DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE MINUTES

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Minutes of the Property and Maintenance Meeting held at Church House, Dalston on Tuesday 18th April 2017.

S. Milburn Clerk

Present

Cllr Auld Cllr Craig Cllr Potter Cllr Newton Cllr Lancaster

Apologies

Cllr Byers

Minutes

The minutes of the Property and Maintenance meeting held on the 25th October 2016 were approved and signed by Cllr Auld as a true record.

Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Public Participation

There were no public present.

1.Cemetery

- It was reported that Cynthia Millar was standing down from the cemetery working group as she is moving from the village. Cllr Lancaster agreed to replace her.
- The sycamore tree by the Hearse House is to be felled, permission for this has already been granted. Clerk to organise.
- Cllr Craig requested that the Dalston Cemetery Programme of Work 2011-2018 is updated, this is to include the date the work was completed and the cost of the work.
- The water butt on the Hearse House has been vandalised. Clerk to speak to Alan Dinning to see if something more substantial can be put in place.
- Nick Horn is to level the cremated remains area at the end of May 2017.
- The weeping birch tree in the cemetery is to be replaced. Cllr Auld to speak to Leslie's in regards to a replacement.
- It was agreed to remove a yew tree from grave 35, Ward 2, Section G in order for a headstone to be erected.
- A cemetery working group meeting is in the process of being arranged.
- Cllr Lancaster volunteered to review the Cemetery and Churchyard Management Plan 2012-2018.

2. Kelsey's Meadow

Signage was discussed for the meadow and it was agreed that it should be made of oak. Cllr Craig to speak to Caldew School and ask if they would make it as they have the appropriate machinery. The Parish Council would supply the oak.

It was thought in the past a survey of the flowers in the meadow had been completed. Clerk to investigate.

3. Planters

The 3 planters are currently being stored at Forge Green. It was suggested that these are placed at Bridge End as they would deter people from parking on the grass. It was also proposed that the bin by the telephone box at Glave Hill car park is removed and placed at Bridge End; this bin would be replaced. Clerk to speak to Neil Dixon (Carlisle City Council) to see if this would be possible. Cllr Auld is to purchase a sandstone planter 5ft by 3ft 6 this will be placed on the pavement by the telephone box at Glave Hill car park.

4. Bridge End Project

It was reported that the river bank is eroding at Bridge End by Silent Quarry, it was agreed that this should be an agenda item and be discussed further at the Parish Council meeting on the 9th May 2017.

The Bridge End project is also to be an agenda item at the PC meeting in May.

5. Dalston In Bloom

Cllr Auld reported that the programme of work is coming together and that a newsletter would be given to Councillors at the next Parish Council meeting.

6. Grass Cutting

- Cllr Auld is liaising with Lattimers to organise having the path on the grass outside the Coop paved.
- It was agreed that the piece of grass outside the window of the Co-op be cut by Wigton Town Council; as this is the Co-ops responsibility they will pay for the work. Clerk to organise.
- The grass cutting contract is in its final year. Cllr Craig proposed that the contract is extended for a further 3 years subject to cost, the councillors present agreed. Clerk to speak to Alison Dodd to see if they would be in favour of this.
- It was agreed that the grass at Cumdivock Church should be cut as many times as necessary to keep it to 4 inches long. Clerk to liaise with Wigton Town Council.

7. Councillor Matters

- Cllr Auld requested the pot hole at Buckabank be reported.
- Cllr Craig asked if the Clerk had received the traffic counts. Clerk to email Michael Cordingly to request a copy.
- Clerk requested a village map for street furniture and planning purposes she was advised to contact Chris Drouet.
- Craig Mitchell is to source prices for the grasscrete along The Green. Cllr Auld to provide the measurements. Cllr Craig is to enquire and get costings for tarmac chippings, these would be used for levelling.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

Next meeting of The Parish Council to take place on 9th May 2017 at 7.15pm at Forge Green. Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2017:- 23rd May, 29th August & 7th November. Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2017:- 20th June and 26th September. The Annual Parish Meeting is to take place in the Victory Hall on 2nd May commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm