

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green on the 13th February 2024 at 7.15pm.

S. Milburn Clerk

Present

Cllr McKerrell (Chair) Cllr Kyle Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski Cllr Newton Cllr Potter Cllr Irving
Cllr Byers Cllr Dinning Cllr Ebbatson

Apologies

The following apologies were approved:-

Cllr Robson – Holiday
Cllr Baxter – Illness
Cllr Clarkson Webb – Illness
Cllr Drouet
Cllr Byers - Illness
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 9th January 2024.

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Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

11/24 Public Participation

Cllr Allison and 1 member of the public were present. A parishioner objected to the renewal of leases for No 2&3 Walk Mill and requested that the residents remove the fences so that the common land be reinstated. The parishioner also expressed an interest in item 5 on the agenda (update land registry Kingsway).

Cllr Allison reported that he has spoken to the owner of Dalston Pharmacy regarding the inconsiderate / dangerous parking issue, and it was agreed to place cones on the apron in front of the shop during opening hours to prevent shop user's vehicles parking on there. This area is to be used by delivery drivers only.

Cllr Allison reported that Cumberland Council are looking for volunteers to join the Fells and Solway Community Panel. Cllr Kyle has submitted an expression of interest which has the full support of the Parish Council.

12/24 Planning Applications:

Decisions:

Appn Ref: 23/0612 Birds Hill Farm, Raughton, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AQ. Erection Of Circular Concrete Slurry Store With Cover. Grant Permission.

Appn Ref: 23/0778 Bishops Lough Farm, The Gill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JP. Variation Of Condition 1 (Approved Documents) Of Previously Approved Application 23/0408 (Retention Of Building For The Storage & Sale Of Motor Vehicles, (Incorporating The Relocation Of The Lawful Use Of The Site Granted Under Application 22/0780) Together with The Erection Of an Extension To Accommodate A Valeting Bay And Photo Booth (Part Retrospective) To Omit The External Hardstanding For Vehicle Preparation & Include It Within The Building. Grant Permission.

Applications:

Appn Ref: 24/0002 TPO Paragon Veterinary Centre, Carlisle House, Townhead Road, Dalston, Carlisle. CA5 7JF. Works to trees subject to TPO 227. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0755 Holm House, Raughton Head, Carlisle, CA5 7DE. Repair & Relaying Of Roof Above Hayloft & Main Barn Attached To Main House; Replacement Cast Iron Guttering & Pipework To Barns & Flank Wall Of Main House; Conversion Of Ground Floor Store & Hayloft Above Into Utility Room; Rebuilding & Roofing Of Attached Storage Shed Together With Openings On Southern Flank; Replacement Of Roof Timbers & Re-Roofing To Cart Shed Facing Side Walls Of Main House; Removal Of Cement Render To Rear And Flank Of Main House & Re-Rendering In Approved Lime Mix (LBC). No Observations.

Appn Ref: 24/0015 Land South of Cardewlees Farm, Cardewlees, Carlisle, CA5 6LE. Siting Of Shipping Container To Be Used For Catering Facilities For Use By Campers And The General public. Observations To paint the container green to fit in with surrounding area.

Highways Act 1980 – Section 119**Order Making Authority: Cumberland Council**

Title of Order: Footpath No 114014 & 114015 Parish of Dalston) Public Path Diversion & Definitive Map & Statement Modification Order 2022. The Planning Inspectorate request that the order be confirmed as made. Objectors have the opportunity to speak at the enquiry at 10am on the 20th February 2024 at Cumbria House.

13/24 Clerk and Chairman Report

- The Council were informed that CALC are seeking a volunteer to undertake the role of Treasurer for the CALC Board this person will also be a Director of the company. It is the intention of the CALC Board to fill this position from the membership through council nominations which will be followed by an election.
- It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on the 7th May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall. The Annual meeting of the Parish Council will take place on the same night at 6.30pm. Clerk to book the hall and Dalston WI for refreshments.
- A defibrillator has been ordered from London Hearts for the wall at the Co-op for a subsidised cost of £750. SH Electricals installation quotation of £371.85 ex VAT was approved. The opportunity to purchase a second defibrillator at a discounted price of £750 was discussed and it was agreed to ask the owners of Bridge End pub if they would be happy to have one placed there.
- The free saplings from The Woodland Trust are due to be delivered between 26th February and 8th March 2024. Cllr Ebbatson asked for location ideas.
- Cllr Ebbatson requested that the triangle at the top of Bridge End hill be planted with wildflowers. Clerk to seek permission from Cumberland Council.
- The Royal Horticultural Society are celebrating 60 years of Britain In Bloom and are encouraging communities to celebrate the special anniversary. Clerk to ask the Gardening Club if they would be interested in organising an event.
- It was reported a vehicle has hit the junction box opposite the public toilets, this is affecting the power to The Lamp. Cumberland Council have made the box safe while we await a full repair.
- King Charles III is to hold 2 Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace on the 8th May 2024. The Councillors nominated Cllr Dining for his years of voluntary work within the parish.
- The Clerk reported that rain has been coming in through the roof at No.1 Forge Green. Keith Davidson (roofer) is to replace 8 slates.

14/24 Correspondence

- A parishioner request to have marked parking spaces in The Square car park has been received. A copy of their plan was circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed this item be discussed at the Annual Parish meeting on the 7th May as it will give parishioners the opportunity to express their views. A letter against urbanisation of The Square has also been received.
- Limehouse School have asked the Parish Council if there are any spring-cleaning jobs that the students could participate in to celebrate Chinese New Year. Siobonne Brewster is to liaise with the school regarding cleaning the Recreation Centre play equipment.
- Permission was granted for Suzie Collinson (Chair of the County Amphibian & Reptile Group) to survey the slow worm area this summer.

- Two requests have been received from a parishioner. The first being to have blanket CCTV coverage in the village and the second to have all the seats in the parish raised to a minimum of 21 inches in height to help those with mobility issues. Following discussion Cllr McKerrell to inform the parishioner that this would not be feasible.
- A new bus stop on Station Road has been approved for the 544 Carlisle-Keswick service, this will serve a large residential area.
- Cumberland Council have two new grant schemes to support landlords and businesses in the centre of Dalston. Facelift grants of up to £5,000 are available to improve frontages of occupied commercial premises and empty property grants of up to £35,000 are available to landlords, new businesses or existing businesses looking to expand and bring vacant properties back into use. For more information contact www.cumberland.gov.uk/UKSPF or email highstreetgrants@cumberland.gov.uk.
- An informal consultation has been received from Cumberland Council proposing that a Traffic Regulation Order be introduced for "No Waiting at Any Time" (double yellow lines) restrictions along a section of carriageway adjacent to the Glave Hill Car Park, Dalston to prevent vehicles from obstructing the footway. All Councillors were in favour.

15/24 Update Land Registry Kingsway

This item is to be discussed at the meeting on the 12th March 2024.

16/24 Lease for 2 & 3 Walk Mill

- The draft lease commencing 1st April 2024 which had been circulated before the meeting was discussed. It was agreed at the November Parish Council Meeting to increase the rent for the year commencing 1 April 2024 to £100. It was proposed by Cllr Irving and seconded by Cllr Potter that the rent thereafter should be reviewed annually and increased by the annual increase in RPI. All were in agreement. The draft lease will be amended for approval at the March Parish Council meeting.
- It was agreed Cllr McKerrell and Cllr Melrose will be signatories on the lease on behalf of the Parish Council.

17/24 Financials

- The following payments were authorised:

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	S Milburn	February notices 9.00 Recorded delivery for exclusive right of burial 3.05	12.05
BACS	Carlisle Business Supplies	Printer inks	884.40
BACS	Martin Broatch	Window cleaning 25/1/24	5.00
BACS	Flying Colours	Two Union Flags	145.86
BACS	Westwood Landscapes	Paving stone for Co-op footpath	90.00
BACS	G Johnston	Removal of windblown trees	920.00
BACS	Wigton Town Council	parish grass cutting October- December 3,357.00 cemetery grass cutting October-December 2,451.34 Summerfield grass cutting October-December 134.88 VAT 1188.65	7,131.87
BACS	Dalston Rec Association	Village Hall Capital grant for boiler	1,000.00

BACS	Jati Ltd	6 plaques for parish seats	330.00
CHQ 769 Total	Ian Davidson	Gravedigging Gray, Pighills	840.00
			<u>£11,359.18</u>

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

Due to the high cost of ink it was agreed that the clerks would monitor how long the toner cartridges for the photocopier lasted and look into alternative suppliers.

- Accounts for 9 months to 31 December 2023 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The RFO explained that the excess of expenditure over income was a result of one-off capital expenditure which had not been budgeted for. Contribution towards some of these costs is still being pursued from St Michaels PCC for the cemetery paths and from Cumberland Council for the entrance to Glave Hill car park.
The RFO reported that the 9 month accounts have been examined by the internal auditor although we have not yet received his written report.
- Following discussion with Wigton Town Council they have reduced their tender for the grass cutting contract for 2024-2027 by £2,688.00 ex VAT per annum. The RPI has also been capped at 8 % for the 3 year period.

18/24 Cemetery

The following matters were approved:

- The burial of the late Ian William Gray in Ward 5, Section K, Space11 on the 12th January 2024.
- The burial of the late Arthur Pighills in Ward 5, Section I, Space 60 on the 26th January 2024.
- A granite memorial stone with the inscription “In loving memory, Wilhelmina Thompson, (Wilma), Born 10th July 1933, Died 31st August 2023, Aged 90 years.” In Ward 4, Section C, Space 43g.
- A marble headstone in Ward 5, Section L, Space 2 for the late Lisa Metcalf. Inscription to read:- Lisa Diane Metcalf, Nee Robbins, 1984-2021, Wife, daughter, Mother to Milly and Maisy, Sister and Friend, In our hearts always and forever.
- A Lakeland Green Slate headstone for the late Alan John Clark in Ward 5, Section J, Space 58. Inscription in white to read:- Alan John Clark, 13.11.1945 – 22.9.2023, Plant Hunter and Rhododendron Grower. A hand carved rhododendron to be at the top of the headstone.
- A granite tablet with white lettering for the late Thomas and Violet McGurk in Ward 4 Section C Space 32h. Inscription to read:- In Loving Memory of Thomas K.R. McGurk, Died 29th July 2023, Aged 90 years, Also with Beloved Wife, Violet, Died 18th June 2013, Aged 83 Years, Always Loved.
- As of the 1st January 2024 the price to dig a full body grave has increased from £400 to £420.

19/24 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Robson requested that when the road is closed between Barras Brow and Peter Lane no parking cones are placed on Station Road between The Grange entrance and the Post Office as there will be an increase of traffic using this road. Cllr Kyle also requested that the right-hand road junction leading to Dobbies become the priority road. Clerk to liaise with Gareth Scott and PCSO Graham Kirkpatrick.
- Cllr Kyle reported that Fibrus have started the installation of broadband within the parish.
- Cllr Dinning reported that the wooden seat around The Lamp needs attention. Cllr Newton to fix.
- Cllr Kyle reported that the treatment of the wooden rails round The Glave Hill car park be added to the ongoing village maintenance schedule.
- Cllr Irving reported inappropriate parking on the pavement outside the Bluebell and on the land at Smithfield. Cllr Newton also discussed the parking issues at Nine Rigg. Clerk to inform PCSO Graham Kirkpatrick.
- Cllr Newton stated that Wigton Town Council have been appointed the grass cutting contract at St Michaels School for the next 3 years.
- Cllr Newton reported that parishioners at Station Cottages have erected a no through road sign at the entrance to the row of properties.

- Cllr Newton has requested a bin be placed at The Masonic Lodge and on the path between Low Moorlands and Nestle.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council to take place on the 12th March 2024, 7.15pm at Forge Green.

Policy & Resource Meeting to take place on 12th March 2024 at Forge Green before the Parish Council Meeting and will commence at 6pm.

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2023 – 5th March at 4pm to meet The Square.

Forge Green Property Review Group -TBC

The meeting closed at 8.40pm