

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill on the 8th October 2024 at 7.15pm.

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Present

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

Apologies

The following apologies were approved:-

Cllr Robson - Operation
Cllr Craig – Operation
Cllr Dinning – Work Commitments
Cllr Newton – Work Commitments

Minutes

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10th September 2024.

Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

91/24 Public Participation

Cllr Allison and 6 members of the public were present.

Cllr Allison reported that there was no provision in the current Highways budget for a zebra crossing on Station Road. He has requested a provision be included in the budget for next year.

Cllr Allison reported that Parish Councils should have been consulted about the proposed ward boundary review. The initial consultation period has expired. There will be a further consultation which will include Parish Councils.

Cllr Allison reported that Cumberland Council have suggested a site visit to consider the issue of traffic turning right at Barras Brow towards Dobbies. Cllr Allison and Cllr McKerrell to arrange a convenient time to meet with Highways representatives.

Cllr Allison and Cllr Kyle had both attended the Fells and Solway Community Panel meeting on 23rd September. An award of £750 from Cllr Allison's ward allocation was approved for a beacon for the village green. In future requests for funding need to be met from the elected members ward allocation. The Clerk was authorised to order the manufacture of the beacon.

It was reported that when potholes were reported through the official Cumberland Council channels they were being dealt with on a timely basis.

Cllr Kyle reported that his co option to the Community Panel had been unsuccessful.

92/24 Planning Decisions and Applications

Applications:

Appn Ref: 24/0579 Birds Hill Farm, Raughton, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AQ. Roofing Over Of Existing Silage Pit. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 24/0580 Green Lane, Buckabank, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AF. Change Of Use Of Ground Floor Of Part Of Building From Residential To Office Use. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 24/0051/S211 1 Bishops Mill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QN. Works To 2no. Conifers To Reduce The Height & Girth; Crown Raise & Reduce in Height To 1no. Conifer; 1no. Conifer & 1no. Ash Tree To Be Felled & 1no. Evergreen Shrub To Be Moved. No Observations.

93/24 Clerk and Chairman Report

- The Cumbria In Bloom Awards Event is to take place on the 16th October 2.30pm-4pm at the Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Gosling Sike, Houghton, Carlisle. Cllr Byers to attend.
- Cumberland Council Statement of Community Involvement Consultation is to take place between the 13th September 2024 – 25th October 2024. To comment please go to the Cumberland Council website.
- Initially Dalston Road was closed on 17th June for an anticipated 14 weeks. This was to enable the construction of the new Cummersdale roundabout and footbridge. Part of the works involved necessary third-party service diversions, one of which was undertaken by Electricity North West Ltd (ENWL). During these planned diversion works ENWL encountered an unforeseen issue which increased the duration of their works and added time on to the Programme. At this point, they were able to continue with our works. Unfortunately, ENWL have subsequently come across more issues with their diversion and these have further delayed the re-opening of Dalston Road. The anticipated re-opening date is now February 2025.
- The Council approved the Clerk to order 10 wreaths for Remembrance Day on the 10th November 2024.

94/24 Correspondence

- CALC Board of Directors have 1 vacancy in North Cumberland. Cllr Craig expressed an interest. Cllr Byers proposed the nomination which was seconded by Cllr Kaye-Krzczkowski. All Councillors present were in favour.
- CALC are holding an event for its members on the 20th November at 7pm. This will be an opportunity for members to speak to the Directors. Further meeting details to be issued nearer to the time.
- The Highbridge, Stockdalewath & Gaitsgill Flood Investigation Report was circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The drop-in session at Raughton Head Primary School had been well attended with around 60 residents dropping in, it was also covered by the BBC.
- The Dalston to Cummersdale cycleway will be closed between the 7th December and the 14th December 2024 whilst works take place to the new Caldew Crossing. Cllr Allison advised that he had recently strimmed a section of the cycleway at the Nestle end and asked if an advert could be placed in the Parish Paper for volunteers to assist him next time.

95/24 ROSPA Play Safe Annual Inspection Report

The annual inspection report was circulated to the councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr McKerrell will liaise with Cllr Newton to fit a new rubber buffer to the pedestrian gate and remove the projecting bolt thread from the toddler swing. Kompan have looked at the trampoline and are going to provide a quote to replace the mat with a solid one. This will prevent people pushing rubbish into the pit below.

96/24 Land Registry

The gardens at 1 & 2 Forge Green were de registered as Common Land in 2018. They have not yet been registered to the Parish Council at the Land Registry. Cllr Irving proposed that the gardens be registered with the Land Registry. This was seconded by Cllr Melrose. All were in favour.

Recent enquiries by Electricity North West revealed that the Cemetery is also not registered with the Land Registry. We are awaiting further information from the Church Warden to determine the way forward.

97/24 Parking in the Square

A discussion took place regarding all day parking in The Square. It was felt that there is ample parking in the village and introducing parking permits could move the issue of car sharing and all-day parking onto The Green and residential

streets. Cllr Allison will support a parking survey to be carried out next year when Dalston Road reopens, and the Carlisle Southern Link Road traffic pattern stabilises.

98/24 Financial

- The following payments were approved:-

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Susan Milburn	October notices £9 Grave markers £14.98 Postage £3.25	27.23
BACS	Light Bulb Web Design Ltd	Annual website hosting fee	432.00
BACS	Margaret Watling	Annual Subscription to Carbonite to back up data to The Cloud	86.42
BACS	James Finn-caile	Cutting back shrubs and hedge on Kingsway	520.00
BACS	Dalston Rec	Rural Fun time 3 days hall hire	240.00
BACS	GLL	Provision of Rural Fun Time playdays	240.00
BACS	Playsafe Ltd	Summerfield play area annual inspection	93.60
CHQ 787	Primrose Hall Gaitsgill	Hall hire for October PC meeting	15.00
CHQ 788	Ian Davidson	Gravedigging Barbara Moody	420.00
Total			<u>£2,074.25</u>

- The accounts for the 6 months to 30 September 2024 had previously been circulated. The RFO reported that the results to date are better than budget. The claim for the repair to the tarmac at Glave Hill car park has now been settled in full by Cumberland Council. There has been no major expenditure to date on Forge Green property however expenses which were not budgeted for were tree works required by Cumberland Council and gardening work in the village much of which has previously been carried out by volunteers. There were no queries raised.

99/24 Cemetery Matters

The below cemetery matters were approved:-

- The burial of the late Barbara Ann Moody in Ward 5, Section L, Space 15 on the 19th September 2024.
- The purchase by Mr AE & Mrs MEM Leslie / Naomi Leslie of grave space in Ward 5, Section L Space 10.
- The additional inscription for the late Margaret Dent, Ward 4, Section C, Space 40a. To read and of, Margaret Dent, died 10th July 2024, aged 95 years.
- The interment of the late Michael Patterson in Ward 4, Section C, Space 32C on 15th October 2024.

- A polished Bon Accord dark grey granite vase in Ward 5, Section I, Space 60 with the inscription Arthur Hugh Pighills, In Fond Memory Of A Wonderful Gentleman.
- The additional inscription for the late Arthur Hugh Pighills in Ward 5 Section I space 59 to read Also Arthur Hugh Pighills, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. 1925-2024.
- In 1968 the Parish Council purchased a grave space for a family in Carlisle Crematorium. The family would like to inter cremated remains in the grave. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Melrose and seconded by Cllr Byers that the ownership of the grave space should be transferred to the family. All agreed. Clerk will write to Carlisle Cemetery and the family to arrange this.

100/24 Dates for forthcoming meetings

- Forge Green Property Review Group meeting to be arranged by Cllr Melrose in November.
- Policy & Resources Committee meeting to be held at Forge Green on 6th November at 7pm.

101/24 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Irving reported that Sowerby Wood was being advertised for sale with the possibility for development. She also advised that the damaged wall on Townhead Road has still not been repaired despite being reported numerous times.
- Cllr Byers requested the worn out white lines on Union Bridge be reported again to Cumberland Council. She also asked if compensation can be claimed by the businesses which have suffered during the extended closure of Dalston Road. Cllr Allison also agreed to pursue this.
- Cllr Drouet reported that the Certas oil depot was for sale. Cllr Ebbatson warned of the potential environmental impact should the site not be taken over by another oil company.
- Cllr Potter reported that signage was hidden at Kingswood due to overgrown hedges. Clerk to contact Lattimers to have the hedge cut.
- Cllr Kyle spoke about the article in the Parish Paper regarding the Kingsway Registration. After discussion it was decided to take no action.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 12th November 2024 in Forge Green at 7.15pm

Policy & Resource Meeting to be held on 6th November 2024 in Forge Green at 7pm.

Property & Maintenance Meeting Dates for 2024 - TBC

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm