

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 April 2025 in the Rankin Room
at the Victory Hall.

Present: Cllr J Brakewell, Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr M Kirkbride, Cllr J Lancaster,
Cllr S Lane, Cllr I Longworth (Chair) and Cllr P Robinson

Also present: C Adams (Parish Clerk)

073/25 Apologies.

Resolved to note apologies from Cllr Hatton.

074/25 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to note that there were no requests for dispensations.

075/25 Declarations of Interest

Resolved to note that there are no declaration of Interests declared

076/25 Items on the agenda from which the press and public should be excluded.

Resolved to note there are no items are to be discussed in private

077/25 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th March 2025 to be signed by the chair as a true record.

078/25 Chairs Announcements

The chair announced the sad news that Joss Curwen and Clive Moody have passed away. A minutes silence was held in respect.

079/25 Public Participation

- a) Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton's was in attendance and advised he had received correspondence regarding Cycling and Waling routes and there is a meeting tonight about this at Thwaites village hall. Hoping that LDNP will also be proactive with this. There are concerns about the lack of parking at Foxfield Station. There could be a potential resolution once the Prince of Wales reopens.
No road resurfacing works going on at present but there is patching work being done. Police have been putting up new signage as discussed at the last parish council meeting. People not happy with telegraph poles that Fibrus are putting up. Community Power is about parish councils doing things that they perhaps have not done before in our case such as Charter Day. Flooding issues were raised with Cllr Brereton. He advised he will chase up flooding signs for Duddon Bridge.
- b) Local Police Report were not in attendance.
- c) Residents are invited to give their views on items on this agenda or raise issues for future agendas. Please note that public participation is limited to a total of 15mins at the Chairs discretion.

- 080/25 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)**
Reference: 7/2025/5224
Location: High Cross Inn, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6ES
Proposal: Redevelopment of an existing Inn to provide a cafe and self contained holiday lets - Variation of condition 1 (plans) on planning permission 7/2021/5889 to change design.
Resolved to note that the Parish Council has no objections or comments on this application.
- Applications Granted**
- Application No: 7/2024/5665
Location: The Barn, Middle Bleansley, Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6AR
Proposal: Change of use of part dwelling to self-contained annex/holiday let
- Application No: 7/2024/5669
Location: Sella Farm, Dunnerdale, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6DT
Proposal: Demolition of the existing stone garage and store and the construction of a new detached room in roof type two bedroom annex
- Application no: T/2025/0036
Location: Little Griffin, Griffin Street, Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6HH
Proposed Works: 3 x Rowan trees - Reduce height by half to height shown in photo B. 1 x Conifer tree - Fell to ground level. 2 x Birch trees - Reduce and reshape following removal of the Conifer tree.
- 081/25 Wilson Park**
a) **Resolved** to order to new benches to replace the two that have disintegrated. The new ones will be the same make as the benches provide by NFU.
b) **Resolved** to have a clean up day at the park on Saturday June 28th at 10.30am in order to deal with matters on the latest playground inspection. The clerk will contact Wicksteed and Playdale to find out if they do maintenance contracts.
- 082/25 Donkey Rocks**
Resolved not to purchase the proposed information board for Donkey Rocks as recommended by Cumbria GeoConservation due to the high cost.
- 083/25 Charter Day**
Resolved to note that some amendments are being made to the Town Cryer's outfit. No updates on Markert Stalls yet but a note about this gone into the parish pump to generate interest. The clerk is working with Carol Last on the administration side of Charter Day.
- 084/25 Website**
Resolved to make some changes to the website including linking Facebook to the website, adding local services on to the community page, moving amenities to the Community page, adding new links.
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- 085/25 Parish Cllrs Surgeries**
Resolved to note that no one had attended the surgery but someone had contacted Cllr Glessal raising concern about the imminent closure of the Post Office. The next surgery will be on 13 May 2025 in the Square Café between 10.45 and 12 noon.

086/25 Westmorland and Furness Lighting Policy

Resolved to note that the news release from Westmorland and Furness regarding their new street lighting policy. In principal the council are in agreement with handing the lights over, however, it will depend on the actual policy.

087/25 Consultations

Resolved to note that the parish council have no comments on the Pavement Licensing policy.

**088/25 Election of Parish Member to the Lake District National Park Authority
– South Distinctive Area**

Resolved to nominate Cllr J Lancaster for the above post.

089/25 Matters from previous meeting

- a) **Resolved** to note that pillar should be fitted next week following which Electricity North West will come out to inspect ahead of making the connection.
- b) **Resolved** to note that several funding applications have been submitted for the pump track.
- c) **Resolved** to note that the Parish Council now has a mobile phone.
- d) **Resolved** to note that that there has been a couple of issues on the filed recently.
Cllr Robinson and the clerk were tasked with dealing with the matters.
- e) **Resolved** to note that the first meeting for the Neighbourhood Policing Pledge is on 30 April 2025 at 7.00pm.
- f) **Resolved** to note that Bus Shelters will be built in May and fitted by the end of June. Funding has been applied for.

090/25 Training

Resolved that the clerk can have website training.

091/25 Co-option of new Cllr

Resolved to Co-opt Mr Marc Ramsbottom on to the Parish Council.

092/25 Annual Governance Statement 2024/25

Resolved to approve and sign Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2023/24.

093/25 Accounting Statements 2024/25

Resolved to approve and sign Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/24.

094/25 Internal Audit 2023/24

Resolved to note that that were no issues reported from the internal auditor.

095/25 Financial Matters

Resolved to make the following payments:

TEEC	£ 28.80
Hawthwaite Garden Services	£275.00
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CALC	£308.10
NPower	£131.71
Salary	£693.81
Clerk Reimbursements	£ 9.70
Redhead Accountancy	£ 72.00
Happy Go Cleaning	£520.00
Unity Trust	£ 6.00

Resolved to note the following receipts.

VAT Refund	£1814.12
Allotment Rent	£98.91

096/25 Budget

Resolved to accept the amended budget for the 2025/26 financial year provided by the clerk.

097/25 Councillors Reports

Concern was raised regarding a cycling lane and the lack of a car park at the station.

098/25 Date and time of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next council meeting which will be the AGM will be on 22nd May 2025 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.