

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill on the 10th October 2023 at 7.15pm.

S. Milburn Clerk

Present

Cllr McKerrell (Chair) Cllr Kyle Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski Cllr Robson Cllr Clarkson Webb
Cllr Potter Cllr Irving Cllr Byers Cllr Dinning Cllr Drouet

Apologies

The following apologies were approved:-

Cllr Ebbatson – Holiday
Cllr Baxter – Sick
Cllr Craig – Sick
Cllr Newton – Work Commitments
Cllr Melrose – Work Commitments

Minutes

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th September 2023.

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Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Clarkson Webb agenda item 3, footpath diversion 114014 & 114015.

101/23 Public Participation

Cllr Allison and 2 members of the public were present.

102/23 Planning Applications:

Decisions:

Appn Ref: 23/0537 Chalkfoot Farm, Chalkfoot, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7JH. Conversion & Extension of Barn To Form 1no. Dwelling. Grant Permission.

Applications:

Appn Ref: 23/0601 Rose Villa, Buckabank, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AA. Replacement Of 10no. Sliding Wooden Sash Windows; 1no. Window above Front Door & 1no. Wooden Bathroom Window With uPVC Double Glazed Windows. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0658 Chalk Lodge, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JL. Erection of Milk Parlour. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0662 Greenmantle, Greensyke Court, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JY. Erection of Timber Framed Porch To Front Elevation; Erection of 1 Metre Timber Fence To North Elevation (Part Retrospective). No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0666 32 New Road, Dalston, CA5 7LA. Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) & 3 (Materials) of Previously Approved Permission 11/1089 (Demolition of Conservatory And Erection of Sun Lounge Together With First Floor Extension To Provide En-suite Bedroom) For Alterations to First Floor Plans To Provide 1no. Dressing Rom

And Family Bathroom; External Amendment To Change From External Render to Blue/Gray Cement Lapped Board Finish. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0062/S211 Oaklands, Hallfield, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QH. Removal Of 3no. Lower Branches From 1no. Oak Tree in Dalston Conservation Area. No Observations.

Minerals & Waste Planning Team Notification of an EIA Scoping Opinion Request

Ref No. SCO-1/23/11

Proposal: Lateral Extension of sand and gravel working on land to the south of the railway line and an associated extension of time for the mineral processing plant area.

Location: Land at and to the south of Cardewmires Quarry, Cardewlees, Dalston, Cumbria, CA5 6LF. No Observations.

103/23 Clerk and Chairman Report

- A letter has been received from The Planning Inspectorate regarding footpath no. 114014 & 114015 public footpath diversion and definitive map and statement modification order 2022. An enquiry to be held at 10am on 20th February 2024 at Cumbria House, 117 Botchergate, Carlisle, CA1 1RD. The Clerk inquired if the Parish Council would like a representative to speak at the enquiry. Councillors to inform the Clerk if they intend to speak.
- The Clerk reported that the current tenant of The Green no longer has any stock therefore the new lease could commence imminently. It was stated there has been 1 letter of interest.
- The Parish Council agreed 9 wreaths be ordered for Remembrance Sunday on the 12th November 2023.

104/23 Correspondence

- Concerns have been raised regarding antisocial parking in The Square. The Clerk stated that the issue had been reported to Andrew Graham (Traffic Management – Cumberland Council) and a member of his team is to do a site visit to establish what can be done. RFO to check to see if the vehicles are taxed.
- Following an incident on the Mill Race path an email has been received requesting more nameplates in areas of the Parish. A gentleman collapsed and his partner was unable to direct the ambulance. It was agreed not to install nameplates. Instructions of how to use what3words to be put onto the Parish Council website.
- Parishioners who live at 20 Station Road and The Throstle have expressed concerns regarding the proposed erection of a telegraph poll outside their properties. The visual splays are already very poor when exiting the properties and the traffic has increased exponentially with the extra houses. It means their view will be impeded further. Andrew Graham (Cumberland Council) has been contacted.
- Cllr Byers requested the ivy be removed from the wall on Townhead Road in front of Madam Banks. The Clerk stated the issue had been reported to the Cumberland Council (ref E1/169922). The Clerk was also requested to contact Riverside. Cllr Irving stated that Cumberland Council are to repair the dilapidated wall.
- A letter has been received from the Parochial Church Council informing the Parish Council that their request for a monetary contribution to be taken out of the Margaret Gore Legacy for the re tarmacking of the cemetery paths had been refused. The PCC passed a motion stating that they would maintain the capital of the legacy and only spend its income. The way forward is to be discussed at the Policy & Resource meeting on the 24th October 2023.

105/23 Traffic Count Results Raughton / Gaitsgill

Cllr Allison and Cllr Kyle spoke regarding the recent traffic count results for Raughton and Gaitsgill. It was reported that one of the strips at Raughton was faulty therefore they would need done again. Once the location of the strips is confirmed the Clerk will order.

Simon Richardson (Raughton Resident) agreed to write a report with supporting evidence that a reduction in the speed limit is needed once the new set of results are in. The Parish Council fully support this.

106/23 Cutting Back Vegetation Cycle Path Dalston To Cummersdale

Cllr Allison's request for the Parish Council to be responsible for the annual cutting back of the vegetation on the cycle path was refused, however the Parish Council will continue to help with funding. Cllr Allison to liaise with the Rights of Way Officer at Cumberland Council to see if they would be prepared to oversee future works.

107/23 Forge Green Drains

The Clerk reported that there was a little bit of damp and black mould in No.2 Forge Green (the tenant has cleaned this and re painted with a damp-proof paint). The ground level outside the property is relatively high compared to the floor

level inside. To alleviate the problem a trench has been dug alongside the wall, it has been gravelled and a perforated pipe has been installed and connected to the rainwater drain. All other rainwater drains have been cleaned and the downpipe outside the office window has been moved so that the rainwater goes into the drain and not the side haunching as it was thought this was where the water was getting under the building.

The downpipe at the back of No.2 Forge Green has been replaced and painted. The damp situation is to be monitored.

108/23 Update from Forge Green Property Committee

The minutes from the meeting held on 26th September 2023 had previously been circulated. Cllr Dinning reported that informal discussions have since taken place regarding the feasibility of extending Forge Green. Indications are that extension of the property would not be approved by the Heritage Officer. The replacement of the roof at Forge Green may now also pose problems and be much more expensive than previously thought. Cllr McKerrell stated that all the options must be given thorough consideration and decisions should not be rushed. Cllr Dinning will continue informal discussions and report back.

109/23 Field Gateway and Access from The Kingsway

Due to the disputed middle entrance to a parishioner's field on the Kingsway It was agreed to form a sub-committee to look through the history and all information surrounding the entrance. Cllr McKerrell, Cllr Kyle, Cllr Irving, Cllr Robson Cllr Byers and Cllr Craig arranged to meet on the 17th October 2023 in Forge Green at 7pm to discuss the issue further. Findings will be presented to the full Parish Council on the 14th November 2023..

110/23 Financial

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

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Martin Broatch	Windows 27/9/23	5.00
BACS	Dalston Recreation Association	Hire of building for 3 Rural Funtime days	240.00
BACS	Viking	Stamps 27.20 Stationery 26.11	53.31
BACS	Sue Milburn	Notices 9.00 Weatherproof padlocks 76.47	85.47
BACS	Light Bulb Web DesignLtd	Website hosting and support annual Subscription	432.00
BACS	James Finn-caile	Hedge and shrubs cutback in Kingsway car park	440.00
BACS	Sage (UK) Ltd	Sagecover support to 1 November 2024	319.20
BACS	Capstick Nursery	Water & maintain troughs and baskets to 30 September	2,295.60
CHQ 765	Primrose Hall	Hire of hall for PC meeting	15.00
CHQ 766	Ian Davidson	Gravedigging Ester, McGurk & Clark	900.00
CHQ 767	Lawn Order	Hedge trim Forge Green office	80.00
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Total			£4,865.58

- The accounts for the 6 months to 30 September 2023 had previously been circulated. The RFO reported that the results were affected by some large one-off capital expenditure. Contributions towards some of these costs was still being pursued from St Michaels PCC for the cemetery paths and from Cumberland Council for the entrance to Glave Hill car park. Discussion whether a transfer from reserves was necessary in respect of the work carried out in the Cemetery on the paths would be considered nearer the year end. The RFO is collating the figures for the provision of the 3 new seats in the cemetery to forward to the Trustees of the Dalston Parish Charitable Trust. The Trustees had previously agreed in principle to contribute to the cost. There were no other queries.

111/23 Cemetery

- The purchase of cremated remains space in Ward 4, Section C, Space 32 h by Mr John Harrison.
- The interment of the cremated remains of the Late Thomas Kerry Robb McGurk and the Late Violet McGurk in Ward 4, Section C, Space 32 h on the 20th September 2023.
- The purchase of grave space in Ward 5, Section L, Space 4 by Mr & Mrs C D Kyle.
- The purchase of burial space in Ward 5 ,Section J , Space 58 by Jane Brazendale.
- The burial of the late Alan John Clark on the 6th October 2023 in Ward 5 , Section J , Space 58.
- The Clerk reported that all artificial flowers, plastic, fencing and loose objects had been removed from the cemetery.
- The cemetery policy is to be reviewed at the Policy and Resource meeting on the 24th October 2023.
- It was agreed the cemetery policy be given to all those purchasing a new grave.

112/23 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Kyle reported that he had attended the CALC AGM. Cllr Allison proposed that he put Cllr Kyle forward to sit on the Fells and Solway Community Panel.
- Cllr Kyle reported that the Harringtons from Raughton had cut back their hedges. Clerk to write a letter of thanks.
- Cllr Byers reported that a parishioner had been unable to access their property due to a vehicle blocking the entrance. Cumberland Council are to renew the keep clear lines in front of the entrance. Cllr Allison agreed to speak to the Cumberland Council to request the renewal of all lines in the Parish are done in a block as opposed to sporadically as this would be much more efficient.
- Cllr McKerrell advised the Parish Councillors to be wary of engaging with individual parishioners who want to involve them in a conversation about local issues that might compromise them during a meeting.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council to take place on 14th November 2023, 7.15pm at Forge Green .
Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2023 – 24th October 7pm in Forge Green.
Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2023 – TBC.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm