

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Dalston Parish Council Property & Maintenance Committee held in Church House on 1st September 2015.

PRESENT:

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence received from Cynthia Miller.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2015 were approved and signed.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Participation

There were no public in attendance.

5. Village Walk

- It was decided that the Clerk should get quotes for 2 Kingsway car park sign's, these are to be displayed outside the Co-op on the lamp posts. Also a sign at the entrance to the car park to be priced. The wording is to be as follows:- Dalston Parish Council, Private car park, No overnight parking .
- The back of the railings on the white bridge are starting to look untidy. Clerk to contact highways to see if it would be possible to get them re- painted.
- The plaques where the cremated remains are buried in the Churchyard have sunk. Clerk to get quotes to level the area, re- lay the plaques and stand up the headstones. Quotes to be requested from Eric Davidson and Mark Bulman.
- It was noted that the grass in both the cemetery and the village had not been cut. Clerk to contact Wigton Town Council to find out when it will be done. Clerk also to ask if the grass in the cremated remains area can be cut back.
- The slow worm plaque for the cemetery is in the process of being made.
- Cllr Craig would like the Guardhouse grave maintenance to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

6. Signage / Seats / Mill Race

- It was thought a village board, mounted on a nice piece of stone could be placed on the Kingsway; this would provide information on the village.
- Directional signs were also discussed, these could be placed outside the station and at bridge end.
- Mr Jay has bought and stained the memorial bench for his late wife. The bench is to be placed at the entrance to Glebe Close. Highways have given permission for this to be done and Brian Hetherington is to fix the seat down.
- It was unanimously agreed to replace the seat at Lakerigg. This will be a Dinning seat. Cllr Ebbatson to organise.
- Cllr Ebbatson has looked into the cost of putting a steel black seat around the chestnut tree in the Square, this will cost approximately £500. Cllr Ebbatson to bring pictures of the seat to the next Parish Council meeting.
- Cllr Roberts feels that the Mill race should be flushed out regularly, this would help alleviate the current problems. Cllr Ebbatson to speak to Johnathon Coulthard to see if this would be possible.
- Sandstone posts are to be put into the sheepfold seat to support the wooden seat. This will be completed shortly.

7. Cemetery Working Group Update

Cllr Craig reported the next meeting is taking place on 15th September 2015 at 5.30pm meeting at the lytchgate; Andrew from Orchard Landscaping, will be attending.

8. Hearse House Update

The hearse house is looking really good. Thought needs to be given into what it should be used for. Cllr Auld suggested that the cost is covered by the money in the National Savings and Investment account as this fund was accumulated by legacies to spend in the cemetery. If there are enough funds it was suggested that a concrete floor should be laid.

9. Memorial Tree Update

- Ian Turnbull has requested to plant an oak tree in memory of his late wife. Cllr Craig to meet with Clerk to discuss its exact location, it has been suggested that the tree is planted in an area opposite the entrance to the Recreation facilities. Once decided, a letter of permission will be written to Mr Turnbull. The letter is to highlight that the more mature the tree is the better.
- Clerk to speak to Mrs Bedford in regards to planting a cherry tree on the Kingsway.

10. Planning Application 15/00030 S211

The above application to prune and fell trees at Caldew Bank, Bridge End, Dalston was discussed and no observations were made. This was a deferred application from the Parish Council meeting held on 11th August 2015.

11. Cumbria In Bloom Presentation

The 2015 Cumbria In Bloom awards ceremony is to take place on 16th September from 1.30-4.15pm at the Chequers Hotel, Dalton-In-Furness. It was suggested that Cllr Byers should ask Pat Jackson, Cynthia Miller, Merl Smith and the Clerk if they would like to attend. R.S.V.P to be given to Elizabeth Auld by 9th September 2015.

12. Councillor Matters

- Yvonne Harland has asked if it would be possible to have an electrical socket outside of the Parish office, this would be for allotment use.
- A parishioner has asked the Clerk if they can to be placed on the allotment waiting list. It was proposed that the Clerk informs the parishioner that Carlisle City Council have allotments on Town Head Road. An article is also to be placed in the Parish magazine asking if anyone in the Parish would be interested in having an allotment in their garden.
- Cllr Potter asked who would be maintaining the hedges at Kingswood as they are becoming a hazard to drivers on the road. Cllr Auld is to take pictures and a letter is to be written to the Carlisle City Council, highways and Trevor Allison.
- Cllr Craig has requested more dog fouling signs to be bought and placed near the white bridge and millennium garden. Clerk to organise.
- Cllr Rickerby confirmed that Manor House is to be painted.
- Cllr Ebbatson stated that the branches in the church yard at Cumdivock need attention. Cllr Auld is to go and have a look and arrange a meeting with David Cowen.

13. Date of Next Meeting / TBA

The meeting closed at 9pm