

## **Draft Minutes for 25 August 2011**

### **DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 August 2011 in the Rankin Room Victory Hall, Broughton-in-Furness

**Present** Cllr Albion, Cllr J Barker, Cllr L Burch, Cllr J Curwen  
Cllr Glessal, Cllr Hannah, Cllr Johnson, Cllr, Longworth.

Prior to the meeting starting, the leader of Cumbria County Council spoke about issues in Cumbria, He spoke about how the priorities should be children and old people he advised that he was in support of local communities having the power and freedom to do their own thing. He spoke of other issues including: Budgets, Highway matters, Sheltered Housing, and the need for a neighbourhood care scheme.

#### **140/11 Apologies**

Cllr E Knowles  
Cllr M Cooper

#### **141/11 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2011 be signed by the chair as a true record.

#### **142/11 Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Glessal declared a personal interest in item 13 Victory Hall.

#### **143/11 Local Police Report**

The local police were in attendance and reported that there had been a theft of lead from the builders yard in Foxfield. They also advised of dog bite incident. Their priority is still off road vehicles and fixed penalty tickets have been issued. Partnership working is going very well and there will be more operations following its success.

#### **144/11 County Cllr Salisbury**

County Cllr Salisbury was in attendance and advised of the relaunch of Better Highways, County Cllr Salisbury also advised that the Coniston Lengthsman is voluntary. County Cllr Salisbury advised that there is to be a drop in session at the Victory Hall and information will be available on Keppleway, Woodland Management, Traffic Calming and allotments and also Greenslack Farm.

#### **145/11 Public Participation.**

Comments were made about how nice Wilson Park is at the moment, its nice to see everything working and clean. Concern was raised about the lack of a hearing loop in the Rankin Room. Concern was raised regarding the style of the new street lights on station level.

#### **146/11 Clerk and Correspondence**

To note items of correspondence received since the last meeting. The clerk was tasked with writing to John Woodcock regarding the government's proposals to increase the length of HGV's.

### 147/11 Planning Applications

7/2011/5415 – Low Kiln Bank, Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6EB  
Photovoltaic Electricity Installation – No Objections.

#### Notice of Grant of Planning Permission

7/2011/5233 – Bracken Barn, Low Whinnery Ground

7/2011/5285 – 1 Timber Hill, Broughton.

7/2011/5237 – Low Kiln Bank – Ulpha, Broughton-in-Furness

7/2011/5263 – 2 GRP Kiosks

7/2011/5148 – Ulpha School, Broughton-in-Furness

### 148/11 Financial Matters

**Resolved** that the following Direct Debits and Cheques be paid:-

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Clerks wages       | 180.29         |
| Expenses           | 57.36          |
| HMRC               | 45.00          |
| E-on Street Lights | 40.12          |
| BDO                | 342.00         |
| United Utilities   | 86.86          |
| J Clucas           | 40.00          |
| N Power            | 81.35          |
|                    | <u>£872.98</u> |

#### Received

|      |                 |
|------|-----------------|
| CGP  | 4000.00         |
| E-on | 1201.35         |
|      | <u>£5201.35</u> |

### 149/11 Street Lights

A discussion took place regarding the position of the new street lights on Station Level. The clerk was tasked with finding out why the street lights were so far away from the wall and why there was no sign of any holes being dug near the wall.

A discussion took place regarding the faulty street light at Keppleway and the quotations were discussed. Cllr Barker will find out if Estuary Electricals will deduct the previous payment from the quote which has been submitted to repair the light.

### 150/11 Bus Stop at Broughton Mills

The quotations were discussed in respect to the repair of the bus stop.

**Resolved** Hugh Pescod be asked to repair the bus stop as per the quote 2.

### 151/11 Victory Hall

A Discussion took place regarding the broken lift in the Victory Hall.

The clerk advised that over £2000 had been received into the Council's bank account from the Solar Panels on Victory Hall.

**Resolved** Duddon Parish Council will pay for the repair.

### 152/11 Allotment Field

There was a discussion regarding the draft lease in respect of the proposed allotment field. Concerns were raised regarding the funding of work needing to be done i.e. the water supply and the area for parking.

Cllr Curwen was tasked with getting some estimates.

### **153/11 Grit Bins and Plant Pots**

A discussion took place regarding the moving of the grit bin situated in the square . It was agreed to ask if it can be moved to Meanfield Corner. Further discussion took place about the plant pots in the village and it was agreed the clerk would apply to Highways for a permit.

### **154/11 Parish Pump**

There was a discussion regarding putting updates in the parish pump. The clerk suggested putting the minutes on the website earlier, however some of the Cllrs felt that the Minutes should not be made public until after they have been approved at the next meeting.

### **155/11 Wilson Park**

Discussion regarding the upgrading of the footpath at Wilson Park to accommodate disabled people. It was decided to set a meeting up with Mr Parsons, Cllr Albion, Cllr Knowles and Cllr Burch.

### **156/11 Charities**

Cllr J M Hannah was nominated to represent Duddon Parish Council on the Gunson Almhouses charity.

### **157/11 Annual Return**

The Annual Return has been returned from the external auditors with no issues.

**Resolved** to accept and approve the Annual Return.

The clerk was asked to leave a copy in Broughton Information Centre.

### **158/11 Cllr Reports**

Cllr Burch raised concern regarding the toilet roll holder in the public disabled toilets. There does not appear to be a key that fits.

Cllr Hannah raised concern about the blocked drain at Ulpha Bridge.

Cllr Johnson advised that one of the new grit bins had been put in place.

Cllr Johnson also advised that cutting back the hedges in Woodland has started but it is not a good job.

Cllr Albion raised concern about the tap in the church yard not working.

Cllr Barker advised that Bush Green had not been cut back. Cllr Barker asked where the speedgun was.

Cllr Glessal raised concern about the notice boards, the boards should be used for local events. Cllr Glessal also raised concern about the posters going up on telegraph poles.

Cllr Longworth advised that the bins at Ulpha were been emptied twice a week now bit raised concern about the amount of rubbish being piled on top of the bins.

Cllr Curwen gave a report on a meeting he had been to in Manchester about Local Council Partnerships.

### **159/11 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the council will be held on 22 September 7.30pm