

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green on the 14th February 2023 at 7.15pm.

S. Milburn Clerk

Present

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

Apologies

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 10th January 2023.

Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Kyle planning application 23/0014.

11/23 Public Participation

Cllr Allison and 4 members of the public were in attendance. A parishioner spoke regarding the potential housing development in Dalston and urged the Councillors to be prepared if the site be selected for development. The parishioner also spoke regarding the Dalston Neighbourhood Plan in relation to the potential site; Cllr McKerrell stated that the plan is valid until 2030.

12/23 Co-option of Councillor To Dalston Ward

The Chairman reported that 2 parishioners had expressed their interest in the casual vacancy. Details of each candidate in alphabetical order were given to the Council and a vote was taken. Following the vote Cllr McKerrell declared Ian Newton had received the highest number of votes (12 in favour and 1 abstention) and would therefore be co-opted. A declaration of acceptance of office and pecuniary and other registerable interest form are to be completed prior to or at the next meeting on the 14th March 2023.

13/23 Planning Applications:

Applications:

Appn Ref: 23/0014 Raughton Farm, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7AQ. Erection of Milking Parlour. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 22/0661 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/Part Retrospective Application). No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0027 Nook House, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JL. Roofing Over Concrete Yard. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0029 Orton Grange Farm, Orton Grange, Carlisle, CA5 6LA. Erection of Concrete Slurry Store. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0052 Beech Holme, Cardewlees, Carlisle, CA5 6LF. Erection Of New Milking Parlour, Dairy & Milk Storage Tank Building Connected To Existing Cow Shed. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0053 Cumdivock House, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7JJ. Proposed Slurry Store. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0063 Corner Cottage, Grange Park Road, Orton Grange, Carlisle CA5 6LT. Proposed Formation of Vehicular Access. The Parish Council feel the access is safer where it is presently and feel safety would be compromised if it were to be re-located.

Appn Ref: 23/0072 Primrose Cottage, Holm Hill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7BX. Erection Of Single Storey Extension To Provide Living/Dining Room Together With Internal & External Alterations & Replacement Of All Windows. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0073 Primrose Cottage, Holm Hill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7BX. Erection Of Single Storey Extension To Provide Living/Dining Room Together With Internal & External Alterations & Replacement Of All Windows (LBC). No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0002SOL Cowens Ltd, Ellers Mill, Ellers Mill Lane, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QJ. Installation Of Solar Panels On Section Of Factory Roof. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0095 36 The Green, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QD. Erection Of Single Storey Extension To Front To Extend Garage And To Rear To Extend Sunroom. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0108 Hazel House, Carlisle Road, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7NQ. Change Of Use Of Agricultural Land To Domestic Curtilage; Demolition Of Existing Store Building; Erection Of Swimming Pool, Gym & Associated Facilities. The Parish Council would like to know if this is a commercial or domestic application.

Appn Ref: 23/0054 Holm House, Raughton Head, Carlisle, CA5 7DE. Demolition Of Detached Garage/Store & Erection of Replacement Garage. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0085 Chalk Lodge, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JL. Provision Of Slurry Lagoon. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0086 Chalk Lodge, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JL. Works To Open Silage Clamp Relating To Creation Of Roof And Erection Of Bund (part Retrospective). No Observations.

Consultation on proposed base station installation upgrade at Cornerstone, Orton Grange Farm, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6LA. No Observations.

14/23 Clerk and Chairman Report

- The coronation of King Charles III is to take place at Westminster Abbey on the 6th May 2023. Clerk to write to organisations in the parish and an article to be placed in the parish paper requesting interested parties form a small committee to organise the parish celebrations. Nestle have kindly offered to help support Parish Council events this year.
- The King is to host 2 garden parties at Buckingham Palace this year on Wednesday 3rd May and Tuesday 9th May. Cumbria Association of Local Councils has been allocated 2 spaces. Cllr Byers was nominated for the ballot.
- Cllr McKerrell reported that Cllr Edward Steele-Wilson had resigned from the Parish Council.
- A letter of concern has been received regarding the extended closure of the cycle path (new opening date 15th July). Following discussion, it was agreed the Clerk write to Andy Mellors (Northern Gas) and Cumbria County Council requesting the cycle path be opened when work isn't taking place. This could be advertised on both the Dalston Parish Council and Cumbria County Council website.
- It was reported the gas fire at No.1 Forge Green is to be replaced. RFO sourcing prices.

15/23 Correspondence

- Correspondence regarding damage to the common land at Nook Lane has been received. Following discussion, the Clerk was instructed to ask the enforcement officer at Carlisle City Council to contact the relevant persons regarding the issue.
- A request to have water storage in the Gardens at Forge Green has been made. Cllr Ebbatson to source.
- Dalston WI have invited 4 members of the Parish Council to celebrate their 100th birthday in the Victory Hall on the 15th March at 8pm. Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski to attend.

16/23 Tree Survey

Following discussion, the Clerk is to contact Zurich Insurance to ensure the Parish Council adheres to their tree maintenance policy. Cllr Baxter asked if the 2 Thuja Plicata trees located adjacent to the B5299 had been inspected as per the tree report. The Clerk reported that they had been inspected and crown lifted.

17/23 Summer Rural Playscheme

Due to the success of last years scheme it was agreed to hold a further 3 sessions this summer. Clerk to liaise with the Recreation Centre and GLL (Greenwich Leisure Limited). Funding options to be explored.

18/23 Public Footpath Along Railway Track at Dalston

Cllr Allison requested the Parish Council consider placing a feature at the entrance to the public footpath along the track leading from Railway Cottages to Carlisle Road. The Parish Council agreed flower baskets could be placed there. Cllr Ebbatson and Cllr Allison to arrange.

19/23 Forge Green Roof

Cllr Craig reported that the 2 tender replies had been opened on 25 January 2023. The tender from W. M. Turk & Son had been accepted as the lowest price. The work could go ahead as soon as the European Protected Species Licence was obtained from Natural England. The Policy & Resources Committee will discuss the way forward when it meets on 7 March.

20/23 Financial

The following amounts were approved for payment:

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Sue Milburn	February Notices 9.00 Ultra sonic mouse repellent 23.68	32.68
BACS	Viking	Stationery	67.14
BACS	Carlisle Business Supplies	Ink Cartridge	138.00
BACS	SH Electrical	Repair sensor light 1 Forge Green	159.60
BACS	Martin Broatch	Window cleaning 13/01/23	5.00
CHQ	Ian Davidson	Burial of May Hickson 400.00 Burial of Eileen Litherland 400.00	800.00
Total			£1,202.42

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

21/23 Cemetery

The following cemetery matters were approved:-

- The burial of the late May Hickson in Ward 5, Section K, Space 2 on the 27th January 2023.
- The burial of the late Eileen Mary Litherland in Ward 5, Section K, Space 53 on the 9th February 2023.
- A letter from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission has been received asking if the Parish Council would be interested in having a sign in the cemetery detailing to the public that 3 war graves are in the church

yard. The Parish Council agreed this would be a nice idea and decided the Property & Maintenance committee explore further.

- It was reported that there has been an increase in grave digging fees. A full body burial has increased from £380 to £400 and the interment of cremated remains has increased from £50 to £60.
- A letter of complaint has been received regarding the poor preparation of a grave space. It was noted that the space is not parallel to the grave to the right of the plot in question and is on an angle. The grave digger tried to rectify the problem but made the matter worse causing much distress to the family. The Clerk reported that a site meeting with the family and Mike Capstick is to take place and if the family agree the grave and the grave to its right will be levelled and re turfed. The Parish Council agreed a letter detailing the sympathy and concern of the Councillors on this matter be written to the family. Clerk to keep the Council updated on the situation.
- A letter has been received regarding the increasing number of artificial flowers being placed in the cemetery. This is to be an agenda item at the next Property & Maintenance meeting.

22/23 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Byers thanked Mr & Mrs Ebbatson for removing the wreaths from the church yard.
- Cllr Byers stated that the Victory Hall is 100 years old and on the 4th March they are having an open day between 10am-4pm. The Parish Council agreed to have a table there promoting the Council. Cllr Craig and Cllr Irving agreed to attend.
- Cllr Baxter reported he had collated a draft parish emergency plan, and this would be discussed at the Policy and resource meeting on the 7th March. Clerk to circulate the plan to the Councillors for recommendations.
- Cllr Robson reported the increasing deterioration of trees at Bishops Way. Clerk to write to the landowners.
- Cllr Dinning stated a parishioner has requested a barrier be placed in front of the kissing gate on The Green opposite the Victory Hall to prevent children from running onto the road. This is to be a March agenda item.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

Next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 14th March 2023 at Forge Green.

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2023 – 7th March 2023.

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2023 – TBC.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm