

## **DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

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Minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meeting held at Forge Green on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.15pm.

S. Milburn Clerk

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### **Present**

Cllr McKerrell (Chair) Cllr Kyle Cllr Newton Cllr Irving Cllr Byers Cllr Ebbatson  
Cllr Dinning Cllr Drouet Cllr Potter Cllr Clarkson Webb

### **Apologies**

Cllr Baxter – Family reasons  
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 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

### **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **1/26 Public Participation**

There was 1 member of the public present, they expressed interest in agenda item 7 (To move the fence to The Green and make both grassed areas on The Kingsway equal in size).

### **2/26 Co-option of Councillor To Dalston Ward**

Cllr McKerrell welcomed Phillip Laycock to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Clarkson Webb and seconded by Cllr Byers that Phillip be co-opted as a Councillor to Dalston Parish Council with effect from the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026. All Councillors were in favour. The declaration of acceptance to office and pecuniary and other registerable interest forms were completed and a new Councillor pack was given to Phillip.

### **3/26 Cumberland Councillor Report**

#### **Raughton/Gaitsgill Speed Limit Project**

We have had three, possibly four responses so far, to the flyer we put out, from residents who are willing to contribute to the cost of a TRO to be actioned now rather than incorporated into the next batch submitted by Cumberland Authority, I propose to make enquiries to establish the feasibility and cost. I also suggest that we provide additional evidence to support the case with a video from a Dash Camera travelling at 30mph and 42 mph (The 85% figure from our ATC).

#### **Report of HGVs contravening the 7.5tonne limit (except for access)**

This matter has been raised by a parishioner. It was noted that this will be investigated further once the new Carlisle Southern Link Road has been opened.

Cllr Kyle spoke regarding the recent news that the Cumberland Authority have been ranked amongst the lowest for pothole repairs. Cllr Allison reported that this had been discussed at a recent meeting and agreed to forward the minutes as soon as they are available.

#### **4/26 Planning Applications:**

##### **Decisions:**

**Appn Ref: 21/0351** Land At Morton Bounded By Wigton Road, Peter Lane And Dalston Road, Carlisle. Erection Of 720 no. Dwellings & Public Open Space (Reserved Matters Application Pursuant To Outline Approval 09/0413). Permission Granted Subject To Legal Agreement.

**Appn Ref: 25/0378** Westwood Nurseries, Orton Grange, Carlisle, CA5 6LB. Display of 11no. Fascia Signs & 1no. Window Vinyl (All Non-Illuminated). Granted.

##### **Applications:**

**Appn Ref: 25/0692** Dobicross Hall, Gaitsgill, Dalston, Carlisle CA5 7AW. Erection of Agricultural Building. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 25/0708** Buckabank House, Buckabank, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7AA. Erection of First Floor Extension Above Existing Garage. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 26/0003 S211** The Cemetery, The Square, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7DA. Removal Of 1no. Western Red Cedar Tree In Dalston Conservation Area. No Observations.

**Appn Ref: 26/0002 S211** Land South of the Car Park, The Square, Dalston, Carlisle. Removal Of 3no. Poplar Trees In Dalston Conservation Area. No Observations.

#### **Notification of and Consultation on an Application for Planning Permission**

##### **County Matter Application for Minerals and/or Waste Development**

Application Reference Number:1/25/9002

Proposal: To vary conditions 1,2,8,27 and 28 of Planning Permission Ref 1/09/9014 to extend the time periods for the working and restoration of the quarry and amend the restoration scheme.

Location: Cardewmires Quarry, Cardewlees, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 6LF. No Observations.

#### **Notification of and Consultation on an Application for Planning Permission**

##### **County Matter Application for Minerals and/or Waste Development**

Application Reference Number:1/25/9003

Proposal: To vary conditions 1 and 15 of Planning Permission Ref 1/22/9006 to extend the time periods for the working and restoration of the eastern quarry extension area and to incorporate a Noise Monitoring Scheme.

Location: Land at and adjacent to Cardewmires Quarry, Cardewlees, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 6LF. No Observations.

#### **Notification of and Consultation on an Application for Planning Permission**

##### **County Matter Application for Minerals and/or Waste Development**

Application Reference Number:1/25/9004

Proposal: To vary conditions 1,2,8,27 and 28 of Planning Permission Ref 2/09/9005 to extend the time periods for the working and restoration of the quarry and amend the restoration scheme.

Location: Cardewmires Quarry, Cardewlees, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 6LF. No Observations.

#### **5/26 Clerk and Chairman Report**

In early November we received notification from Cumberland Council's Electoral Services Team, of a Community Governance Review (CGR) in 2026 which would consider:

- Councillor numbers.
- Merging of Parish Councils; and
- Minor Boundary Amendments.

Several parishes had been identified which, it was considered, would benefit from a review and engagement would begin in January.

Since then, CALC has been informed that the process has been put on hold due to the Boundary Commission's new proposals for changes to Ward Boundaries.

The Boundary Commission have identified Carlisle, Workington and Rural Central Cumberland for review, having settled on the boundaries for the rest of Cumberland.

Information on these new proposals can be found online at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk) under Current Reviews. The changes are due to local evidence received from the previous consultation on proposals earlier in 2025. The Boundary Commission now welcome comments and supporting evidence for these new areas and their proposals. Views on Ward Names are also welcome. The consultation closes on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026, and final recommendations are due on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026. It does not affect Dalston Parish.

- A meeting of the Forge Green Review Group is to be scheduled.
- The Clerk reported that the window cleaner fees for Forge Green had increased from £5 to £10, the Councillors agreed to continue with the service.
- The Clerk reported that Open Reach won't attend to the branches on The Green which are covering the overhead cables as they said it's the tree owner's responsibility. Following discussion, the Clerk was instructed to write a further letter.
- The idea of planting Christmas trees in areas of the Parish was discussed; battery operated lights would be placed on them over the Christmas period. It was agreed the idea was good in principle. This is to be investigated further by the Property and Maintenance Committee.
- A quotation from SH Electrical of £215 + VAT to re locate the outside security light at Forge Green has been received. It was agreed to go ahead with the works if more problems occur with the current light.
- The computer replacement quotations were discussed, Cllr Kyle proposed to go ahead with Cache4 IT Solutions Ltd, Cllr Byers seconded this and all Councillors present were in favour. RFO to go ahead and place the order with a request for the cheaper option for the laptop and support on a pay as you go basis.

#### 6/26 Correspondence

- The request to use the Kingsway and The Green on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 for a tractor run in aid of Eden Valley Hospice was approved. Clerk to inform the tenant.
- Correspondence requesting the bench and grass area at the junction heading towards Rose Castle be maintained was discussed. The Clerk reported that Wigton Town Council are pricing the works. An enquiry to Highways has also been made.

#### 7/26 To Move the Fence to The Green and Make Both Grassed Areas on the Kingsway Equal in Size

Cllr Ebbatson proposed that the fence on the Kingsway field side be moved to make both verges the same width, this would then utilise both sides of the Kingsway, more tables and seats could be installed for the use of parishioners. The Clerk reported that an enquiry had been made to the Commons Officer to ensure this is permitted. It was agreed to ask Westwood for advice and a quotation. This will be an agenda item at the Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk to obtain the covenant for The Green.

#### 8/26 Financial

- The following payments were authorised:

Chq	Payee	Details	£
BACS	Sue Milburn	January Notices	£9.00
BACS	Dalston Parish Charitable Trust	Annual Parish Grants	£3,300.00
BACS	Martin Broatch	Window cleaning December	£10.00
BACS	R & M Lowther	Trim hedges around Glave Hill Car Park	£330.00
CHQ 808	Ian Davidson	Dig cremated remains space E Slee	£60.00
Total			<u>£3,709.00</u>

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

- An additional payment of £35 Ex VAT was approved for Cllr McKerrell to attend an online Funding Solutions for Smaller Parish Councils course being run by NALC.

#### **9/26 Cemetery**

- The maintenance of 4 memorials where no relatives can be traced was deferred until a quote has been received for the work from Cumbria Memorials.
- Interment of the late Ernest Slee in Ward 4, Section C, Space 32e on 22 December 2025 was approved.

#### **10/26 Councillor Matters**

- Cllr Clarkson Webb asked about the speed indicator devices. Cllr Dinning stated that there are ongoing issues with them at the moment. The Clerk reported that the company have been contacted for advice.
- Cllr Clarkson Webb asked if bikes were allowed on the paths in the cemetery. It was confirmed that they are not. Clerk to check if there is signage stating this.
- Cllr Newton raised parishioner concerns regarding the car park at the entrance to the Summerfield Play area which has recently been sold and the access gate locked. It was stated that the issue had been discussed at the meeting in December, and it was agreed that until further information had been received such as a planning application / change of use application the Parish Council was unable to comment. The issue of the access will be investigated further when it becomes clear what the plans are for the site. Cllr Allison to source the S106 agreement for Summerfield.

#### **Date of Forthcoming Meetings**

The next meeting of the Parish Council to take place on the 10th February 2026, 7.15pm at Forge Green .

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2026 – TBA

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2026 – TBA

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.