

Notes on the Safer Stronger Communities Meeting held Monday 6th September 2010
6.45pm in the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness

Inspector Woodhouse and PCSO Louise Perry attended the meeting representing the Dalton Local Policing Team. Inspector Woodhouse reported that the most recent figures showed a slight increase in the last month up from an average of 28 crimes to 36. There had been 3 technical burglaries ie reaching through letterboxes etc, 8 violent crimes this month (last month 7) and Anti-social behaviour 64 (last month 58). Priorities Dalton North - Inconsiderate parking remained the priority in Dalton South during the school holidays whilst traffic monitoring at Our Ladys School on Crooklands Brow was on hold. Some tickets had been issued for inconsiderate parking on double yellow lines and in the bus stops. Once the school holidays are over the traffic speed monitoring would resume. Cllr Millar referred to an e mail from the County Highways which reported that traffic speed monitoring on Chapel Street had been carried out and that the average speed had been recorded at 18mph. Councillor Millar and Cllr Bleasdale along with a member of the public attending questioned how accurate the results were as the main problem with speeding appeared to take place after 9pm in the evening. Insp Woodhouse reported that speeding and parking outside Chapel Street school could become a priority, some monitoring would be carried out and the Policing team would report back to Councillors. Askam and Ireleth Priority remained as Anti-social Behaviour close to the Co-op.

Priority – Dalton South Priority for Dalton South remained as Anti-Social behaviour on Thornton Park, Ruskin Avenue and Buttermere Drive.

At the last meeting Cllr Maddox reported that MP John Woodcock had recently held a surgery in Newton Village and two complaints about traffic speed in the 20mph area had been raised. Cllr McLeavy had also received complaints from a separate resident about the same issue. Some traffic speed monitoring had been carried out and it was found that 75% of traffic was exceeding the 20mph speed limit.

A member of the public attended the meeting regarding a problem with noisy neighbours. After receiving details of the problem it was agreed that Councillor Barry Doughty would be given details to take to the Borough Council Environmental Health Dept, and Insp Woodhouse would make the Environmental Health Dept aware of officers attendance to the property.

Dalton with Newton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 6th September 2010
In the Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

Present Councillors M McLeavy, A Thurlow, W Bleasdale, J Millar,
E Young, A Bowe, N Perie, D Martin

Council Meeting Commenced 7.pm

1. **Apologies** Cllr Maddox and Cllr Doughty
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**

Councillor Bleasdale declared an interest in all matters relating to the County Council. Cllr Young declared an interest in Planning Application No B13/2010/1108 St Kilda, Greystone Lane. Cllr McLeavy declared an interest in Planning Application No B221/2010/1094 Chapel Street.

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

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

Cllr Bleasdale gave a report on the recent meeting arranged by CCC to discuss the MUGA. The meeting was well received by members of the public and the main issue raised was with older youths not skateboarders as previously reported. It was also reported that older youths on scooters were seen on the play area making a nuisance with noise. Cllr Bleasdale suggested that if no action was taken to address this noise issue in the next month a letter be sent to the Chief Constable.

6. **Matters Arising**

- (a) Events Committee – Cllr McLeavy gave feedback to Councillors from the second meeting of the events committee reporting that himself and Cllr Doughty had been asked to arrange a meeting with Ann Taylforth, Town centre manager to discuss the budget and allocation of funds to events throughout the Borough.
- (b) Cumbria Highways – Event Advertising Signs The Town Clerk gave details on the progress of the proposed erection of Event Advertising Signs. It was not going to be possible to install the signs without having a wind shear calculation carried out. Following discussion it was agreed that Capita be instructed to carry out the calculation.

7. **Correspondence**

- (a) FLAG – Newsletter August 2010
- (b) Citizens Advice Bureau
- (c) No Need for Nuclear – Newsletter

All items of correspondence were noted.

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

Cllr McLeavy gave an update on the progress on the planters reporting that Manufacture of the planters had now commenced and it was hoped that they would be ready before the end of the year.

9. **Cumbria In Bloom 2010** Cllr McLeavy gave a brief report on the Cumbria in Bloom presentation that he and Cllr Thurlow had attended on behalf of the Town. Dalton had not been successful this year although St Marys Church has been awarded the Barrow in Furness Trophy for achievement in the Borough for the Church Grounds.

Cllr Young suggested that a group could be set up to pick up litter, fundraise etc to instil some pride into the Town. Cllr Millar disagreed suggesting that the Borough Council were not fulfilling their obligations adequately and that stronger representations should be made. Following discussion it was **resolved** that a letter be sent to the Borough Council regarding the standard of service being provided for street cleaning and weeding.

10. **Quarry Allotments** Cllr Millar reported that the Quarry Allotment Association were now at the stage of raising funds to tender for the purchase of land which would be used for the provision of allotments. Cllr Millar proposed that the Town Council could consider granting £2,000 towards the costs of purchase. Cllr Bleasdale reported that although he supported the proposal, the Council should ask for a written proposal from the allotment association along with a set of accounts and an assurance that the grant would be returned if the purchase did not go ahead. Following discussion it was **resolved** that the Council agree in principal to a grant of £2000 providing the land is successful.
11. **Highways** Each Councillor was provided with a copy of the highways database showing all complaints logged to the County Council. It was also reported that the reduction in the speed limit to 40mph from Melton Roundabout would be introduced during the current financial year and that the footpath adjacent to Mill Brow Service Station was now being resurfaced. The Town Clerk was asked to report overgrown trees at No 1 Abbey Road to the Highways Department.
12. **Calendar 2011** Following discussion on the problems which occurred last year with printers it was **resolved** that the Council do not produce a calendar for the 2011 year.
13. **Christmas Leaflet 2010** Following discussion it was **resolved** that the Council produce a Christmas Leaflet again advertising events in Dalton during the festive period. Once costs for printing have been obtained the Town Clerk will report back for further approval.
14. **Finance**
 (a) Viking Direct £131.88
 (b) British Telecom £107.60
 It was **resolved** that the invoices above be paid.
15. **Public Relations** It was agreed that this months public relations would focus on the Councillors Surgery on 25th September, visit to Savigny Le Vieux and St Marys Church award in the Cumbria in Bloom competition.
16. **Planning**
 B21/2010/1094 2 Chapel Street, Dalton in Furness, Cumbria
 Erection of a rear conservatory
 Applicant Mr & Mrs Nicholson
 The Town Council have No Objections
- B21/2010/1099 21 Leece Drive, Dalton in Furness
 Removal of condition No 3 of planning permission 57/1998/0398 to allow rear section of garage to be converted into an extended kitchen/diner
 Applicant Mrs K Rowlandson
 The Town Council have No Objections

- B18/2010/1005 South Lakes Wild Animal Park
Replacement entrance building incorporating admissions, gift shop and storage facilities
Applicant David Gill
The Town Council have no Objections
- B18/2010/1018 South Lakes Wild Animal Park
Erection of a boundary fence using standard 2.4m galvanised steel posts with 0.4 crank holding electric fencing. Total height 2.8m with 50 x 50mm chain link galvanised steel wire.
Applicant David Gill
The Town Council have No Objections
- B18/2010/1004 South Lakes Wild Animal Park
Addition of first floor to existing retail facility to create educational resource centre
Applicant David Gill
The Town Council have No objections in principal but have concerns that the addition of a first floor will have a detrimental visual effect on the area.
- B13/2010/1111 Former Robinsons Workshop, Glenfield Road, Dalton
Erection of a new residential dwelling (re-submission of application ref 2010/40 in a revised form
Applicant Mr Allen
The Town Council have No Objections
- B25/2010/1112 Former Robinsons Workshop, Glenfield Road, Dalton in Furness
Conservation area consent for demolition of existing joiners workshop (re-submission of application 2010/41)
The Town Council have No Objections
- B18/2010/1103 Woodbine Cottage, Woodbine, Newton in Furness
Creation of a new vehicular access onto classified Road (Greystone Lane)
The Town Council have No Objections
- B13/2010/1108 Land to the rear of St Kilda, Greystone Lane, Dalton in Furness
Erection of a detached dwelling with integral garage

The initial outline planning application for the land adjacent to St Kilda was subject to an appeal to the Secretary of State and subsequently outline planning permission was granted subject to various conditions mainly regarding the tree protection on the land.

Since Jan 2009, when permission was granted, new powers have been introduced by the Government giving Local Authorities the opportunity to prevent overdevelopment of neighbourhoods and 'garden grabbing'. Private residential gardens are now excluded from the definition of previously developed Land in Annex B of the Planning Policy Statement 3 (PPS3).

In the Inspectors Appeal decision document para 6, the inspector refers to the development site as forming part of the curtilage to St Kilda. Given that the proposed dwelling is set within the curtilage of St Kilda the Council would hope that the planning committee would look very closely at the application site before granting any permission for development.

Further conditions which were attached to the outline permission regarding tree preservation and protection of wildlife (birds during nesting season) have been disregarded by the current applicant when preparing the site in preparation for planning application stage causing significant inconvenience and distress to neighbouring properties which has resulted in a number of complaints to the Borough Council

The inspectors report para 4 further states that a Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) including the drive construction design, and how they are to be laid without significant damage to the root protection area and details of how services are to be installed if their route crosses the root protection areas must be supplied before development commences. The Town Council have been unable to locate any relevant statements referred to above relating to the protection of tree roots and damage prevention.

An information sheet on Root Protection Areas (Appendix B) was attached to the final appeal decision document, this lays out clearly for the applicant how tree roots can be preserved and damage prevented particularly when wheeled or construction traffic will be on site. Following monitoring of activity on the ongoing clearance works it would appear that none of the recommended steps or measures have been taken to preserve the remaining trees when Tractors and heavy machinery has been afforded access onto the site.

It is noted from the design statement and drawings that there is a proposal to erect a 1.9m high rendered block wall to the boundary to the south of the site, this also shows the applicants proposed driveway. The outline planning application which was approved on appeal clearly shows a hedge on the south and west boundaries, planting of a hedge to screen the proposed property would be visually preferable to a block wall. It is also noted that the proposed driveway and presumably the block wall is shown intersecting the public footpath which runs adjacent to the development site between Greystone Lane and Kestrel Drive. Should the block wall be constructed along this section as shown it would completely close the footpath rendering it unusable by members of the public, in addition the Council cannot see how a wall can be constructed without the felling of tree no 14, one of the very few trees now remaining on site which, on the outline planning application was identified as to be retained without further action.

Although no measurements or scale of the proposed dwelling are given, it would appear that the property size is considerably larger than the dwelling outline planning was granted for. Condition no 5 attached to the outline permission states *Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no ground floor extensions, garages, other than those expressly authorised by this permission, or outbuildings shall be erected within the curtilage of the dwellings hereby permitted.* The Council have concerns that the extended size of the proposed property does not conform to condition 5.

In summary, the Town Council would ask the planning committee to refuse permission for the proposed dwelling on this site.

Meeting Closed 8.53pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date.....

H F Thomson
Town Clerk

16th September 2010

Minutes of the subsidiary Meeting held Monday 20th September 2010 held in the
Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton in Furness at 7pm

Present Councillors A Thurlow, J Millar, E Young, W Maddox, A Bowe,
B Doughty, D Martin and N Perie

1. Apologies M McLeavy, W Bleasdale
2. Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest
3. Cumbria In Bloom Cllr Young had now received information from Windermere Town Council about the supplier of Cumbria in Bloom plaques. The signs are on a material called DiBond which is a plastic and aluminium 'sandwich' and is a cheaper alternative to solid aluminium signs. To purchase five signs would be £240.00 plus VAT and Delivery. The signs are not reflective but they can be made although this adds significantly to the cost. Brackets to affix the signs to existing posts are not supplied.
The Town Clerk had concerns that if the signs were to be fixed to existing posts on the highway a wind shear calculation would be required. Following discussion it was **resolved** the Town Council go ahead and purchase five non reflective signs for placing at the gateways,
Cllr Thurlow suggested that the Borough Council be approached and asked to remove the steel planters at various locations throughout the Town in preparation for the delivery of the newly designed planters. Following discussion it was agreed that the request be postponed until the new planters were ready to be put out on site.
4. Annual Audit Report The Town Clerk reported that the annual audit had now been concluded and a note of the issues raised was reported to Councillors.
What is the Issue ? £1 rounding difference on carried forward and brought forward figures. The balances brought forward for the year ending 31 March 2010 do not agree by £1, to the balances carried forward for the year ending 31 March 2009. We have assumed this is a rounding error.
Why has this issue been raised ? Section 1 of the Annual Return is incorrectly stated, however the balances carried forward are correct.
What do we recommend you do ? The council should ensure in future years that rounding errors are eliminated.
No other matters came to our attention
The Town Clerk reported that she had looked at the documentation that it was a rounding error as pointed out by the Auditors.
5. Finance
 - (a) British Gas £109.45
 - (b) Stoy Hayward £646.25
 - (c) IJT £63.65
 - (d) K & E Catering £143.50
 - (e) Help for Heroes £73.31It was **resolved** that the above accounts be paid

6. Planning

- B13/2010/1196 38 Myrtle Tce, Dalton in Furness
Conversion of outbuilding to form a two bedroomed dwelling and the erection of a detached, two bedroomed bungalow
Applicant Mr M Sunderland
The Town Council have No Objections
- B21/2010/1194 99 Market Street, Dalton in Furness
Change of use from shop to hot food take away.
Applicant Mrs Shahara Miah
The Town Council have no objections to this development providing the opening hours stated on the application form are adhered to. Additional litter bins to the exterior of the property may also be beneficial
- B21/2010/1131 16 Nelson Street, Dalton
Remove kitchen/dining extension and rebuild on footprint
Applicant Mr A Mailey
The Town Council have no objections
- B21/2010/1126 51-53 Market Street, Dalton
Extension to Hartley's restaurant into adjacent building (53) involving a change of use from retail (Class A1) to restaurant (Class 3) and including a new shop front
Applicant Mr A Turner
The Town Council have no objections in principal providing the shop front is in keeping with the existing restaurant.