

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green on the 11th April 2023 at 7.15pm.

S. Milburn Clerk

Present

Cllr McKerrell (Chair) Cllr Kyle Cllr Melrose Cllr Kaye-Krzczkowski Cllr Newton
Cllr Dinning Cllr Potter Cllr Baxter Cllr Drouet Cllr Ebbatson Cllr Irving Cllr Byers

Apologies

The following apologies were approved:-

Cllr Robson - Holiday

Cllr Craig – Illness

Minutes

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on the 14th March 2023.

Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

33/23 Public Participation

Cllr Allison and one member of the public were in attendance. The parishioner spoke regarding his response to a questionnaire relating to the Parish Councils application to HM Land Registry to register parcels of land within the parish. They also requested a disabled parking space in the parking area next to the Cumberland Building Society. Cllr Allison and Cllr Ebbatson spoke regarding the planters which are to be placed at the Station Road to Nestle path entrance. Cllr Allison requested the Parish Council fund the planters. Cllr Ebbatson to detail the costs to the Parish Council.

34/23 Planning Applications:

Decisions:

Appn Ref: 23/0053 Cumdivock House, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7JJ. Proposed Slurry Store. Permission Granted.

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. Permission Granted.

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. Permission Granted.

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). Permission Granted.

Appn Ref: 22/0780 Bishops Lough Farm, The Gill, Dalston, CA5 7JP. Certificate Of Lawful Existing Development For The Storage & Sale Of Motor Vehicles, Caravans & Associated Items (Revised Application). Permission Granted.

35/23 Clerk and Chairman Report

- The Chair reported that Cllr Byers, Cllr Melrose and herself had met with Andy Mellars (Northern Gas) to discuss the reasons behind the delay in the cycle path re-opening.
The current works are complex, the pipe they are working on is the sole supply for the whole of West Cumbria, around 150,000 people rely on it for their gas. The old pipe is in the riverbed and due to erosion, it is currently exposed so is at risk of rupture at any time. It is being replaced with a new pipe buried deeper under the river. To do this work, engineers must drill deep under the river into the bedrock, through the unstable layers above, this requires specialist machines and processes. They have had to access the old pipe on the bank adjacent to the footpath to make the connection, as the old pipe cannot be shut off, they will be joining the new pipe into the old pipe whilst it is live and continues to supply gas to the West of the County. This is highly dangerous and requires specialist engineering.
There have been unforeseen delays gaining the permission to undertake the work from the Environmental Agency.
The activity on the site involves complex engineering work and a significant security risk. There is a risk to individuals who enter the area unsupervised, and it would not be possible to fully secure the site at all times if the path were open. An adverse event following vandalism or accidental damage could potentially cause 150,000 people to be without a gas supply and a major incident that could directly affect us all.
- The replacement of the yellow and white road markings on U1239 between Smithfield and Nine Rigg have been added to the draft highways programme for 2023/24.

36/23 Correspondence

- A parishioner has reported an incident on the lane leading over the railway bridge by Station Cottages. 2 trees have been damaged and were at danger of falling. Network Rail have been informed and will remove the trees as a matter of urgency. The parishioner has requested a no through road & no turning sign be erected opposite the old station master's cottage after the railway car park. Clerk to ascertain who owns / who is responsible for this section of land as permission to erect a sign will be needed.
- A parishioner would like to set up a group to trace Dalston's history from Norman times to today. The Parish Council agreed that the meeting room could be used for meetings. Cllr Ebbatson showed an interest in attending the meetings.
- Galliford Try Construction Ltd have been appointed as the new contractor for the Carlisle Southern Link Road. The construction work is due to commence in June. It is anticipated the work will take 2 years.
- A parishioner has made a request to purchase the common land at Lakerigg (CL205) as they would like to build on the land. This was refused by the Parish Council on the grounds that it is common land an accessible area of land for parishioners to roam.
- Cumberland Council are now the Landlord for the Summerfield Play Area lease.
- A parishioner has requested that the Glave Hill / The Square car park have marked spaces (white lines) and blue badge spaces following damage to their car whilst it was parked in the Glave Hill car park. Following discussion, it was agreed this would be too difficult to police. It was also noted that there are disabled car parking spaces in the Kingsway car park and in the Co-op car park; the Co-op car park spaces are also marked with white lines.
- Concerns regarding 2 village footpaths (114014 & 114016) has been received from Tony Vaux (The Ramblers Association Secretary). The Clerk reported that Christopher Graham (Countryside Access Officer) is going to assess the areas next week and he will report his findings to the Parish Council.

