

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 23rd February 2016.

S.Milburn Clerk

Present

Cllr Auld Cllr Potter Cllr Roberts Cllr Newton Cllr Byers Cllr Craig

Apologies

There were no apologies of absence.

Minutes

The minutes of the Property & Maintenance meeting held on 1st September 2015 were approved and signed by Cllr Auld as a true record.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Roberts declared an interest in the Scott Tenancy item.

Public participation

There were no public in attendance.

Scott Tenancy Agreement

Due to receiving correspondence from Bruce Murray (land agent) it was felt that the Scott Tenancy should be discussed. The three tenancy options were looked at, and the P&M committee decided that the simplest option would be to offer Mr Scott a 364 day grazing agreement, this would be renewed annually and reviewed in 3 years. The rent for this year would stay the same at £100 per annum.

The clauses would remain the same as the past agreement; these being cattle only, removal of stock for special events and the general up keep of the land.

The Clerk is to go and see Mr Scott to ensure that he is happy with this agreement. His family have been excellent long standing tenants and the council are extremely happy for the agreement to be put into his name.

Mapping – Tree's / Memorial Benches

Cllr Craig recommended that the tree's in both the church yard, and on the common land, should be numbered. This will be beneficial for a number of reasons. One advantage of doing this will be that memorial trees will be easily located. Cllr Craig is to speak to Natural England and get a quote for the discs to do this and a price for the trees to be mapped.

Clerk is to write to Jonathon Smith in regards to the two trees in Buckabank. It is felt that the trees do not look aesthetically pleasing and it would be better if they were felled and replaced.

It was also noted that there is a huge amount of Sycamore trees and that the ivy needs taken off the Hawthorn trees.

Britain In Bloom

Cllr Auld gave an overview of the last Britain In Bloom meeting. The route the judges are to take on the day was discussed and it has been suggested that the tour starts at Buckabank; it was noted that a planter was

to be placed beneath the Dalston sign at the entrance to the village, Rosebank Sawmill is to be asked if they could supply the necessary materials and Ian Russell will make it.

The judges will then be taken via Mitchell Brow to look at the Mill Race. The festival committee are to cut the grass and ensure the route is tidy.

The judges will then be taken to Forge Green Gardens. Nice planters are to be placed at the entrance and a water butt placed in the gardens.

The tour will then go via Bridge End to the Recreation Building where the presentation will take place. The party will then be taken to the Bowling Club.

The judges will then be taken along the Green. It was agreed that the trees along the Green would need to be addressed.

The next location to visit would be the Station; the rail passenger officer and scouts are to work together in regards to maintaining and keeping the station tidy. This is an excellent community project and an opportunity to take pictures to show at the presentation. Permission to take pictures of the scouts must be sought first.

The next location will be Summerfields then The Square, Indian Court and into the Church Yard and Cemetery, taking time to look at the Hearse House / Owlery.

The judges would then be taken to the Jubilee Garden and the tour will finish on the Kingsway with champagne and strawberries.

The list of projects was discussed. The gardening club are to rejuvenate the Jubilee Garden; they have very kindly donated £500 to get the project started.

It was thought that it would be a good idea to ask Caldew School to grow plants, Cllr Craig to follow up.

It was also suggested that Caldew School could build an insect centre.

A letter is to be written to Carlisle City Council requesting them to remove the vast amount of litter on the road sides at both the Cardewlees and Durdar entrances to the village.

Cllr Roberts has planted 2 rose bushes around the village toilets. He is also going to level the grass.

Kingsway Update

- Clerk is to speak to Cllr Ebbatson to see when the seat for the sheepfold will be completed.
- It was noted that various areas on the Kingsway need tidied.
- Currently the Kingsway is a highway, clerk to look into making it into a bridleway.
- The proposed village sign was discussed. Clerk to speak to Cllr Ebbatson to find out where the stone is sourced.

Cemetery Update

- Cllr Craig stated that the next meeting for the cemetery working group was imminent.
- The next phase of tree work in the cemetery is to commence as soon as the tree officer gives the go ahead.
- Work to be done in the cemetery includes; re surfacing the paths, levelling the cremated remains area and maintaining the roadside wall.

Gardener / Handyman

Clerk to speak to the handyman who advertises in the Parish Magazine. If he is available the Clerk and Cllr Craig to draw up a programme of work.

Dog Fouling

A letter has been received from Mr Ian Gray, informing the Parish Council he can no longer pick up the dog poo on The Village Green due to a knee problem. As Mr Gray has done this over a long period of time it was unanimously decided a thank you card should be written along with a present (still to be chosen) to show the Parish Councils appreciation.

Litter

A letter is to be written to Carlisle City Council requesting them to remove the vast amount of litter on the road sides at both the Cardewlees and Durdar entrances to the village.

Cllr Matters

- Cllr Potter requested the pot holes at Bridge End be reported to highways.
- Cllr Roberts stated that the Cummersdale Road end exit needs widened; it is very difficult for buses to pull out onto the main road. Cllr Craig to mention this at the next Cummersdale Parish Council meeting.
- Cllr Auld stated that there are patches on the White Bridge that need re painted.
- Cllr Newton is to renew part of the stone on the mounting block at the White Bridge.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Dates Of Forthcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Property & Maintenance Committee is to be held on Tuesday 17th May at 7pm in Church House.