

Dalton with Newton Town Council
Minutes of the meeting held Monday 7th December 2009
In the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

Present Councillors E Young, B Doughty, W Bleasdale, J Millar,
A Thurlow, B Doughty, A Bowe and W Maddox

Before the meeting commenced, members of the public were invited to address Police Officers present on any issues of concern.

Sgt McIntosh and PC Karen Harris attended on behalf of Dalton Police. Sgt McIntosh reported that following complaints about parking PCSO John McVea had carried out a letter drop in Barnes Avenue asking residents to park more considerately. Following complaints from Councillors regarding speeding on Market Street Sgt McIntosh reported that the 20mph limit on Market Street was not currently enforceable as the speed humps had been removed. To reintroduce the speed restriction would mean reinstalling the speed humps or introducing repeater zones. Councillors will consider the details in the main meeting. Two members of the public attended to speak to Police regarding parked cars which blocked access to their garages at the rear of Chapel Street. This had been a long running problem and had caused major problems for residents including one of medical emergency. Sgt McIntosh informed residents that they should ring the police station when the problem reoccurred and they would be offered assistance.

Council Meeting Commenced 7.10pm

1. **Apologies** Cllr M McLeavy

The meeting commenced with a presentation to the Mayor of a bible from the Gideon Bible Society

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** It was **resolved** that the minutes of the previous meeting be signed as a true record.

3. **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Bleasdale and Cllr Millar declared an interest in all planning applications as members or substitute members of the Borough Council planning committee and a conflict of interest therefore arose. Cllr Bleasdale declared interests in County Council matters as a County Councillor. Cllr Millar also declared an interest in agenda item 10. Christmas Illuminations.

4. **POLICE** Police matters had been dealt with prior to the Council meeting.

5. Angela Knowles the Rural Projects Worker attended the meeting to keep Councillors updated on the proposed MUGA on Chapel Street. Plans and artists impressions were distributed for consideration. The Chairman thanked Angela for attending on behalf of the Council.

6. **Reports from District/County Councillors**

(a) Cllr Millar reported that he had followed up with the Borough Council about the condition of the footpath and grounds to the Cenotaph and that

small improvements would be carried out shortly. A further letter should be sent to the Borough next year for a formal plan for further improvements.

7. **Matters Arising**

(a) Councillors Surgery Cllr Doughty reported that one member of the public had attended the surgery with a complaint about a public footpath. Councillor Doughty and Councillor Thurlow had dealt with this matter, writing to the County Council with copies to Councillor Bleasdale and the member of the public. A further letter to the Borough Council would be necessary and Councillor Doughty would be dealing with this shortly.

7. **Correspondence**

- (a) SLDC – South Lakeland Development Framework
- (b) Cumbria Waste Management – Annual Review and Accounts 2008/9
- (c) Network Rail – Railway Communication System
- (d) Dowdales School – Cllr Thurlow reported that a letter had been received from Dowdales School advising her that £1220 had been raised in sponsorship money from the Mayoresses Black Combe walk. 50% of the funds raised would be donated back to the Mayors Charities fund as previously agreed.

8. **Funding and Partnership with BAE Systems**

The Planters are now finished but would not be in place before Christmas. The Town Clerk is to look into the need for the County Council Highway license to be extended to cover the proposed sites and report back. A quote for works associated with siting and securing will also need to be obtained.

9. **Highways**

Councillor Walmsley reported that despite the Borough Council power washing Market Place on the instructions of the highways inspector it was still extremely slippery and it did not appear that a wholly satisfactory job had been carried out. The Town Clerk is to refer the matter back to the Highways Inspector for further action.

Speed Humps This referred to the information given by Sgt McIntosh prior to the commencement of the meeting. Following a brief discussion it was resolved that the Council do not request the reintroduction of speed humps to facilitate the enforcement of a 20mph on Market Street.

Gritting Councillor Walmsley asked Councillor Bleasdale as the County Councillor for Dalton South to ask the Highways department if there is a specific action plan for the gritting of roads in icy conditions. Councillor Bleasdale will report back.

Parking Following a brief discussion regarding the parking area adjacent to Bargain Booze on Market Street it was agreed that a letter be sent to the County Highways asking for parking bays to be marked to prevent angled parking which meant cars reversing on to the carriageway when exiting spaces.

10. **Xmas Illuminations** The Town Clerk reported that the camels had been delayed by ten minutes in arriving which had a knock on effect with the procedure but the parade had gone ahead without incident, no complaints from members of the public had been received. Councillor Bleasdale and

Councillor Millar disagreed and felt that there had been a lack of organisation which led to impatience by members of the public. The Town Clerk pointed out that the parade could not move off without certain procedures being in place and it was unfortunate that members of the public were impatient but the delay was for their and Council members safety in regard to Health and Safety. Councillors were asked to make their observations to the Town Clerk by e mail so that any 'wrinkles' could be ironed for next year. It was agreed that a committee should be introduced for arranging the Christmas Events in future.

Our Ladys Church The Town Clerk had received a request from Our Ladys Church for help with the funding of the installation of Christmas Lights which were placed on the 15ft tree provided to them by the Council. The lights were the same as those used throughout the town and were also timed to come on at the same time as all the others. Following discussion Councillors **resolved** that the invoice of £360 excl Vat be paid by the Council.

11. **Boiler Replacement** The Town Clerk reported that three quotes had now been received for the replacement of the boiler at the Town Hall building. Councillors considered the quotes and **resolved** that Wards Plumbing be awarded the contract. The Town Clerk is to arrange for the works to be carried out.

12. **Communication System** Councillor Millar suggested that the Council consider obtaining a two way hand held radio system and a sound system for use at future events. Councillor Walmsley is to look at the details of what is available and report back.

13. **Cumbria Flooding** Cllr Thurlow reported that a suggestion had been made of bringing Children from Cockermouth and Ulverston to Dalton for a day to visit the Tree Festival and SLWAP, they would also be provided with a meal. One coach would need to be provided but the entrance to the Tree Festival and SLWAP would be free and the landlady at the White Horse had also offered to provide the meal at no cost. It was **resolved** that the children as discussed were invited to Dalton with a parent to enjoy a day out.
Emergency Planning Councillor Millar reported that the County Council had organised a course last year on Emergency Planning and that he and the Town Clerk had attended, at that time it was suggested by the Emergency Planning Officers that a course could be considered for Parish and Town Councillors, however nothing further had been heard. It was agreed that the Town Clerk contact the Emergency Planning Officer to check if any progress on the course had been made.

14. **Public Relations**
 It was agreed that The Christmas Shop Window Dressing Competition be the focus of Public Relations this Month.

14.	<u>Finance</u>	
(a)	A Reid	£13.00
(b)	HSP Milners – Brochure	£1957.00
(c)	St Andrews Pipe Band	£200.00
(d)	Siemens (Photocopier)	£205.04
(e)	British Telecom	£135.66

(f)	BDO LLP (Standard Audit Fee)	£632.50
(g)	Dalesman (Christmas Advertising)	£160.00
(h)	OTC (Gel Ink)	£206.40
(i)	DLP Safety & Security	£240.00
(j)	Goadsbarrow Landscapes	£2077.87
(k)	Viking Direct	£160.12
(l)	Loyal Co of Town Criers	£30.00
(m)	P & L Lighting	£1288.00

It was **resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

- (n) Auditors Report. The Town Clerk made Councillor aware of the external auditors recommendation arising from the Annual Audit 2008/9. This related to a review of the Assets register. Councillors noted the comments and agreed that a review be undertaken.

16. **Reports** Cllr Young gave the Mayors Report. Councillor Doughty also gave a report on the progress of the gateway signage which had been referred to Angels Knowles for inclusion in funds allocated to Dalton South County Councillor Bleasdale.

Meeting Closed 8.42pm

Planning

Meeting Opened 8.43pm

Present Councillors E Young, B Doughty, A Thurlow, B Doughty, A Bowe and W Maddox

Apologies Cllr M McLeavy

B22/2009/2049 75 (Lloyds) Market Street, Dalton in Furness
Advertisement Consent to display 1 No internally illuminated fascia sign and 1 No internally illuminated projecting sign
Applicant Lloyds Pharmacy
The Council have No Objections

B21/2009/2050 9 Cobden Street, Dalton in Furness
Enlargement of existing garage by the addition of a first floor as per application 2008/0693 but with revisions to approved door, addition of window and raising of height of chimney stack
Applicant Mr R Fischer
The Council have No Objections

B21/2009/2053 16 Brent Avenue, Dalton in Furness
Front extension to provide an enlarged bedroom
Mr G Jones
The Council have No Objections

Meeting Closed 8.46pm

Minutes of the Subsidiary Meeting Held Monday 21st December 2009 in the
Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

Present Councillors E Young, M McLeavy, W Bleasdale, J Millar, A Thurlow and C Walmsley

1. Apologies Cllr Maddox and Cllr Doughty

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Bleasdale and Cllr Millar declared an interest in all planning applications as members or substitute members of the Borough Council planning committee and a conflict of interest therefore arose. Cllr Bleasdale declared interests in County Council matters as a County Councillor. Cllr McLeavy declared an interest in Planning Application No B18/2009/2125 – Chequers

3. Calendars The Town Clerk reported that following several problems with the printers the calendars had now been received. Several businesses had expressed an interest in selling them, and stocks had been distributed to those businesses the same day as delivery from the printers. Three of these businesses had also received second and third stocks as the first sold very well. Councillors felt that the quality was very good but that the late arrival of the calendar despite the early order was very disappointing.

4. Citizen of the Year Councillors agreed that the Citizen of the Year Competition be repeated this year. The Town Clerk is to prepare publicity asking for nominations.

5. Planning

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| B18/2009/2125 | Cheques Hotel, Abbey Road, Dalton in Furness
Conversion of restaurant/function room into a bedroom involving the installation of three 'heritage style' roof lights.
Applicant Mrs L Benn
The Town Council have No Objections |
| B21/2009/2122 | 17 Greystone Lane, Dalton in Furness, Cumbria
Erection of a rear conservatory and replace existing garage with a block/dashed garage
Applicant Mr D Hatton
The Town Council have No Objections |
| B18/2009/2146 | The Travellers Choice, Billings Road, Dalton in Furness
Alterations to the external appearance to facilitate future internal alterations including insertion of windows at ground floor and high level together with new personnel access door.
The Town Council have No Objections |
| B18/2009/2143 | Field to the rear of Millwood Manor, Millwood Lane, Dalton in Furness
Provision of hardcore to access track (retrospective)
The Town Council have No Objections |

Councillor Millar expressed concerns that all planning applications did not appear to be received by the Town Council. Both he and the Town Clerk had noted that a planning application due to go before the Borough Council Planning Committee had not been sent to the Town Council for consideration and this has also not appeared on the weekly list circulated to many bodies. The Town Clerk is to follow up and report back.

Meeting Closed 7.16pm

Signed.....

Date.....

H F Thomson
Town Clerk

31 December 2009

