

MINUTES DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

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Minutes of Dalston Parish Council Property & Maintenance Committee held in Church House on 17th May 2016.

S.Milburn Clerk

Present

Cllr Auld Cllr Potter Cllr Roberts Cllr Newton Cllr Byers Cllr Ebbatson
Cllr Rickerby Cllr Lancaster

Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from Cynthia Millar.

Minutes

The minutes of the Property & Maintenance meeting held on 23rd February 2016 were approved and signed by Cllr Auld as a true record.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Public participation

There were no public in attendance.

Mapping – Trees Update

This item was deferred to the Property & Maintenance meeting on the 19th July 2016.

Britain In Bloom

- The roadway adjacent to the Mill Race has been cleaned and the overhanging trees have been cut back. The dam has also been reinstated resulting in higher water levels in the Mill Race. The next stage of the project is to remove the silt from the water bed; In order for this to be removed permission must be granted from the environment agency.
- 3 tubs have been placed at the entrance to The Forge and are awaiting planting.
- A Cumbria In Bloom seminar has taken place in the village. 19 judges took part and they looked at various places within the village; they were particularly impressed with the cemetery and the Jubilee Garden.
- It was stated that the next Britain In Bloom steering group meeting was on Wednesday 18th May 2016, this meeting would focus on the job list and village clean ups.
- Cllr Roberts suggested that the flower beds beside the public toilets be re planted, he also kindly volunteered to lay some grass seed.
- It was reported that the scouts have painted the bus shelter on The Green.
Cllr Byers recently presented the scouts with a commemorative medal for the Queens 90th birthday as a thank you for all the work they do in the village.

Forge Green Insulation

A request has been made to the Parish Council to provide loft insulation in No. 1 and 2 Forge Green. Brian Hetherington has agreed to supply the insulation free of charge, therefore the only cost incurred will be for

the labour. All councillors were in favour for the work to go ahead.

Cemetery

- The seats in the cemetery are to be painted. Cllr Newton is to look at them and advise the clerk on what paint should be used.
- Concerns were raised regarding the leaning Weeping Birch tree in the church yard close to the Lych gate. Cllr Ebbatson agreed to tie the tree.
- The slow worm sign has been completed. Cllr Ebbatson to place it in the appropriate area.
- The councillors were asked to think of what work they felt would be needed in the cemetery over the next 5 years. All ideas of possible capital projects are to be forwarded to the Clerk. The cremated remains area is to be levelled. Clerk to arrange a meeting at Carlisle cemetery to ask for advice on how to go about doing this.

Gardener / Handyman

Clerk has details of two recommended handymen, these are Andrew Beaumont and Dave Hilton. Clerk is to speak to them both and ensure that they have their own insurance and that they are able to quote for the work as opposed to working on an hourly rate.

Edwin Thompson – Woodland Management Plan

Edwin Thompson the managing agent for the woodland holding owned by Jonathon Coulthard has produced a management plan for the woodland at Roewath and the area on the banks of the river Caldew, South of the village for the next 10 years. They stated that feedback on the plan would be welcome in writing before the 31st May 2016. After discussions the councillors agreed that they had no observations.

Bridge End Project

Clerk is to apply for funding to Cumbria Waste in regards to tidying the area of land behind the bus shelter at Bridge End. Cllr Ebbatson explained that this would be a low maintenance project. The grass area would be managed and groups of 3 or 5 trees planted (possibly a variety of Birch). Between 5-7 boulders would be placed in the area providing seating. It was also thought that stepping stones could be laid linking the bridge to the bus shelter and existing path. All councillors were in favour of the project and more accurate costings are to be sought, these will be presented at the next Parish Council meeting on the 14th June 2016.

Village Information Sign

Eileen Sinclair, Craig Mitchell, Trevor Baxter and Ann Byers met to discuss the village sign. It is to be pictorial in the shape of the map of Dalston from Dalston Hall to Rose Castle and will be A1 in size. Eileen has started painting the main buildings. There will be an index of the main areas and some history included.

Councillor Matters

- It was suggested that Storys are asked to level the ground area around the new kissing gate, they have already very kindly agreed to lay 3 pathways into the Jubilee Garden.
- Clerk is currently applying for street furniture licenses. Councillors requested that highways are contacted to confirm what distance from the road side is classed as highway.
- A sewage pipe has been exposed in the river Caldew, clerk to report this to both United Utilities and the environmental agency.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Dates Of Forthcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Property & Maintenance Committee is to be held on Tuesday 19th July at 7.15pm in Church House.