

## DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.15pm.

S. Milburn Clerk

### **Present**

Cllr Mc Kerrell (Chair) Cllr Kyle Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski Cllr Robson Cllr Ebbatson  
Cllr Byers Cllr Dinning Cllr Drouet Cllr Melrose Cllr Craig Cllr Clarkson Webb

### **Apologies**

The following apologies were approved:-  
Cllr Newton - Work Commitments  
Cllr Baxter - Care Duties  
Cllr Irving - Illness  
Cllr Potter - Knee Operation

### **Minutes**

**Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14th January 2025.

### **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **13/25 Public Participation**

Cllr Allison and 1 member of the public were present. A parishioner spoke regarding safety concerns due to vehicles parking too close to the junctions on The Grange and requested double yellow lines be implemented. They also spoke regarding putting warning signage by the hump (Union Bridge) to warn drivers. Cllr Allison agreed to investigate both.

### **14/25 Planning Applications:**

#### **Decisions:**

**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. Grant Permission.

#### **Applications:**

**Appn Ref: 25/0002 HDG** Land at Grace Lane, Dalston Road, Carlisle, CA2 6DA. Removal Of Hedgerow Required As Part Of Drainage Works For Carlisle Southern Link Road. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 25/0027** Struan, Carlisle Road, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7LN. Demolition Of Existing Garage, Single Storey Extension/Conservatory And Porch; Replacement with 2no. Single Storey Extensions To Provide Additional Living Accommodation And 2no. Additional Bedrooms; Erection Of Front Porch And Detached Double Garage. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 24/0128** Dalston Hall Hotel, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JX. Variation Of Condition 2 (Temporary Permission) Of Previously Approved Application 19/0243 (Erection Of Marquee) To Extend The Temporary Permission For A Further 2 Years. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 25/0037** Birds Hill Farm, Raughton, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7AQ. Creation of Field Access. No Observations.

### **15/25 Cumberland Councillor Report**

Cllr Allison reported that he has responded to the residents on Glebe Close regarding the two beech trees. The parks department will monitor their safety and will maintain them along with the grassed area.

As for the large Oak tree close to the flats, the responsibility rests under an agreement with the residents. Cllr Allison to follow this up and suggest that a professional assess its safety and recommend appropriate action. Cllr Allison to liaise with Cllr Irving.

Cllr Allison reported that he had met with the residents of 5 ground floor properties which were flooded at Low Mill. This included a site visit along the riverbank from there to Nestles. Although the bund was refused permission under Application 17/0753, (it was built and subsequently extended) it is effective in containing the potential flooding at the Low Mill end. Low Mill residents claim that near Nestles it is directing flood water to behind their properties. They are now unable to get flood insurance. Iwan Lawton of the EA (Environmental Agency) has directed them to Flood-Re (insurance scheme).

The EA are to undertake a modelling exercise. This hasn't been started yet, but they are working towards a summer deadline. Cllr Allison is to take several issues up with Iwan Lawton at the EA.

Numberplate recording Speed Indicator Device (SID) as an alternative to Speed watch. Cllr Allison is helping fund one at Burgh by Sands Parish Council. This neatly gets over the issue of recruiting for Speed watch and gives continuous monitoring with the results fed back to the PCSO via the Parish Council Clerk. To address the concerns that it is covert unlike the Speed watch in their High Viz jackets Cllr Allison is funding signage to be designed by Abigail Dodds, which will be placed at each end of the highway being monitored. If there is any interest, he would be happy to repeat this exercise at Dalston with his next tranche of funding.

### **16/25 Clerk and Chairman Report**

- Electricity North West are to prune trees on The Green at Stockdalewath due to them touching electricity wires.
- Cumberland Council expect to have the white line on Union Bridge replaced in the next round of road marking work which is expected to be completed by April. The give way markings at the junction of Barras Brow and the Dobies road have also been renewed. The Traffic Management team is looking into the possibility of adding a give way sign to this junction. The bend after Dobies (travelling towards Dalston) is due to have chevron signs installed and verge masters replaced before the end of the current financial year.
- It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall. The agenda was approved.
- A Planning Policy event is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm via teams. The meeting link has been circulated to the Councillors.
- The office will be closed on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 due to staff holiday; a note is to be put into the Parish Paper.
- There is to be a police desk in the Co-op on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 1-3pm.
- Cllr Byers nominated Cllr Dinning to go into the draw for the Kings Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, this was seconded by Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski and all Councillors present were in favour. Clerk to complete relevant forms.

### **17/25 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **18/25 Kompan Quote For Trampoline In Summerfield Play Area**

Due to the water issue under the trampoline the Clerk stated that if the trampoline is to be filled in it would cost £5,512.92 Ex VAT or to replace the trampoline would cost £13,688.81 Ex VAT. Following discussion, it was agreed as the trampoline is checked/cleaned frequently it be left as it is.

Cllr McKerrell requested a path be placed between the car park and gate to the play area. Clerk to obtain prices.

### 19/25 Update from Forge Green Property Review Group

The minutes from the meeting held on 28th January 2025 had previously been circulated. Cllr Melrose reported that the recommendation of the Review Group was to remain at Forge Green and carry out improvements to make the property fit for purpose. Recommendations of names of roofing contractors and bat surveyors would be welcomed.

### 20/25 Tilhill Tree Survey Report

The Clerk reported that Tilhill Forestry had carried out a tree survey in the Cemetery and on The Green and the following works need completed within 6 months:-

A Red Cedar tree in the Cemetery has stem decay and needs to be felled. A Populus tree on the Kingsway has basal decay and needs to be felled and a Tilla Cordata tree on the Kingsway needs a damaged limb removed. Mike Lowther is to provide a quote for the work.

The Clerk spoke regarding tree concerns on common land and the riverbank. It was agreed this be an agenda item at the next meeting. Clerk to obtain information from Mike Lowther and the Countryside Access Officer. The Clerk and Cllr McKerrell to look at the trees on the common land.

### 21/25 Financial

The following payments were approved: -

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Sue Milburn	February Notices Journeys to Carlisle Archives	36.00
BACS	Martin Broatch	Windows January	5.00
BACS	Ann Byers	Picture framing Eileen Sinclair painting	66.37
BACS	Tilhill Forestry Ltd	Parish tree survey	1,151.96
CHQ	Ian Davidson	Gravedigging Horne and Sinclair	620.00
Total			£1879.33

### 21/25 Cemetery

- The interment of the late Geoffrey Horne and Avril Horne in Ward 4, Section C, Space 46f on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
- The burial of the late Stephen Anthony Sinclair in Ward 5, Section J, Space 9 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.
- A green slate cremated remains plaque with sandblasted and gilded inscription in Ward 4, Section C, Space 46F to read 'In Memory of Geoffrey Horne 20 Feb 1936-26 Nov 2023 and Avril Heather Horne 12 Apr 1940-17 Dec 2024, Together Again, Much Loved Parents and Grandparents'.
- Request from the family to plant snowdrops from their late parents garden near to the cremated remains space in Ward 4, Section C space 46F was agreed.
- The fee to dig a full body grave has increased from £420 to £500.
- Mr & Mrs Ebbatson have kindly agreed to remove the wreaths from the cemetery.

### 22/25 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Ebbatson asked for a progress report on the Beacon. The Clerk reported that it would be installed before VE Day on the 8th May 2025.
- Cllr Ebbatson volunteered to make good the footpath behind Bridge End.
- Cllr Kyle reported that he had received complaints regarding the extended road closure at Stoneraise. The road is scheduled to re-open on the 5th May 2025. Clerk to liaise with St Cuthbert Without Parish Council and Gareth Scott. It was also requested that Burthwaite road and other roads affected during this closure be cleaned on conclusion of the works.

- Cllr Robson showed the Councillors last year's VE flag. It was agreed that it should be used again this year.
- Cllr Byers reported that the public toilets had been closed for several weeks due to cleaning staff shortages. Cllr Byers reported that the Carlisle Southern Link Road Trust are looking for match funding projects. Grants will support local community groups and organisations. For more information, please email [carlisesouthernlinkroad@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:carlisesouthernlinkroad@cumberland.gov.uk)

**Date of Forthcoming Meetings**

The next meeting of the Parish Council to take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 7.15pm at Forge Green.

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2025 – 1st April.

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2025 – 18th March.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.