

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green on the 10th December 2024 at 7.15pm.

S Milburn Clerk

Present

Cllr McKerrell (Chair) Cllr Baxter Cllr Drouet Cllr Newton Cllr Kyle Cllr Craig
Cllr Irving Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski Cllr Melrose Cllr Robson Cllr Clarkson Webb

Apologies

The following apologies were approved:-
Cllr Byers – Prior Commitments
Cllr Dinning – Prior Commitments
Cllr Potter – Prior Commitments

Minutes

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th November 2024.

Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

112/24 Public Participation

Cllr Allison and 1 member of the public were present.

113/24 Cumberland Councillor Report

Cllr Allison spoke regarding tree concerns, the first site being between 15 Glebe Close and Huntscroft on Townhead Road and the second site adjacent to No.54 Glebe Close. The issues have been reported to Cumberland Councils Tree Enforcement Officer.

Cllr Allison reported that he had attended the Fells and Solway Community Panel meeting held on the 9th December 2024. It was noted that the presentation on Highways was very lengthy with only a summary sheet circulated to the meeting attendees. A copy of the full report is to be requested. Cllr Kyle suggested that only relevant information regarding the Parish was needed.

Cllr Melrose suggested an evening meeting would be more appropriate as this would enable people with work commitments the opportunity to attend, Cllr Allison to follow this up.

A question was also raised regarding who oversees the Fells and Solway Panel.

The government grant (hs2) for the improvement of bus services is to be discussed at the meeting in January.

Cllr Allison stated that he is to purchase two strimmers, these will be used to cut back vegetation on the Sustrans Cycleway. It was agreed the equipment could be stored in the outbuilding at Forge Green or the store at St Michaels School. The Carlisle Southern Link Road team have been contacted to see if they will consider surveying the length

between Dalston and Cummersdale for treatment or repair following the protracted period of civil work by themselves and Northern Gas.

114/24 Planning Decisions and Applications

Decisions:

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. Grant Permission.

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. Grant Permission.

Applications:

Appn Ref: 24/0634 3 Low Mill, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JU. Demolition Of Conservatory; Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension To Provide Snug, Utility & WC. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 24/0717 Chalkfoot Farm, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7JH. Demolition Of Existing Barn (Consented To Be Converted To A Dwelling Under Application 22/0577) And Erection Of A New Dwelling. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 24/0060/S211. 1 The Green, Dalston, CA5 7QB. Repeat Pollarding & Pruning Of 1no. Paper Bark Birch tree: Pollarding & Pruning Of 1no. Maple Tree In Dalston Conservation Area. No Observations.

For Information Only Not Within Dalston Parish

Reference No: VAR/2024/0039

Applicant: Mr James Lyons

Proposal: Variation of Condition 5 on planning approval VAR/2023/0012 for the removal of ten x 50m high, two bladed wind turbines together with related infrastructure and their replacement with six x 43m high three bladed wind turbines together with underground cable, access roads and one 43m high anemometer mast for wind measurement purposes, to change word 'sooner' to 'later'

Location: Land at Great Orton Airfield, Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6NL

115/24 Clerk and Chairman Report

- Following the request to re paint the white line running to the public toilets the Clerk reported that the legal ownership of this piece of land had not been established. Cumberland Council have stated that it's not their responsibility. A quotation of £350 has been received to carry out the work and following discussion was approved.
- The Clerk reported that the back door of No.2 Forge Green has blistered, and the tenant had reported cracks on the walls inside the property. A contractor has been contacted to look at the issues.
- The Clerk reported that No.1 Forge Green has had a leaking tap replaced.
- An open meeting to discuss community emergency plans is to be held via teams on the 12th December 4-5pm. The joining link was circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting.
- A consultation on Ward boundaries has started and will close on the 24th February 2025. Cumberland Council are holding an event on the 12th December 3-4pm via teams to discuss possible changes and answer questions. The joining link was circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting.
- Due to unexpected issues out of Cumberland Councils control Dalston Road will remain closed until February 2025.

116/24 Correspondence

- A request to park a chip van in the Kingsway car park on a Wednesday evening was discussed and rejected due to the impending re-opening of the chip shop.
- The request to place a clothing bank on the Glave Hill car park was rejected due to limited space. It was noted that there is a clothes bank located at Hospice at Home on Barras Lane. It was agreed to place a notice in the car park detailing this information.
- A parishioner request to have the pavement re surfaced on Town Head Road was discussed, the Clerk reported that the parishioner is to forward pictures of the dilapidated areas. Clerk to ask Paragon Vets to fill in the potholes outside their property.
- A parishioner request for Christmas lights was discussed and it was agreed The Square has sufficient lights.

117/24 Signage for Kingsway Car Park

Following discussion, it was agreed Cllr Newton remove the parking sign on the lamp post opposite the public toilets and add it to the lamp opposite the entrance to the Kingsway car park.

118/24 Tree Survey

The Clerk reported that the current tree survey covers The Green and the Cemetery but there are many grey areas as to the ownership of many other trees within the Parish. The Clerk and Chair to attend the CALC training course on Trees on Common Land in January. Clerk to seek advice from Tillhill and NALC.

119/24 Kingsway Land Registry Completed

The Clerk reported that the Kingsway has been officially registered to Dalston Parish Council under title number CU330090. Sam McAlister to correct section B on the title as it currently refers to the Clerks home address, this is to be changed to the office address. Following discussion, it was agreed the Clerk go ahead and register the parcels of land as Village Green.

120/24 Financial

- The following payments were approved:-

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Susan Milburn	December notices 9.00 Microwave for office 49.50	58.50
BACS	AG Intl Limited	Hosting and maintaining Cemetery system for 3 years 1/11/24 to 31/10/27	432.00
BACS	George Douglas	Hedge cutting	135.00
BACS	RF Angus	Unblock drains 2 Forge Green	150.00
CHQ 792	Ian Davidson	Grave digging Lawson, Brookes and Cowen	900.00
Total			<u>£1675.50</u>

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

Dalston Charitable Trust 2024 Awards were given to the following: -

Dalston Recreation Association – contribution to picnic tables and fridge freezer.

Raughton Head Church – contribution to replacement church bell.

St Michaels Pre School-Nursery – shed roof repairs and new printer.

Carlisle Sight Support – contribution to hire of the Victory Hall.

Cumdivock Women's Institute – blinds and kitchen improvements.

Dalston Tennis Club – contribution to junior coaching costs.

Dalston Scouts – contribution to equipment for water activities.

The trustees also agreed to assist a young man in the parish with funds towards the cost of equipment which he will have to purchase in order to attend his college course.

Cllr Kyle proposed the above awards, Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski seconded and all Councillors present were in favour.

121/24 Cemetery Matters

The below cemetery matters were approved:-

- The burial of the late Peter Brookes on the 28th November 2024 in Ward 5, Section J, Space 40.
- The burial of the late Diana Cleasby Cowen on the 3rd December 2024 in Ward 5, Section J, Space 38.
- The purchase by Mrs Elizabeth Patricia Warwick of cremated remains space Ward 4, Section C, Space 43f.

122/24 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski reported that a parishioner had fallen in the Kingsway Car Park and subsequently requested more lighting, this is to be an agenda item in January.
- Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski stated that when Rose Castle hold events they don't have sufficient car parking leading to cars parking inappropriately and dangerously on the roadside. Cllr Clarkson Webb reported that the issue was in hand.
- Cllr Robson requested something be done to improve the bend in the road near Dobbies. Cllr Allison stated that better road markings are to be implemented. It was also suggested that hardcore be used to fill the dips next to the verge. Cllr Allison to request a TRO to improve the bend.
- Cllr Irving requested the Dalston business open as usual sign be moved to Wigton Road.
- Cllr Newton reported that it is to be the last Scout meeting on Friday 13th December 2024.
- Cllr McKerrell reported the light in The Lamp isn't working.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 14th January 2025 in Forge Green at 7.15pm

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2025 - TBC

Property & Maintenance Meeting Dates for 2025 - TBC

The meeting closed at 8.35pm