

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green on the 12th November 2024 at 7.15pm.

M Watling Assistant Clerk

Present

Cllr McKerrell (Chair) Cllr Baxter Cllr Byers Cllr Dinning Cllr Drouet Cllr Irving
Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski Cllr Newton Cllr Potter Cllr Clarkson Webb

Apologies

The following apologies were approved:-

Cllr Kyle – Work Commitments

Cllr Robson – Child Care

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 8th October 2024.

Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

102/24 Public Participation

Cllr Allison and one member of the public were present.

The parishioner spoke regarding sub committees and groups and requested that further correspondence and meetings with third parties regarding the registration of the Kingsway be discussed only at a Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Allison advised the meeting that he was aware the relationship between Community Panels and Parish Councils was largely centered around grant funding and biased towards urban wards. Cllr Allison offered to submit a report each month which would give him the opportunity to report back from the Fells and Solway Community Panel and other relevant Cumberland Council meetings.

A parishioner had approached Cllr Allison regarding an issue with 2 silver birch trees which were endangering his property. Ownership of the land was unknown. Cllr Allison will contact Cumberland Council regarding removal of the trees.

103/24 Planning Decisions and Applications

Applications:

Appn 24/0452: Hudbeck, Raughton Head, Carlisle CA5 7DJ. Installation of 20 no. Ground Mounted Solar Panels. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 23/0380 Hawksdale Lodge, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7BX. Variation of Condition 2 Approved Documents) of Previously Approved application 23/0380 Conversion & Extension To Existing Barn To Form Dwelling; Re-Instatement Of Existing Access Track; Installation Of Package Treatment Plant & Ground Mounted PV Panels. To Change The Position Of The Boundary Wall To South West Elevation & The Design Of Dwelling. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 24/0624 51 Low Moorlands, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7PA. Demolition Of Existing Garage And Rear Extension; Erection Of Single Storey Side Extension To Provide Lounge, Kitchen And Dining Space. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 24/0648 2 Summerfields, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7NW. Demolition Of Conservatory; Erection Of Single Storey Side Extension To Provide Sunroom. No Observations.

Appn Ref:24/0667 Riverside, Stockdalewath, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7DP. Removal Of Existing Glazed Rear Extension & Erection Of Single Storey Extension To Provide Kitchen/Living Room; Removal Of Existing Garage Doors & Replacement With New Entrance Door & Glazing To Front Elevation. No Observations.

NOTIFICATION OF AMENDED DETAILS / FURTHER INFORMATION

Appn Ref: 21/0351 Land At Morton Bounded By Wigton Road, Peter Lane And Dalston Road, Carlisle. Erection Of 722no. Dwellings & Public Open Space (Reserved Matters Application Pursuant To Outline Approval 09/0413). The Parish Council are concerned about the provision of an infrastructure supporting the development.

104/24 Clerk and Chairman Report

- A drop-in session for advice on Pension Credit, the Winter Fuel Allowance and Health and Well Being has been arranged on the 19th November 10am-12 noon in the Methodist Chapel. The Clerk reported it has been advertised in the Parish Paper, on the Parish Website and notice boards.
- The office will be closed for the Christmas period on the 24th December and will re-open on the 6th January
- Cumberland Councils response to businesses receiving compensation in Dalston for the extended road closure is as follows “Compensation claims are complex and very specific to individuals. Our advice to individuals impacted is to speak to an independent legal advisor about this. The extended closure of Dalston Road has been a result of not being able to proceed due to the need to wait for Electricity Northwest removing a high voltage electricity cable from the site. We understand the inconvenience the closure continues to have; we are working to minimise the current impact and any future impact”.
- It was agreed to have a monthly agenda item ‘Report by Cumberland Councillor for Dalston’. Cllr Allison gave this report:

A meeting has been arranged at Burgh-by-Sands parish hall with the Managing Director of Stagecoach on 5th December or 8th January. Parishes are invited to send a representative.

Cumberland Council have agreed to put forward a request for a pedestrian crossing on Station Road and extend the double yellow lines by 50 metres.

Cllr Allison put forward a motion to Cumberland Council regarding the anomaly of double Council Tax on empty and neglected properties when being brought back into use. The motion was accepted and referred back to the Executive for financial assessment.

The next Community Panel meeting is Thursday 14 November at 12 noon at Kirkbampton Village Hall.

- Cumberland Council have requested action be taken to cut / fell trees on the C1014 Dalston within the next 12 months as they are a danger to roads and footpaths. Mike Lowther has been requested to carry out the appropriate works.
- A request to have a speed indicator device placed on The Green was discussed. It was reported that prices were obtained in June 2023 and funding options were explored. It was agreed to look at this again when Carlisle Road re opens and an up to date traffic count has been completed.
- CALC are holding an open forum on Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 7pm via Microsoft Teams, this will give Parish Councils the opportunity to put questions to the CALC board of members.
- CALC in conjunction with Cumberland Council are holding an interactive event on the 19th November at 7pm on Microsoft Teams to discuss planning.

105/24 Correspondence

- The request for a weekend pop-up coffee station in the village was discussed. It was agreed that the request be refused on the grounds that existing businesses in the village were currently struggling.
- Correspondence regarding a request to consider more signage indicating the entrance to the Kingsway Car Park was discussed. It was agreed that Councillors will look at the location and report back to the Parish Council meeting in December with suggestions.

106/24 Policy & Resource Meeting 6th November 2024

The draft minutes of the meeting had previously been circulated together with documents recommended by the Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

- It was agreed that poppy wreaths on graves in the cemetery should be removed during the first week of December. The wreaths on the war memorial and flagpoles will be removed in January.
- It was proposed by Cllr Baxter and seconded by Cllr Drouet that the following recommendations by the Policy and Resources Committee are approved:
 To confirm the increase in rents for numbers 1 & 2 Forge Green;
 To offer a new 3 year grazing agreement for Chalkfoot at £40 pa;
 To increase Cemetery fees by 7.5% with effect from 1st January 2025;
 To confirm the amendments to the cemetery and memorial seats and trees policies;
 To adopt the Habitual and Vexatious Complaints policy;
 To cancel Cyber Protect cover offered by OneCom;
 To accept the 2025/26 budget with a 4.9% increase in precept equivalent to 7p per week increase for a Band D property. A precept of £94,458 will be requested.

All Councillors were in agreement.

107/24 Cumbria In Bloom

- Cllr Byers reported that she had attended the Cumbria In Bloom presentation on the 16th October 2024 and the results were as follows: -
 Dalston was awarded a gold for the Pride in Your Community entry.
 All the It's Your Neighbourhood entries did very well this year.
 The Jubilee Garden received gold and outstanding level 5.
 The Millennium Garden Wooded Area gained a gold and outstanding level 5
 Bridge End were awarded a thriving level 4.
 Forge Green Gardens and Kelsey's Meadow received an outstanding level 5.
 Nook Lane Close procured a thriving level 4.
 Dalston Square and Churchyard Flower Beds gained an outstanding level 5.
 The Dalston Station group also received a thriving level 4.
 Paragon Vets, Dalston, were nominated out of 40 entries for a totally new RHS Community Award. They topped the Sustainable Gardening category and will go to the National Britain in Bloom Awards in Manchester.
 The Dalston Station group also received a thriving level 4.
- The Cumbria In Bloom Annual General Meeting is to take place on the 14th November 2024 at 2pm in Threlkeld Village Hall.

108/24 Parish Tree Survey

The Parish Tree Survey is due before the 31st March 2025. The Clerk is consulting with Cumberland Council to ensure the list of trees for inspection is complete. Cllr Byers proposed the quotation of £959.97 for Tillhill to conduct the survey be approved, Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski seconded this and all Councillors present were in favour.

109/24 Financial

- The following payments were approved:-

| Chq | Payee | Details | £ |
|------|------------------------|---|----------|
| BACS | Susan Milburn | November notices 9.00 2nd class stamps 13.60 | 22.60 |
| BACS | Martin Broatch | Windows 3 October & 5 November | 10.00 |
| BACS | R M Lowther | Trim Hedge Glave Hill car park | 295.00 |
| BACS | Westwood Landscape Ltd | Returf work in Cemetery | 3,522.00 |

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| BACS | Mark Nugent | Mole catching at The Rec | | 30.00 |
| BACS | Raughton Head PCC | Grass cutting August-October | | 780.00 |
| BACS | SAGE (uk) Limited | Annual accounts subscription | | 351.60 |
| BACS | SH Electrical | Adjust security light | | 54.00 |
| BACS | A Routledge | Repair gate 1 & 2 Forge Green | | 76.00 |
| BACS | Wigton Town Council | Grass cutting July-September Cemetery | 2145.25 | 6,927.90 |
| | | Grass cutting July- September Parish | 3487.86 | |
| | | Grass cutting July-September Summerfield | 140.14 | |
| | | VAT | 1,154.65 | |
| BACS | Capsticks | Watering planters for September | 768.00 | 2,626.32 |
| | | Winter planting | 1858.32 | |
| BACS | Beacon Fire Protection | Service fire extinguishers & new CO2 extinguisher | | 113.50 |
| BACS | Viking Office UK Ltd | Stationery | 113.10 | 139.50 |
| | | 1st class stamps | 26.40 | |
| CHQ 789 | Ian Davidson | Gravedigging M Patterson | | 60.00 |
| CHQ 790 | RBL Poppy Appeal | 4 Poppy wreaths | | 80.00 |
| Total | | | | £15,088.42 |

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

- It was reported that the Local Government Services Pay Agreement for 2024 had been settled with a 62p per hour increment applied to all pay scales. This is backdated to 1 April 2024.
- It was agreed that an ex gratia payment of £200 be made to Northern Fells Group, a cause chosen by the retired Solicitor who has assisted the Clerk with the Forge Green First Registration with the Land Registry.

110/24 Cemetery Matters

The following cemetery matters were approved:

- The additional inscription for the late Peter Maxwell Garnett in Ward 5 Section I space 53. To read 'Peter Maxwell, Devoted and loving husband of Jean, a treasured dad, father-in law and Gramps, 20th Sept. 1935 – 2nd May 2024'.
- A black granite headstone with sandblast and gilded inscription in Ward 4, Section C, Space 32C. To read 'In loving memory of Michael Patterson (Mike) 27th Feb 1950-26th May 2024, a dearly loved husband and a loving Dad and Grandad, a gentleman and a good friend, with us always'.
- The purchase by Mr John & Mrs Jean Holliday of grave space Ward 5, Section L Space 12.
- The purchase by Mr David Cowen of grave space Ward 5, Section J, Space 38.
- Correspondence regarding the turfing of an area in the cemetery has been received. Following discussion, it was agreed to thank the parishioner for their correspondence. Matters raised have been addressed.

- Cllr McKerrell advised the meeting that the following statement is on the Parish Council website:
The Parish Council has operated the cemetery since 1894 when the responsibility was transferred under the Local Government Act from the Parish Vestry. It is maintained to the Parish Council's recommended standards and the grass is mown regularly in the growing season. All graves and burials are registered, the records being kept in perpetuity. They are available for inspection at the Council Offices by arrangement.

111/24 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski reported that part of the footpath from the bridge over the River Roe in Stockdalewath to Thranholme Bridge has partially collapsed making the footpath unsafe and virtually impassable. The Clerk will report this to the Countryside Access Officer.
- Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski reported that the litterbin at Rose Bridge had been blown down and was not being emptied.
- Cllr Newton requested permission to make a hard standing area for St Michaels School waste bins in the lane between Carlisle Road and the cemetery gate. This was agreed.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 10th December 2024 in Forge Green at 7.15.

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2025 – TBC

Property & Maintenance Meeting Dates for 2025 - TBC

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm