

## **DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 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 Ebbatson Cllr Newton Cllr Baxter  
Cllr Melrose

### **Apologies**

The following apologies were approved:-  
Cllr Drouet – Work commitments

### **Minutes**

**Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

### **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Kyle planning application 23/0746.

### **Part A**

#### **125/23 Public Participation**

Cllr Allison and 4 members of the public were present. 1 member of the public spoke against the recent removal of all plastic flowers and loose objects in the cemetery and requested the policy be overturned. Cllr McKerrell explained that unfortunately due to the cemetery becoming overcrowded with items it has become increasingly difficult for the grass cutters to fulfil their task of maintaining the cemetery to the standards expected therefore the Parish Council took the decision to remove artificial flowers, all plastic items and loose objects which is part of our cemetery policy. Cllr Allison reported that he had recently attended the Fells and Solway Community Panel meeting, items discussed included bus service options, parking and Electric Vehicle Charging.

#### **126/23 Planning Applications:**

##### **Decisions:**

**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 Room And Family Bathroom; External Amendment To Change From External Render to Blue/Gray Cement Lapped Board Finish. Grant Permission.

**Appn Ref: 23/0733** 5 The Green, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QB. Installation Of Air Source Heat Pump To West Elevation. Grant Permission.

**Appn Ref: 23/0658** Chalk Lodge, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7J. Erection of Milk Parlour. Grant Permission.

**Applications:**

**Appn Ref: 23/0746** 9 The Green, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QB. Erection Of Detached Garden Room With Mounted Solar Panels. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 23/0754** Holm House, Raughton Head, Carlisle, CA5 7DE. Alterations To Windows And Doors; Works To Outbuildings. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 23/0780** 2 Smithy Cottage, Lingyclose Road, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7LB. Erection of Detached Garage/Workshop; Erection of 2.4 Metre High Double Gates To New Entrance. To ensure the height of the gates are within planning regulations.

**Appn Ref: 23/0802** Hawksdale Farm, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7BX. Change Of Use Of Field To Private Equestrian Arena with Fencing. No Observations.

**127/23 Clerk and Chairman Report**

- It was reported that Cumberland Council have put a sign by the recycling in the Glave Hill car park. It reads Overt and Covert CCTV in operation. It is a deterrent for fly tipping and leaving waste at the side of the bins. This will be for the Christmas period only.
- Catherine Nixon (Openreach Poles Objection Team) explanation regarding the proposed new telegraph poles on The Green and Nook Lane was circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The telegraph poles are being erected for the countrywide rollout by 2025/26 of the fibre network to premises to replace the copper telephone network. This must be done as the parts are no longer available to maintain the copper network which in some areas can be up to 100-year-old. Fibre is more reliable and faster and with more people working from home this is bound to be an advantage. More information can be found on the Parish Council website.
- Andrew Graham (Traffic Management Officer Cumberland Council) has confirmed that they are responsible for the entrance by the Glave Hill car park leading up to the Co-op building. They are proposing to extend the double yellow lines on this section at the next TRO review which should take place in the new year. The RFO has requested £1,950 from Cumberland Council for the recent pothole repairs on this area.
- David Harrison has completed the loft insulation for No.1 & 2 Forge Green.
- SH Electrical have repaired the bathroom extractor fan in No.2 Forge Green.
- Tesco Bank have confirmed a payment of £2,590 will be made to the Parish Council for the fire damage in the Glave Hill car park. Clerk to arrange the resurfacing work and the marking of 2 disabled parking bays (to use the £807 disability access grant for this work).
- The application to the Woodland Trust for 345 saplings has been successful. The sapplings will be delivered in March 2024. It was agreed Cllr Ebbatson will take delivery of the trees and organise the planting.

**128/23 Correspondence**

- PCSO Graham Kirkpatrick reported that he had been pleased with the level of attendance at the police desk on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023. He also gave his views regarding the issue of inconsiderate and dangerous parking outside the Post Office. Clerk to look at original planning application approval for the internal conversion of ground floor flat to pharmacy to see if there are any conditions relating to delivery loading and unloading.
- Cllr McKerrell and Cllr Irving signed the agreement between the Parish Council and Cumberland Council to place a planter at the Barras Brow entrance to the village.
- The EE response regarding poor mobile phone cover in the Dalston was circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. It stated that they could find no network issues in the area and that 4G is rated great for outdoor coverage and good for indoor coverage. Their recommendation is to turn on Wi-Fi calling on your device to ensure a solid connection wherever you are. The Parish Council feel that this is a generic letter and the RFO is to respond by sending the data available from Ofcom regarding the poor level of coverage in the parish.

**129/23 Update Land Registry Kingsway**

Cllr Kyle reported that the purchase of David Gray's field is still in the process of being registered with the Land Registry. As soon as all of the facts regarding the field entrance have been established a decision will be made on how to move forward.

**130/23 Proposed 30mph Speed Limit Raughton / Gaitsgill**

It was agreed that Cllr Allison and Simon Richardson forward their reports regarding the proposed speed limit reduction to the Clerk who will then circulate to the Councillors for approval. A covering letter will then be written by the Clerk supporting the proposal and sent to Abigail Dodds (Traffic Management Officer Cumberland Council) and Inspector Stabler (Road Policing Department).

### 131/23 Financial

- The following payments were authorised:

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Martin Broatch	Windows 5th December	5.00
BACS	Capsticks Nursery	Winter Planting	1,236.00
BACS	Dalston Aggregates Limited	Planters	179.52
BACS	Sue Milburn	December notices	9.00
BACS	Dalston Parish Charitable Trust	2023 Grant awards	3,100.00
BACS	Viking	Copier paper and laminating pouches	71.35
BACS	Wigton Town Council	parish grass cutting July-Sept 3,357.00 cemetery grass cutting July-Sept 2,064.84 summeffield grass cutting July-Sept 134.88 VAT 1,111.35	6,668.07
BACS	R & M Lowther	Cut hedge at Glave Hill car park	230.00
Total			£11,498.94

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

- It was agreed to pay £55,488.03 from the 30 day deposit account to The Dalston Parish Charitable Trust on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 when the 30 day notice period matures. The money will be administered by The Charitable Trust in a separate ringfenced fund in the name of Josephine Merle Smith.
- It was reported that the Parish Council had been unsuccessful with funding applications to the Co-op and Department of Health and Social Care for a fully funded defibrillator. It was agreed that the RFO would look into the possibility of obtaining partial funding from The Department of Health and Social Care.

### 132/23 Cemetery

- Cllr Baxter was thanked for his hard work drafting the new cemetery policy documents which had been circulated before the meeting. It was agreed to source 5 notices which would be A4 size with black writing on a white background. The cockerel logo would be on the top right and left hand corners. They would be positioned on the post at the entrance to the graveyard, on the kissing gate, the gate next to St Michaels School lane, and on the wall of Hearse House. One sign would be retained as a spare.  
The cemetery policy was adopted with two amendments. It will not be necessary to use a “local” registered funeral director. In the paragraphs for headstones and memorials the following wording will be added “The final decision will rest with The Parish Council”.  
It was agreed that the age of an adult for fee purposes should be increased to 16 years.  
Cemetery fees had been approved at the November Parish Council meeting following recommendation from the Policy & Resources committee therefore no further changes to fees would be made at this time. This will be reviewed again at the next Policy and Resources meeting.

The following cemetery matters were approved;

- The additional inscription in Ward 5, Section H, Space 59 for the Late John Michael Tallantire. to read “John Michael Tallantire, Dearly Loved Husband, Dad and Grandad. 15.12.1936 – 25.07. 2023”.
- A black slate headstone with white inscription for the late Alan Clark in Ward 5, Section J, Space 58 to read “Alan John Clark, 13<sup>th</sup> November 1945 to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023. Plant hunter and Rhododendron grower.
- A vote was taken regarding the colour of the nabresina memorial with black inscription for the late Lisa Metcalf in Ward 5, Section L, Space 2. 9 Councillors agreed to the colour and 5 Councillors abstained.

#### **134/23 Councillor Matters**

- Cllr Byers spoke regarding the Victory Halls interest in having a defibrillator placed on their building. Clerk to recommend they apply for a Fells and Solway grant.
- Cllr Potter reported that the road at Nook Lane was much improved since the recent tarmacking works.
- Cllr Ebbatson thanked the Councillors for all their hard work throughout the year.
- Cllr Kyle spoke regarding the Fells and Solway Community Panel meeting and reiterated that there is now only one Councillor looking after 6 Parish Councils. He also stated that Cumberland Council have funding of 3.5 million pounds to install kerbside charging points. It was agreed that it is very important for a member of the Parish Council to attend these meetings especially in the future if Cllr Allison retires. This is to be an agenda item every month.

#### **Date of Forthcoming Meetings**

The next meeting of the Parish Council to take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 7.15pm at Forge Green .

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2023 – TBC.

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2023 – TBC.

#### **Part B**

##### **Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

##### **The Green Grazing agreement 2024.**

Following discussion, the Councillors agreed David Allen be given the lease for renting The Green. The lease will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 and run until the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Clerk to inform David and get the lease signed.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm