

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

S.Milburn Clerk

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### **Present**

Cllr Byers    Cllr Newton    Cllr Craig    Cllr Auld

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Ebbatson

### **2. Minutes**

The minutes of the Property & Maintenance meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved and signed by Cllr Byers as a true record.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4. Public participation**

Liz Auld was in attendance.

### **5. Mapping Update – Cllr Craig**

Cllr Craig has the relevant computer software and necessary access to the ordinance survey maps to start the mapping process within the Parish. This will primarily be used to map the trees, but will also be useful in other areas of the Parish.

### **6. Cemetery Projects**

Cllr Craig and the Clerk met with Orchard Landscape to look at the recent work completed within the cemetery. It was reported the ivy on the roadside wall has been sprayed and will be removed in a couple of weeks. A quote was also given to turf an area of land next to the vestry, however a parishioner has made this area into a small flower garden; therefore work is to be done to the Walnut tree in the middle cemetery instead as it is rubbing on its guard.

It was stated the slow worm sign has been placed in the church yard and that it looks very good.

It was suggested that Cllr Craig has a copy of the Dalston cemetery programme of work available for the Britain In Bloom judges to see on the 8<sup>th</sup> August. Cllr Byers, Cllr Auld and Liz requested copies of the schedule; clerk to email copies.

### **7. Britain In Bloom Update – Cllr Auld**

Cllr Auld reported that the Cumbria In Bloom judging day on the 13<sup>th</sup> July had gone well. Comments were made from the judges in regards to the weeds in the paving at the bowling club; Alan Dinning is to raise this with members of the club.

For future reference it was also suggested that links could be made between the flower beds in the Jubilee Garden, ie, colour co-ordination.

The Dalston In Bloom 2016 portfolio is complete and is available to read on the parish website.

It was reported that a huge amount of work has been completed at the station, this includes many hours

spent weeding on the platform. A future project is to paint a mural to put inside the stations waiting room. It was noted that pupils from Caldew School were to paint the gates at the recreation ground, however this has not been completed.

Cllr Auld requested the names of the winners of the St Michael School poster competition so they can be put onto the website. The clerk was also asked to arrange for two pupils from the school to be present on BIB judging day to answer any questions the judges may have regarding the posters.

It was proposed that mugs with the cockerel design used on the Dalston In Bloom portfolio should be available for sale. Clerk to obtain costings.

The clerk was given a list of jobs to complete before the judging these included speaking to Wigton Town Council to ensure the grass is cut on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August; ensure the re cycling within the Glave Hill car park is emptied early on the morning of judging and to arrange for the road sweepers to be in the village on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August. A letter of thanks is to be written to the road sweepers.

Cllr Newton is to fix the water butts to the Hearse House.

## **8. Cumbria Way Signage**

Following the PC meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July the clerk was asked to look into the possibility of getting signs for part of the Cumbria Way between Bridge End and the middle of the village. The clerk reported that she had spoken to David Gibson (Senior Countryside Access Officer) and that he had explained that although Cumbria County Council worked in partnership with the Ramblers to maintain the route they only ensure that the route is signed off the highway this ensures consistency throughout the route. Also as this is only a promoted trail and not a national trail they would not be prepared to fund signage. He advised that a location map is placed into a small notice board at Bridge End clearly marking the route. Cllr Newton and Cllr Auld agreed to walk the route and will advise the councillors of their thoughts at the next meeting.

## **9. Councillor Matters**

- Cllr Auld suggested a post Britain In Bloom party for all of the volunteers. It was thought that the end of October or the beginning of November would be a good time. Cllr Auld to speak to Alan Dinning to find out the availability of the recreation building.
- Cllr Newton spoke of his concern in regards to the parking situation on Townhead Road.
- Cllr Byers suggested that an annual schedule of works is completed for any gardening jobs which aren't currently done by Wigton Town Council. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.
- The clerk was requested to purchase 5,000 crocus bulbs for a sum of £85, this is supporting a campaign led by the Royal Horticultural Society and Rotary International and is a worldwide campaign to eradicate polio.
- Estimates have been sought for replacing the eco block on the Kingsway car park, Cllr Newton and Cllr Craig are to confirm whether the 45mm or the 70mm blocks are to be used. It was agreed to purchase extra blocks and to keep the spares in the Hearse House.
- The Bridge End project has currently been put on hold. It was proposed that the £300 Dalston and Burgh grant which was given for this project could be used to fund signage for the Cumbria Way.
- A parishioner has raised her concern over a locked gate on the bridleway between Lingey and Sowerby Wood. Clerk to investigate.

## **Dates Of Forthcoming Meetings**

The next meeting of the Property & Maintenance Committee is to be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.15pm in Church House.