37/23 Premises Options and Implications For Forge Green Office / Land Registry

- It was agreed to form a sub committee to discuss and review premises options and implications for Forge Green. It was agreed Cllr McKerrell, Cllr Melrose, Cllr Ebbatson, Cllr Drouet, Cllr Irving and Cllr Craig sit on the committee. The roof works will also be discussed by the committee.
- The Clerk reported that in August 2018 Cumbria County Council accepted the Parish Councils application (CA13/18) to remove the land CL211 (Forge Green) from the commons register. It was agreed an application be made to HM Land Registry to register the property and land to Dalston Parish Council. Clerk to liaise with Minihan McAlister Solicitors.

38/23 Emergency Information Sheet

Cllr Baxter advised that the Emergency Information Sheet had been revised to include reference to the siren alert to be broadcast on mobile phones on 23rd April 2023. The Emergency Information Sheet was approved for sending to CALC and Cumbria Resilience Forum Secretariat. It was agreed that the Emergency Information Sheet would be reviewed in conjunction with the annual review of policies and would be updated as and when any details change. RFO to action.

39/23 Review of Standing Orders and Policies

Standing Orders, Equality & Diversity Policy, Code of Conduct, Complaints Procedure, Risk Assessment Schedules and Retention of Documents Policy had all been circulated before the meeting. These documents had been reviewed and updated by the Policy and Resources committee on 7th March 2023 during their annual review of policies. It was resolved to approve and adopt all the documents.

40/23 Coronation Celebration Update

Cllr Dinning spoke regarding the coronation arrangements and informed the Parish Council that a meeting to discuss further plans is to take place on Monday 17th April in Forge Green at 7pm. It was proposed by Cllr Kyle to use £800 from the covid recovery fund to help with the costs. Cllr Drouet seconded this and all Councillors present were in favour. More information regarding the celebrations can be found on the Dalston Parish Council website.

41/23 Financial

The following amounts were approved for payment:

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Sue Milburn	April Notices 9.00 Land Registry fees 11.00	20.00
BACS	Dalston Aggregates Ltd	Concrete for seat installation	280.80
BACS	M Capstick	Supply & Plant 2 trees	176.80
BACS	Gary Ward Drainage	Unblock pipe to septic tank	110.00
BACS	Martin Broatch	Window cleaning March	5.00
BACS	James Finn-caile	Replace grass grid in Kingsway car park	70.00
BACS	Carlisle Business Supplies	Ink cartridge	204.00
BACS	Cubby Signs	Install village entrance sign on Barras Lane	261.60
BACS	CALC	2023/24 subscription	455.32
BACS	Cumbria in Bloom	Village entry into 2023 Cumbria in Bloom competition	45.00
CHQ 747	Primrose Hall	CPCA grant for insulation	828.00
CHQ 748	Ian Davidson	Inter Isobel Johnston	60.00
Total			<u>£2,516.52</u>

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

- The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 and a summary of the figures had been circulated prior to the meeting. No queries were raised. The RFO will prepare the figures from these detailed accounts to be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- It was agreed that the temporary reduction in rent granted for 1 & 2 Forge Green to support domestic fuel costs during the winter months would cease from 1 April 2023. The tenants to be notified.

42/23 Cemetery

- The interment of the late Isabel Johnston in Ward 4, Section C, Space 37h on the 5th April 2023.

43/23 Councillor Matters

- On behalf of a parishioner Cllr Irving asked if the Parish Council would be interested in helping to try and run the Blue Bell Inn as a community public house. This is not within the remit of the Parish Council.
- Cllr Ebbatson requested the Cumberland Neighbourhood Enforcement team be contacted regarding the increase in dog fouling within the parish. Cllr Allison agreed to follow this up.
- Cllr Drouet spoke regarding land at Linton Ghyll. It was stated that this land is not common land.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

The Annual Parish Meeting to be held in the Victory Hall on the 2nd May 2023 at 7.30pm.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 9th May 2023 at 7.15pm in Forge Green.

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2023 – TBC.

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2023 – TBC.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm