

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green on the 11th October 2022 at 7.15pm.

S. Milburn Clerk

Present

Cllr Irving (Chair) Cllr Kyle Cllr Craig Cllr Melrose Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski Cllr Steele-Wilson
Cllr Dinning Cllr Potter Cllr Robson Cllr Baxter Cllr Drouet Cllr Ebbatson

Due to both the Chair and Vice Chair being absent from the meeting it was agreed that Cllr Irving be the Chair.

Apologies

The following apologies were approved:-

Cllr Utting – Holiday
Cllr McKerrell – Carlisle City Council Meeting
Cllr Byers - Holiday

Minutes

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 20th September 2022.

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Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

113/22 Public Participation

Cllr Trevor Allison sent his apologies (Carlisle City Council meeting). 5 members of the public were present. 4 parishioners spoke about their concerns regarding speeding traffic on the stretch of road between Hawksdale to Raughton Head near the B5299 junction. Recent traffic count results on this section of road were circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. After discussion Cllr Craig proposed that the Parish Council support the resident's proposal of a 40mph speed limit from the B5299 junction to the Lime House school entrance. Cllr Drouet seconded this and all Councillors present were in favour. Clerk to write letter of support to Cllr Allison and Cumbria County Council.

114/22 Planning Applications:

Applications:

Appn Ref: 22/0716 Orton Grange Farm, Orton Grange, Carlisle CA5 6LA. Installation of 4 no Rapid Electric Vehicle Charging Stations & Associated Equipment Within Car Park. No observations.

Appn Ref: 22/0692 Nook House, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JL. Roofing Over Existing Concrete Livestock Gathering Area. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 22/0554 Ellerslea Cottage, Bridge End, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QQ. Erection Of Single Storey Rear Extension To Provide Additional Living Accommodation. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 22/0732 Hill House, Buckabank, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AA. Reroofing Of Barn And Lean-To-Outbuilding; Installation of PV Solar Panels To South West Roof of Barn. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 22/0733 Hill House, Buckabank, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AA. Reroofing Of Barn And Lean-To-Outbuilding; Installation of PV Solar Panels To South West Roof of Barn (LBC). No Observations.

Appn Ref: 22/0745 Newby Cross House, Newby Cross, Carlisle, CA5 6JP. Erection Of Portal Framed Building For Store & Office Along With On Site Parking. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 22/0746 Stockdalewath Methodist Church, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7DR. Variation Of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) Of Previously Approved Application 19/0985 (Conversion Of Redundant Church To Dwelling Including Extensions Together With A Change Of Use Of Agricultural Land To Garden) To Amend The Design. No Observations.

115/22 Clerk and Chairman Report

- It was agreed to purchase 9 wreaths for Remembrance Sunday on the 13th November 2022.
- The Clerk reported the gutters have been cleaned at Forge Green.

116/22 Correspondence

- Hawksdale to Raughton Head ATC traffic count results were discussed in public participation.
- A complaint has been made regarding the amount of space used in The Square by The Blue Bell over festival week. The Clerk reported that Cumbria County Council had been involved and requested barriers be put up and the tables and chairs be moved back from the road. The Blue Bell have been made aware that if they hold an event in the future an entertainment licence must be applied for 14 days before the intended event.
- The appeal to the valuation office against the backdated Non-Domestic Rates Assessment for the Kingsway has been refused.
- A complaint has been made regarding the common land grass being cut at Lakerigg. A picture of the area in question was circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that a letter be written to the appropriate homeowner explaining that the Parish Council are responsible for the maintenance of this common land and it is an area where parishioners have the right to roam. It is also an area to encourage bird nesting and wildlife, therefore under no circumstances should they cut the area.

117/22 No.1 Walk Mill Fence On Common Land Removal

- Correspondence has been received from the tenants of No.1 Walk Mill requesting compensation for the costs they have incurred to lease the common land. It was proposed by Cllr Craig that a reimbursement be made to the tenants providing that they remove the fence first. This was seconded by Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski and all Councillors present were in favour. It was agreed that if a solicitor became involved much higher costs would be incurred. Clerk to clarify that once the fence has been removed the tenants would like the lease to cease. Due to the sensitive nature of this item the financial implications were discussed at the end of the meeting with no public present.
- Correspondence requesting the Parish Council consider engaging a contractor to take down the fence and dispose of the posts etc and restore the area of common land to its original condition was taken into consideration when the above decision was made.

118/22 Disabled Parking Outside The Church

A request to have a disabled parking space in The Square near to the church entrance has been received. Following discussion Cllr Craig proposed that parking in The Square remain the same with no designated spaces. Cllr Potter seconded this, there were 2 abstentions, and 9 Councillors were in favour.

119/22 Local Government Reorganisation

- An update for Parish and Town Councils in Cumberland on Local Government Reorganisation is being held virtually on Microsoft Teams on 15th November at 7pm.
- The information currently released are the services which will be shared between the two new Authorities and the location of the 4 key office locations (known as anchor buildings) for the new Cumberland Authority. Both Cumbria House and the Civic Centre in Carlisle will continue to be anchor buildings.
- The 3 District Councils in the Cumberland Shadow Authority have different levels of Council Tax and in the coming months the Shadow Authority has to decide how to harmonise them and the timescale.
- It is a matter of concern that there is still a lack of information available to, and lack of involvement with Parish Councils in the Local Government Reorganisation process.

120/22 Financial

The following amounts were approved for payment:

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Sue Milburn	Notices £9.00 Key for flagpole £8.00	17.00
BACS	Beacon Fire Protection	Service fire extinguishers	37.50
BACS	SH Electrical	PAT testing office equipment 69.00 2 Carbon Monoxide detectors 1 Forge Green 120.91 Replace light fitting & Carbon Monoxide detector 2 Forge Green 220.80	410.71
BACS	Ann McKerrell	Flowers for HM Queen Elizabeth displays in Church and Flagpoles	30.50
BACS	Mike Capstick	Supply & plant 3 fruit trees & one beech tree £249.60 Water & maintain troughs/baskets & trees 29 May to 10 September £3,120.00 Watering new turf in cemetery £249.60	3,619.20
BACS	PFK Littlejohn LLP	External Audit Fee	480.00
BACS	Westwood Landscape Ltd	Returfing cemetery gravespaces	12,202.20
BACS	CALC	New Chairman Course	30.00
BACS	Dalston Memorials	Refund payment made to wrong Cemetery in error	31.00
BACS	Dalston Recreation Centre	Grant from Carlisle City Council for Jumper Trampoline	4,200.00
BACS	Light Bulb Web Design Ltd	Website annual renewal	432.00
Total			<u>£21,490.11</u>

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

- Cllr Dinning proposed that on completion of the removal of the fence at No.1 Walk Mill £1169 be reimbursed to the tenants for costs incurred. This was seconded by Cllr Robson and all Councillors present were in favour.

121/22 Cemetery

The following cemetery matters were approved:-

- The interment of the late Roderick James Mark-Bell on the 7th October 2022 in Ward 5, Section I, Space 34.

122/22 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Kyle requested highways be contacted to enquire why the pavement at the Carlisle Road entrance to the village has been resurfaced when there are more important / necessary works to be completed in the village.
- Cllr Kyle requested the contractors responsible for the works on Peter Lane be asked for a more detailed schedule of work.
- Cllr Baxter requested that parishioners be informed about the long time it can take to get estimates and jobs completed by trades people. He had to wait 6 months for uPVC windows..
- Cllr Ebbatson reported a damaged wall by the Mill Race. Clerk to inform the Environmental Agency.
- Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski thanked the Clerk for arranging the removal of the Sycamore tree from the river at Stockdalewath.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

Next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 8th November 2022 at Forge Green.

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

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2022 – TBC.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm