

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green on the 8th April 2025 at 7.15pm.

S. Milburn Clerk

Present

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

Apologies

The following apologies were approved:-

Cllr Drouet - Child Care Duties
Cllr Baxter - Eye Surgery
Cllr Craig - Illness
Cllr Allison – Illness

Minutes

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th March 2025.

Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

33/25 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

34/25 Planning Applications:

Applications:

Appn Ref: 25/0131 Red Spears, Raughton Head, Carlisle, CA5 7DL Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension To Provide Living Room (LBC). No Observations.

Appn Ref: 25/0132 Broomfield Farm, Cumdivock, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JL. Extension To Existing Livestock Building. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 25/0026 S211 Hallfield, Ellers Mill Lane, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QH. Works To 1no. Scots Pine and 1no. Hedge Conifer In Dalston Conservation Area. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 25/0158 2 Cardew Hall Cottages, Cardew, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7JQ. Variation Of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) Of Previously Approved Appn 24/0162 (Demolition Of Cottage & Erection Of Replacement Dwelling) To Change The Colour Of The Windows From Grey To Cream. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 25/0179 1 Nook Lane Close, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JA. Erection Of Single Storey Rear Extension; Insertion Of First Floor Side Window. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 25/0184 2 Cardew Hall Cottages, Cardew, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JQ. Demolition Of Garage & Erection Of Replacement Garage Including PV Panels. No Observations.

Appn Ref: 25/0195 Thackwood Nook, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7DT. Installation Of New Sewage Treatment Plant And Decommissioning Of Old Tank. No Observations.

Appn Ref 25/0121 Hazel House, Carlisle Road, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7NQ. Formation Of New Access Road To Serve Proposed Swimming Pool (Approved Under Ref 23/0108). No Observations.

Appn Ref: 25/0200 Nestle UK Limited, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7NH. Variation Of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) Of Previously Approved Permission 23/0430 (Erection Of New Process Building Within Footprint Of Existing Factory Building; Warehouse Extension; Despatch Extension And New Lift Enclosure To Dry Mix Tower; Installation Of Externally Mounted HVAC Units) For Minor Variations To The Wet Mix Extension Comprising Additional Windows To NW, NE & SW Elevations; Revisions To HVAC Proposals; Omission Of HVAC Room On Roof; Minor Changes To Extension;

Minor Variations To Siting & Design Of HVAC & Chiller Units& Bund/Hardstanding; Minor Variations To Siting & Size Of Switch Room. No Observations.

35/25 Cumberland Councillor Report

Cllr Allison submitted the following to the Clerk for discussion: -

Speed Indicator Device

The cost of a of Speed Indicator Device with number plate recognition is £2298.22 inc. VAT. This includes a small yellow box to strap to any post (it is easily moveable), signage, a solar boost option and conspicuity kit.

Cllr Allison is offering Burgh by Sands the funds needed for the signage (£58.60 per unit) to provide a level of warning as with the volunteers in high viz jackets. The Parish Council downloads the data and forwards it to the PCSO the same as Speed Watch.

Cllr Allison would be happy to fund the signage for Dalston Parish Council the same as Burgh by Sands and support a grant application to his Community Fund allocation.

Although the Councillors agreed in principle to purchasing the devices they requested the following information: can they be set to a specific speed? How easy is it to download the information? This will be an agenda item in May.

Dalston toilets closure

Cllr Allison has been having ongoing dialogue with Janice Starkie on this issue. They are unable to get anyone to clean the toilets so are obliged to keep them closed. Cllr Allison would not like to see Dalston afflicted with the problem they had at Burgh by Sands and Beaumont during the Hadrian's Walk season (walkers using behind a hedge or in people's gardens as toilets). Visitors are asking Crumbs if they can use their toilet. To make an enhanced offer to attract applicants the Parish Council were asked to consider precepting a supplementary sum perhaps with support from local businesses. The Clerk to find out more information regarding running and cleaning costs. This will be an agenda item in May.

36/25 Clerk and Chairman Report

- The June Parish Council meeting is to be held in Primrose Hall Gaitsgill.
- Forge Green Garden No.2 is available to rent for a sum of £40 per annum. An advert is to be placed in the Parish Paper. It was agreed only members of the Parish can apply.
- PCSO Graham Kirkpatrick is to hold a police desk on the 30th May between 3-5pm in the Co-op. Clerk to request feedback from the police desk held on the 30th March.
- The Clerk stated that Wigton Town Council have submitted a quotation of £146 + VAT per quarter to cut the verge outside Raughtonhead School and the area of verge outside the public toilets. This was approved. Clerk to complete the variations.
- It was reported that CALC held a briefing on the Governments Devolution Priority Programme via Teams on the 2nd April. The Clerk has circulated the recording to the Councillors. The public consultation ends on the 13th April 2025. Cllr Kyle shared his concerns with the Council.

37/25 Correspondence

- A newsletter on work taking place following the flooding in May 2024 at High Bridge, Stockdalewath and Gaitsgill has been circulated to the Councillors. The newsletter has also been placed on the Parish noticeboards.
- The Peter Lane exit on the roundabout at Newby West is to be closed from 22 April 2025 with access only for residents via Dalston Road. From 28 April until 29 August 2025 the A595 Wigton Road will be closed at Newby West Roundabout. Traffic will be diverted via the newly constructed southwest quadrant of the new Newby West Roundabout.
- Notice has been given from Galliford Try regarding a road closure between Buckabank and Durdar. The closure is part of the ongoing construction works taking place as part of the Carlisle Southern Link Road. The closure will commence on the 14th April. This closure coincides with the closure of the Ivegill road and will be challenging. Both closures are expected to be completed at the end of May. Clerk to email the Carlisle Southern Link Road team to request suitable signage is put in place and that the closure timetable is adhered to.

38/25 VE Day 8th May 2025

Cllr Newton and Cllr Ebbatson have agreed to oversee the lighting of the beacon. This will include getting the materials to burn in the beacon, organising volunteer staff and adhering to all safety procedures.

39/25 Property & Maintenance Meeting Update From 18th March 2025

- The draft minutes from the meeting held on the 18th March 2025 were circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting.
- The Kingsway Lighting report was also circulated to the Councillors. Following discussion and advice provided it was agreed not to implement additional lighting.
- The Clerk reported that a meeting has been arranged on 15th April with the gardening contractor to go through parish works.
- Cllr Kyle stated that funds can be withdrawn from the Margaret Gore Legacy Fund towards the cost of levelling & turfing cemetery graves.

40/25 Policy and Resource Meeting Update from 1st April 2025

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 1st April 2025 were circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The RFO reported that building society interest of £5,836.75 was received for the year to 31 March 2025. After provisions recommended by the Policy & Resources Committee the increase in the general reserve for the year will be in the region of £3,000.

Cllr Byers proposed that all the recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee be approved, this was seconded by Cllr Kaye-Krzeczkowski and all Councillors present were in favour. The annual review of Standing Orders, Policies, the Emergency Information Sheet and the Electricity Contract is now complete, and the accounts will be prepared for audit.

41/25 Cumbria In Bloom

The first 40 entries in this year's competition are to receive a free tree. The PC decided they would like a Silver Birch tree and it will be placed behind the bus shelter at Bridge End.

42/25 Financial

The following payments were approved:-

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Sue Milburn	April PC Notices 9.00 Road closure and flood report notices 4.50	13.50
BACS	Martin Broatch	Windows March	5.00
BACS	Bourne Business Centre	Payroll processing to March 2025	234.00
BACS	Carlisle Business Supplies	Printer paper, ink, plastic wallets	133.54
BACS	Westwood Landscapes	Path at Summerfield play area	930.00
CHQ 794	John Atkinson	Refund allotment garden rent	30.00
CHQ 795	Ian Davidson	Gravedigging Florence Wood	60.00
Total			<u>£1,406.04</u>

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

- The Concurrent Services grant for operating the cemetery for 2024/25 of £4,315.60 was received on 21 March 2025 and banked in the 30 day deposit account.
- Notification has been received that the Precept of £94,458 for 2025/26 will be paid into the 30 day deposit account in the next few working days.

43/25 Cemetery

The following cemetery matters were approved:-

- The interment of the late Florence Mary Wood, Ward 4, Section C, Space 38f on the 13th March 2025.
- The additional inscription for the late Florence Mary Wood in Ward 4 Section C space 38f. To read 'Also Florence Mary Wood, 15.1.1951-25.1.2025, A much loved wife, mam and Nanna'.
- The additional inscription for the late Eleanor Robina Lawson in Ward 4 Section C space 45f. To read 'Also Eleanor Robina, 1934-2024, Loving wife, Mum, Gran & Great Gran'.
- A grey honister slate headstone in Ward 5, Section J, Space 9 for the late Stephen Anthony Sinclair. The inscription to read Sinclair, Stephen Anthony 'Tony', 1939 - 2025, A much loved husband, Father and Grandfather.
- The additional inscription for the late Bryan Hudson Telfer in Ward 5 Section I Space 7. To read 'Bryan Hudson Telfer, Died 16th August 2023, Aged 92 years'.
- Ruth Christine Coates was added as a joint owner for grave spaces 37b and 37c in Ward 4 Section C. The Exclusive Right of Burial Certificate number 118 was amended and signed on behalf of the Parish Council by Cllr McKerrell, Cllr Melrose and Cllr Irving.

44/25 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Ebbatson asked about the bin / planters. It was agreed that Cllr McKerrell will ask the Recreation Committee if we could take 2 of their pedestal bins and replace them with more appropriate bins. The bins will be stored at Forge Green until it is decided where they should be placed.
- Cllr Kyle showed a plan of the Garden Village. Works will not start in Durdar for at least 10 years.
- Cllr Potter reported that bird feed is being placed on the picnic tables in the village. Clerk to report the issue to the Environmental Health Department (Cumberland Council).
- Cllr Newton reported that volunteers from Nestle are going to assist at St Michaels School.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council 13th May 2025 in the Victory Hall 6.30pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 13th May 2025 in the Victory Hall at 7.30pm.

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2025 – TBA.

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2025 – TBA.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm