5 7DD. Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) Of Previously Approved Application 13/0423 (Erection Of 1no. Dwelling) To Amend The Design Of The Dwelling. The Parish Council felt the plans for this application were inadequate and difficult to understand due to their size. Clerk to notify the planning department.

**Appn Ref: 22/0047/S211** 4 Walk Mill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QW. Removal Of 1no. Sycamore Tree In Dalston Conservation Area. No Observations.

**Appn Ref : 22/0659** Hazel House, Carlisle Road, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7NQ. Change Of Use Of Agricultural Land To Domestic Curtilage To Include Multi-Use Games Area & Erection of Stables (Part Retrospective). No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 22/0706** Unit 2, Barras Lane, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7LX. Formation Of Covered Loading And Parking Bay. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 22/0710** Land north of Tanglewood, Grange Park Road, Orton Grange, Carlisle. Erection Of 1no. Dwelling. No Observations.

## **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (APPEALS) (WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2000**

**Proposal:** Erection Of Boundary Fence Maximum Height 1.9 Metres (Revised).

**Location:** 1 Summerfields, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7NW.

**Appeal by:** Mr John Meeton.

**Appn Ref:** 22/0101.

**P.I Ref:** APP/E0915/D/22/3301908.

**Appeal Starting Date:** 31/08/2022

### **102/22 Clerk and Chairman Report**

- The tenant of The Green has given notice that he will be terminating his lease in December 2023. The tenant gave the following recommendations: - the field be grazed lightly with cows. Due to it being a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) fertiliser, sprays or slurry should not be used on the area. Topping in August will help to regenerate the field.  
The terms of the lease are to be approved and the tenancy is to be advertised in May 2023.
- The Clerk reported that the potholes at Yetlands have been addressed.
- The Parish Council thanked the festival committee for organising a very successful fun packed week of activities.

### **103/22 Correspondence**

- CALC are holding their Annual General Meeting virtually on the 29<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. The guest speakers are Steve Shaw (Power for People) and Howard Cox (Founder of FairFuel UK). The meetings joining instructions have been circulated to the Councillors.
- 2 trail running events have taken place. The Grand Tour of Skiddaw (GTS) on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and the Cumbria Way Ultra (CWU) on the 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Both events followed the Cumbria Way trail.
- The tenant at No.1 Forge Green has requested secondary double-glazed windows and loft insulation. The Clerk is to source prices for the windows and liaise with Roger Higgins as Forge Green is a listed building.
- A request to place a memorial tree (Rowan) in the village was approved. It was suggested the tree be placed on The Green where the gorse was removed.
- Permission was granted for Electricity North West to prune trees in order to clear overhead power lines located at the sub station on the riverbank by The Green field entrance.
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### **104/22 Property & Maintenance Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 Update**

The draft minutes from the August meeting were circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The following were agreed: -

- The locations for the 3 fruit trees at Summerfield and the location for the Copper Beech tree on the grass area next to the lamp were agreed. The trees have been planted.
- A damaged post in the Kingsway Car Park is to be removed and replaced with shrubs.
- All damaged grasscrete is to be replaced in the Kingsway car park.
- Tenders for the Forge Green roof repairs have been issued to 4 contractors to price. Tenders to be returned to Cllr Craigs home address.
- The recent ROSPA safety report was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Following a site meeting it was agreed to tighten the keepers on the left-hand gate; oil the right-hand side gate and place a rubber block on the finger trap and to address the gap between the fence and right-hand side gate. Kompan are to remove the covers from the fitting at the top of the swing chains and check the shackle bolt for wear. Thanks were given to Cllr Dinning and Cllr McKerrell for completing the works.

### 105/22 Annual Cut Back Vegetation Cycle Path

Cllr Allison requested funding for the annual cut back of vegetation along the cycle path. Cllr McKerrell and Cllr Collier have kindly given £150 each. The PC agreed to pay the invoice on behalf of Cycle Carlisle and give £150 towards the cost. Cllr Allison to request funding from Cummersdale Parish Council and arrange Steven Brown to do the work.

### 106/22 Defibrillator – The Co-op

Unfortunately, the District Councillors have been told they are not allowed to contribute to the defibrillator funding as it is classed as an ongoing project.

It was agreed to apply for the Co-op Local Community Fund, the next round is in May 2023.

### 107/22 Carlisle Local Committee Consultation – To Consider Introduction of More 20mph Zones

The Parish Council are to request a 20mph speed limit from Nestle through to the Victory Hall. There are 2 busy schools on this stretch of road and the centre of the village which hosts a number of thriving businesses.

The Parish Council are also to request the 30mph zone on Townhead Road be reduced to 20mph.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Allison would make representations in his position of County Councillor on behalf of the Parish Council.

### 108/22 Local Government Reorganisation Update

Discussion took place and concerns were raised about the lack of information and involvement in Local Government Reorganisation open to Parish Councils. Particular concern surrounds Parish Assets. Local Government Reorganisation will continue to be a monthly agenda item.

### 109/22 Financial

- The following amounts were approved for payment:

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Sue Milburn	Notices	9.00
BACS	Martin Broatch	Window cleaning September	5.00
BACS	Carlisle Business Supplies Ltd	Printer ink	356.40
BACS	Playsafety Limited	Annual safety inspection report Summerfield play area	84.00
BACS	Raughton Head PCC	Grass cutting Raughton Head Church	780.00
BACS	Macemain & Amstad	6 Seats	3,248.40
BACS	GLL	3 Sessions of Rural Play Scheme	248.00
BACS	Margaret Watling	Postage stamps 25.51 Carbonite subscription to back up computer to the cloud 89.34	114.85
Chq 735	Bobby Nicol	weedkiller for The Forge	18.99
Chq 736	Ian Davidson	Grave digging for McBride ashes	70.00
Total			£4,934.64

- The RFO reported that a clean audit report has been received following the completion of the external audit for 2021-22. The 5 year external auditors appointment has now ended. It was agreed to continue to use Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd to allocate the external auditor for the next 5 year appointing period 2022-2027.

- A paper showing the effect of the increase in electricity tariff on 9 September had been circulated. In view of the current uncertainty in the energy market and awaited Government announcements to help businesses it was agreed to take no action at present but to keep the situation under review.

### **110/22 Cemetery**

The following cemetery matters were approved: \_

- The additional inscription for the late Patrick Collins buried in Ward 5, Section J, Space 56. Patrick Collins, 6.12.1951 – 22.6.2022. A loving Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad, Brother, and Uncle. Forever in our hearts.
- The interment of the late Robert Ross McBride and Jean Isobel McBride in Ward 5, Section F, Space 52 on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

The Clerk reported that Westwood have levelled the grave spaces in Ward 5, Section A,B,C&E.

### **111/22 Councillor Matters**

- Cllr McKerrell thanked Cllr Robson for lowering the flags.
- Cllr Drouet reported that a parishioner had asked for there to be a disabled parking bay in front of the church entrance. This is to be an agenda item next month.
- Cllr Dinning stated that a new trampoline had been installed at the Recreation ground and it was being very well used. He thanked the RFO for helping to administer the grant.  
The Recreational play area has been voted in the top 5 play areas in the north of the County.

### **Date of Forthcoming Meetings**

Next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Forge Green.

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2022 – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Forge Green.

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2023 – TBC.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.