

## DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.15pm.

S. Milburn Clerk

Due to Cllr McKerrell attending a prior engagement Cllr Melrose Chaired the meeting up to public participation. Cllr McKerrell then took the Chair on arrival to the meeting.

### **Present**

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

### **Apologies**

The following apologies were approved:-  
Cllr Clarkson Webb – Work Commitments  
Cllr Drouet – Child Care Commitments  
Cllr Craig - Illness

### **Minutes**

**Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

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### **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **82/24 Public Participation**

Cllr Allison and 2 members of the public were present.

Cllr Allison reported that the request for the double yellow lines on Station Road to be extended will be considered at the next TRO review in 2025/26. He also stated that there would be little prospect of the white and yellow replacement road markings on the U1239 until the next financial year.

Cllr Allison to provide the Clerk with the proposed ward boundary review, this will be discussed at the next meeting in October.

Cllr Allison reported that a mobile chip van has applied for a licence to trade in The Square. Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed to this on a trial basis.

### **83/24 Planning Decisions and Applications**

#### **Decisions:**

**Appn Ref: 24/0340** 25 Low Moorlands, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7NX. Change Of Roof Type From Flat Roof To Pitched Roof Above proposed Utility & Bedroom. Grant Permission.

**Appn Ref: 24/0355** Unit 2, Barras Lane Industrial Estate, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7LX. Extension To Existing Joiners Workshop. Grant Permission.

**Appn Ref 24/0385** Hollycroft, Buckabank, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AA. Erection Of Single Storey Orangery Style Extension To Rear Elevation. Grant Permission.

**Appn Ref: 24/0306** Feldgarth, Orton Grange, Carlisle, CA5 6LA. Erection of Replacement Detached Garage. Grant Permission.

**Appn Ref: 24/0124** Chalkfoot Farm, Chalkfoot, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JH. Demolition Of Existing Barn (Consented To Be A Dwelling Under Application 23/0537) & Erection Of A New Dwelling. Granted.

#### **Applications:**

**Appn Ref: 24/0002HDG** Birds Hill Farm, Raughton, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AQ. Removal of Hedgerow. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 24/0523** 8 Station Road, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7LR. Erection Of Detached Garden Room To Front. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 24/0536** Buckabank Farm, Buckabank, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AB. Extension To Livestock Shed. No Observations.

#### **84/24 Clerk and Chairman Report**

- It was agreed to hold the October Parish Council meeting in Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill, however next year the Gaitsgill meeting will be held in September due to dark evenings.
- Correspondence requesting a grant for the resurfacing of the road at Sowerby Wood was discussed. It was agreed that the road was in a very poor condition, however as it is a private road the Parish Council would be unable to provide any funding.
- Due to a nesting owl in the Hearse House the building can only be accessed by Ian Armstrong.
- The Fells and Solway Community Panels next meeting is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 10am in Aspatria library. There will be a 30 minute slot at the start of the meeting for members of the public to chat to panel members.
- CALC is to hold its 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> October at Newbiggin Village Hall, Penrith at 10.30am. Cllr Byers was nominated to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Carlisle Cathedral on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.
- Dalston Parish Council grants are now available to apply for. Please contact the Clerk on 01228 712766 or email [clerk@dalston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@dalston.org.uk) for further details.

#### **85/24 Correspondence**

- A request to have notice boards on areas of Common Land detailing the wildlife was discussed. A parishioner at the meeting agreed to get costs, they noted advice was also being sought from the Cumbria Wildlife Trust. The Parish Council supported the idea.
- Correspondence has been received regarding the Kingsway registration application requesting that the middle gate to the field is removed and the entrance be re soiled and seeded. This will be looked at once the land registry application is completed.
- A request to install fences on potentially dangerous parts of the riverbank path between Bridge End and The Green was discussed. Cllr Dinning noted that he is going to put signage along this section of path warning walkers of the unstable ground.
- The request for Forge Green hedge to be cut lower was discussed and it was agreed the roadside hedge be cut to the height of just above the adjoining wall. Cllr Baxter also requested the Councillors consider lowering the hedge outside the office door at Forge Green.
- The request for a defibrillator at Orton Park was discussed and declined due to it being private land. Defibrillators are located close to the area at Dobbies and Cranstons.
- The tenant of No.1 Forge Green request for secondary double glazing was discussed and after taking into consideration the building EPC results and the recent loft insulation at the property it was decided not to go ahead with the installation.

#### **86/24 Cumbria Innovative Flood Resilience**

Cumbria's Innovative Flood resilience report regarding the recent flooding in Stockdalewath was circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. Attempts to secure funding both to improve warnings and reduce the risk of flooding are to be made. The next review meeting is on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024 2.30 -6.30pm in Raughton Head Primary School. For more information email [CIFR@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](mailto:CIFR@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk)

## 87/25 Wildlife & Biodiversity Group

- The Council discussed setting up a new Wildlife and Biodiversity Group. It was agreed that it didn't work last time, however if parishioners wished to set up a group the Parish Council would support them
- Correspondence has been received detailing concerns of pollution (leptospirosis) in the river Caldeu. The Clerk reported that advice had been sought from the Environmental Agency. They stated that the pictures showing the pollution showed normal algae and not sewage fungus. They also said that swimming in any river carries a level of health and safety risk and should be assessed by individuals before entering the water. The Clerk reported that the most recent water testing survey had been requested.
- Cllr McKerrell, Cllr Baxter, Cllr Dinning and the RFO met a parishioner who has concerns regarding the maintenance of the cemetery. The meeting took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Clerk to circulate Councillors the notes of the meeting.
- It was reported that patches of the grass in the cemetery had been cut too low leaving areas looking bare. Wigton Town Council have apologised and re seeded these areas. If the problem is still prevalent in September, the area s will be re turfed. It was also noted that the reason some of the grass hadn't been removed to the expected standard was due to hired machinery being used whilst repairs were being carried out to theirs.
- Cllr Melrose to compose a letter of response to a parishioner who is continually contacting the Parish Council and other residents in the village regarding the cemetery maintenance and other issues.

## 88/24 Financial

The following payments were approved:-

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	A J Routledge	Repair gates at Forge Green	58.00
BACS	Martin Broatch	Window cleaning	5.00
BACS	Moore	External Audit Review	504.00
Chq 784	Sue Milburn	Notices for September 9.00 Flowers 30.00	39.00
Chq 785	Ian Davidson	Gravedigging N Thompson	60.00
Chq 786	Ian Newton	Floplast water butt	55.75
BACS	Capstick Nursery	Maintain troughs and baskets June, July, August	2880.00
BACS	R&M Lowther	Remove 1 blown Willow tree from river and fell 1 damaged Willow	1230.00
Total			£4831.75

- Prior to the meeting a copy of Zurich's response regarding Officers & Trustees indemnity Insurance cover was circulated to the Councillors. The cover includes financial loss to Councillors with public liability up to £10,000,000, and they indemnify Councillors in all aspects of all sums which they may become legally liable to pay as damages and claimant's costs and expenses for financial loss arising as a result of a negligent act or accidental error or omission, alleged or committed. Zurich also stated whilst other insurers will offer separate officials indemnity they feel their public liability cover offers a bespoke solution for the needs of Parish and Town Councils.
- Due to the RFO being absent from the meeting the asset inspections were deferred.

- Moore's external audit report / certificate 2023/24 has been received and displayed alongside the notice of conclusion of annual audit.

### **89/24 Cemetery Matters**

- The interment of the late Norman Andrew Thompson on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 in Ward 4, Section C, Space G43 was approved.
- The burial of the late Herbert Potts on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024 in Ward 5, Section K, Space 48 was approved.
- A letter of complaint has been received regarding the artificial flower policy in the cemetery. Clerk to respond.
- A quotation of £1,936 ex vat to carry out Dalston's cemetery memorial safety checks has been received from Douglas Swan and Sons. It was also noted that the company run a one-day inspection and training course in Kirkudbright for £285 per person. Following discussion, it was suggested a place be booked on the course. Memorial checks should be completed every 5 years.
- The request for the late Pighills memorial in Ward 5, Section I, Space 60 was discussed. It was agreed that a dark grey granite vase 8x8x8inches be placed on half a full-size flag sunken into the ground. Clerk to reiterate the cemetery flower policy.
- An additional inscription for the late Alice Elizabeth Henderson in Ward 5, Section C, Space 37 to read Died 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024, aged 88 years, a much loved wife, Mam, Grandma and Great Grandma was approved.
- The purchase of burial plot Ward 5, Section L, Space 15 by Mr James Moody.
- The Clerk reported a broken headstone in the cemetery. Due to the age of the Wallace headstone the Clerk reported there were no family details to report the issue to. It was agreed to make a headstone maintenance policy at the next Policy and Resource meeting. It was also agreed a policy is required for the re purchasing of grave spaces.

### **90/24 Councillor Matters**

- Cllr Ebbatson requested a zebra crossing on Station Road. Cllr Allison to follow up.
- Cllr Kyle requested the Parish Council facilitate a drop-in session for parishioners affected by the loss of the winter heating allowance.
- Cllr Potter expressed concerns regarding the speed of traffic on the road between Barras Brow and the right hand turn to Dobbies, it has become extremely dangerous for parishioners pulling out of their homes. Cllr Allison to look into the issue.
- Cllr Baxter reported that a parishioner had complained to him about horse riders using the path between Nestle and The Station.

### **Date of Forthcoming Meetings**

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill at 7.15pm.

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2024 – TBC

Property & Maintenance Meeting Dates for 2024 - TBC

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm