

## **DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.15pm.

S. Milburn Clerk

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### **Present**

Cllr McKerrell (Chair) Cllr Kyle Cllr Baxter Cllr Irving Cllr Byers Cllr Dinning Cllr Drouet  
Cllr Potter Cllr Melrose

### **Apologies**

The following apologies were approved:-

Cllr Clarkson-Webb - Holiday  
Cllr Kaye-Kreczkowski – Sickness  
Cllr Newton – Sickness  
Cllr Ebbatson – Family Meal  
Cllr Robson – Child Care Duties

### **Minutes**

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

### **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr McKerrell item 4 (memorial inspection).

### **104/25 Public Participation**

There were 3 members of the public present. A member spoke regarding hazardous parking at school drop off and pick up times, cars park on both sides of the road causing obstruction and danger concerns. They also spoke regarding the increased number of unauthorised 7.5 tonne lorries driving through the village. Cllr Allison agreed to speak to his highways mentor to request more enforcement/prosecution on the matters. The parishioner also spoke regarding speeding concerns; they were informed that Speed Indicator Camera's are to be placed in the village. Cllr Allison agreed to purchase an extra camera if needed.

The Chair of Governors for St Michaels School spoke regarding safety concerns for the children and asked if a new path / entrance could be made through the cemetery allowing the section of path by the school to be closed to the public. This will be an agenda item in November. Due to United Utility works the school will temporarily lose its car park, it was asked if the lane next to the school leading to the cemetery could be used for staff parking or if it would be possible to get parking permits to use the lay by on Carlisle Road. The Chair of Governors also requested space in the Parish Paper for the school.

A parishioner asked for an update on the Parish Councils progress regarding flooding, Clerk to contact Helen Renyard. Concerns were also raised regarding United Utilities, who are currently doing work on The Green and using the adjacent field to store the excess gravel.

### **105/25 Cumberland Councillor Report**

Raughton Speed Limit

Chris Harrison has produced a very professional document as our submission, whilst still retaining the original attachments. Clerk to send all the documents to Keiron Wilkinson, Abigail Dodd, Denise Rollo, Andy Leather (Neighbourhood Policing Team), Karl Melville, Julie Minns and David Allen.

#### Community Panel Meetings

The last meeting was held at Allonby Village Hall. Cllr Kyle was the only member of the community present. Formal approval of the grants and the Highways report formed the basis of the meeting.

#### Sustrans Cycleway

This below is the report I have sent to Luke Leathers responsible for grounds maintenance in the authority.

"I appreciated having the opportunity to raise the above issue with you at the Teams meeting.

To recap and expand.

The Sustrans (Denton Holme to Dalston) is one of if not the most popular cycle-walkways in Carlisle District. It contributes greatly to the health and wellbeing of the community across all age groups. As the landowners, the stretch between Cummersdale and Denton Holme was always maintained by Carlisle City and is largely not-affected by the fact that it was unadopted.

This is not the case in the Cummersdale to Dalston section. As ward councillor, together with Cycle Carlisle, we raised £40K (>£55K in today's money) to repair a long section. Understandably, given the "Rewilding" status of the River Caldew and riverbank erosion, Dalston and Cummersdale parish councils simply cannot afford to be responsible for its maintenance.

The most immediate concern is the need for annual cutting back and or treatment of the edges. Stretches can become almost impassable due to nettles and thistles and other weed infestation. A Cummersdale resident did an amazing job even outside his own parish but is discouraged and frustrated that it is being allowed to return to its original state. I strimmed a 50 x 1m stretch in Dalston on Nestle's land, but this took almost 4 hours. Where thistles, docks, nettles etc and moss had become established, it was breaking up the tarmac. This is likely to be the case wherever this root growth has been allowed to extend into the cycleway.

I was disappointed that the Sustrans was not included in the CSLR cycleway network. Despite our best efforts the present ad-hoc arrangement is simply not sufficient to secure the future of this important cycleway. This needs a programme of weed treatment where appropriate (must be done professionally in a public space) and cutting back to maintain passage without getting nettled.

If funding cannot be made available for an unadopted cycleway then, I am confident that with Cycle Carlisle, we can cover the cost of the first year. Since most of the problem stretch is on Nestle's land, perhaps they can be persuaded to extend the stretch alongside the factory that they currently maintain?

As ward councillor, I would welcome a site visit with you to get your professional assessment of what is needed to be done. "

It was agreed a set programme of works for the area is needed.

#### **106/25 Planning Applications:**

##### **Decisions:**

**Appn Ref: 25/0346** Beech House Plot 11, Greensyke Court, Cumdivock, Dalston. Amendment To House Type Comprising Erection Of Single Storey Extension To Provide Boot Room; Erection Of Single Storey Detached Building To Provide Home Studio / Office. Granted.

**Appn Ref: 25/0368** Hallan End & Middle Skipprigg, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AN. Change of Use From Agricultural Land To Access Track And Hard Standing To Serve Hallan End And Middle Skipprigg; Change Of Use Of Agricultural Land To Domestic Curtilage. Granted.

**Appn Ref: 25/0409** Chalkfoot Farm, Chalkfoot, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JH. Demolition Of Existing Dwelling & Erection Of Replacement Dwelling. Granted.

**Appn Ref: 25/0420** Rocafosca, Barras Brow, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7NA. Variation Of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) Of Previously Approved Permission 21/0955 (Demolition Of Existing Flat Roofed Extensions To North And South Elevations; Erection Of Replacement Single Storey Extension To Provide Lounge/Sunroom To South; Erection Of Replacement Single Storey Extension To Provide New Entrance And Dining Room; Erection Of Replacement Garage) To Regularise Design Changes To Garage. Granted.

**Appn Ref: 25/0444** 6 Barras Close, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7NT. Demolition of Existing Garage And Utility And Erection Of Single Storey Side and Rear Extension To Provide Additional Living Accommodation And 1no. En Suite Bedroom. Granted.

##### **Applications:**

**Appn Ref: 25/0508** 4 Glebe Close, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7JE. Removal Of Hedge To Rear Boundary And Erection Of 1.65 Metre High Fence. No Observations.

**Appn Ref:25/0073/S211** Green Lane House, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QE. Pollarding Of 1no. Lime Tree To 4 Metres & Removal Of 1no. Ash Tree In Dalston Conservation Area. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 25/0546** Cardew Hall, Cardew, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JQ. Erection Of Calf Shed. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 25/0550** Cardew Hall, Cardew, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JQ. Erection Of Agricultural Building To Cover Existing Livestock Holding Area. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 25/0552** Dalston Hall Hotel, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7JX. Replacement Of Dining Room Double Door/Windows & Adjoining Pedestrian Door (LBC). No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 25/0012 HDG** Cowens Ltd, Buckabank Mill, Ellers Mill Lane, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7QJ. Removal of Hedgerow. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 25/0568** 2 Cardew Hall Cottages, Cardew, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JQ. Variation Of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) Of Previously Approved Application 25/0158 (Demolition Of Cottage & Erection Of Replacement Dwelling) To Change The Materials From Repurposed Slate To Spanish Slate. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 25/0567** Dalston Hall Hotel, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JX. Recladding Of External Façade Of The Dining Room And Replacement Of Existing Fire Escape Stair / Balustrade (LBC). No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 25/0566** Dalston Hall Hotel, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7JX. Recladding Of External Façade Of The Dining Room And Replacement Of Existing Fire Escape Stair / Balustrade. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 25/0559** 1 Smithy Cottage, Lingyclose Road, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7LB. Erection Of New Detached Garage, Store And Workshop. No Observations.

### **107/25 Clerk and Chairman Report**

- It was reported that the poppy wreaths have been ordered.
- The quotation of £1,400 from Graeme Vipond to complete a memorial inspection in the cemetery was approved.
- The SIMR results disclose that the lane between Railway Cottages and Nestle is unregistered. Following discussion, the request for a seat and wildflowers was approved.
- The statutory consultation for the Carlisle Rural Traffic Regulation Order for parking zones will be discussed by the board in October.
- The purchase of a new notice board for Forge Green Office for £1,487 + VAT was approved.

### **108/25 Correspondence**

- It was agreed not to purchase the 14<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Charles Arnold Baker publication for a fee of £185. Clerk to see if an online version is available.
- The request for funding towards a defibrillator at the residential park on Grange Park Road was discussed and it was agreed the owner of the park should be responsible. It was also noted that there is a defibrillator located at Cranstons.
- A request to install a new kissing gate next to the Jubilee Garden going onto The Green was discussed. It was agreed to block the roadside entrance to the garden as it has already been noted as a safety concern. Cllr Melrose proposed this, Cllr Byers seconded, and all Councillors present were in favour.
- The Cumbria Innovative Flood Resilience Stockdalewath Project meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025. A copy of the report was circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting, a copy has also been placed on the Parish Council website. Cllr Allison reported proposed flood resilience measures in Gaitsgill.
- Dalston Pensioners who were Ex employees of Nestle are invited to a festive visit at Nestle on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 12 noon at the Dalston site. Please contact the Clerk for more information.
- Following a collision between 2 vehicles in the Kingsway car park a request has been made to cut back the vegetation. It was noted that the vegetation is cut back annually after the nesting season.
- Following the success of the Dalston Tractor Run the request to use The Kingsway for a Christmas Tractor Run on either Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December was discussed. Due to weather concerns the Clerk was asked to suggest either Caldew School car park or the show field be used.

### **109/25 Local Plan / Dalston Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Kyle stated that the representatives for Cumbria are from Allerdale and Copeland. This raises concerns that areas in the North of the County might be overlooked. It was decided at the present time not to arrange a Dalston Neighbourhood Plan / Review meeting due to lack of information.

### **110/25 Fells and Solway Community Panel Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> September 25 Update**

Cllr Allison provided an update in his Cumberland Council report. Cllr Kyle reported that due to lack of public presence he is going to propose that all meetings are held in Wigton as it is more accessible. He also reported that the committee

have £61,000 of funding to allocate. It was also noted that Cumberland Council are up to date with potholes so the next project will be flooding issues.

### 111/25 Financial

- The following payments were approved:-

Cheque	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Sue Milburn	October notices 9.00 RBL poppy wreath 53.50	62.50
BACS	Martin Broatch	Window cleaning September	5.00
BACS	R&M Lowther	Tree work at Raughton Head School	325.00
BACS	Eden Fabrications	Repair to cemetery bin 145.00 Fabricate & install chain around grave 194.00 VAT 67.80	406.80
BACS	Dalston Recreation Centre	Hire for Summer playscheme days	252.00
BACS	GLL	3 Summer playday sessions	120.00
BACS	Singletons	Treat water stains and repaint ceiling 1 Forge Green	408.00
BACS	Carlisle Business Supplies	Printer ink	10.70
BACS	George Douglas	Hedge trimming The Green	141.00
BACS	Beacon Fire Protection Ltd	Service fire extinguishers	140.08
CHQ 803	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	4 poppy wreaths	76.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£1,947.08</b>

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

A transfer of £20,000 from the 30-day notice deposit account to the current account was approved.

- The accounts for the 6 months to 30 September 2025 had previously been circulated. The RFO reported that the results to date are better than budget. The work in the cemetery to level 3 sections of graves is due to commence 20 October. Cllr Kyle will contact St Michaels PCC treasurer to seek to draw £10,000 from The Margaret Gore fund toward the cost of this work. The RFO detailed the main items which made up the figure of sundry creditors in the current asset statement. There were no other queries raised.

### **112/25 Cemetery**

The following cemetery matters were approved:-

- The purchase of grave Space 44, Ward 5, Section J by Mrs Cheryl Scales.
- The purchase of grave Space 46, Ward 5, Section J by Mrs & Mrs Richard Brazendale.
- A polished grey granite headstone with sand blasted gilded lettering to read In loving memory of, John Holliday, beloved husband, much loved, Dad and Granda, died 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025, aged 85 years, Ward 5, Section L, Space 12.

### **113/25 To Set Meeting Dates**

- Policy & Resource Committee to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in Forge Green.
- Forge Green Review Group – TBA.
- Local Plan / Neighbourhood Plan Group – TBA.

### **114/25 Councillor Matters**

- Cllr Byers requested a leaving reception be held for Ronnie and Liz Auld at 6.30pm in Forge Green before the November Parish Council meeting.
- Cllr Melrose reported loose railings by the Millennium Garden.
- Cllr Drouet reported a new notice board at Cowens factory.
- Cllr Kyle reported that Dalston received a Gold Award at the Cumbria In Bloom awards.

### **Date of Forthcoming Meetings**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.15pm in Forge Green.  
Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2025 – TBA.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm