

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr Brakewell, Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr D Hatton, Cllr M Kirkbride,
Cllr J Lancaster, Cllr S Lane,

Also present: C Adams (Parish Clerk)

147/25 Apologies

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr I Longworth, Cllr M Ramsbottom and Cllr P Robinson.

148/25 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to note there were no requests for dispensations.

149/25 Declarations of Interest

Resolved to note there are no declaration of interests.

150/25 To consider if there are any items on the agenda from which the press and public should be excluded.

Resolved to note there are no items on the agenda from which the press and public should be excluded.

151/25 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th June 2025 to be signed by the chair as a true record.

152/25 Chairs Announcements

The chair announced that the clerk has advised of her intention to retire at the end of July 2026. This will be on a future agenda to formalise it.

153/25 Public Participation

- a) Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton was in attendance and requested any highway defects not getting fixed to be reported to him and he will get them sorted.
There has been 3 pilot schemes for lengths man agreements
Gulleys need sweeping out at Foxfield where the flooding occurs. He is also awaiting a site visit regarding the flooding but the main problem is under the railway line.
Grass cutting will start again in September,
There will only be one weekend closure for the work on the new road at Grizebeck, not the two that were originally planned.
He will see what funding is available for the proposed new post office.
He will be attending Charter day on 1st August.

- b) PCSO Paul Harris was in attendance and reported the following:
Usual RTC's.
Theft of a cattle trailer, theft of tools, both these incidents are linked.
Neighbour dispute in Broughton.
- c) No residents were in attendance

154/25 Level Crossings and flooding

Resolved to ask the local MP to help resolve this matter as the flooding has gone on for a long time and as the gates to the crossing are now locked, pedestrians waiting for the gates to open to cross the railway are vulnerable as they stand opposite where the flooding is. Cars avoiding the flooding move to the other side of the road and are in danger of oncoming traffic coming round the bend going in the opposite direction.

155/25 Road Safety

Resolved to ask Highways for a site visit to look at possible solutions to stop traffic speeding from Church Street through Station Road.

156/25 Paddock Wray (Garden Plot)

Resolved to report the overhanging vegetation to Westmorland and Furness and write to the land owner.

157/25 Progress Updates

a) **Electricity in the Square**

Resolved to note that to date there has been no response to the request from LDNP to Electricity North West as to whether they would consider moving the supply to the edge of The Square free of charge.

The clerk was tasked with looking into the cost of various options including:

Removing the boxes altogether leaving no supply for events or Christmas tree lights.

Going back to the original box which would be for Christmas lights only (unmetered).

Moving the whole supply to the bus stop area.

Moving the box to the outer part of the Square.

b) **Donkey Rocks**

Resolved to note that Cumbria GeoConservation have started work on the project and are in the process of applying for funding.

c) **Charter Day**

Resolved to note that arrangements for Charter Day are all in place now. The Chairman of Westmorland and Furness Council, the Chairman of Cumberland Council and the Chairman of Lancashire Council will all be in attendance.

PCSO Paul Harris will drop of some cones to close off a section of the Square ahead of Charter Day.

158/25 Wilson Park

- a) Cleanup day – **Resolved** to note that two people attended the clean up day and much cleaning was done.

Another clean up day will be arranged later in the year.

- b) Picnic Tables – **Resolved** to order the black picnic as the brown tables are more expensive.

- c) Bins – **Resolved** to note that a volunteer has come forward to help with the bin in Wilson Park. The clerk is trying to contact Westmorland and Furness confirm arrangements for the bin but to date has had no reply.

- d) Playground Inspection
Resolved to remove the benches causing concern.
- e) **Pump Track funding**
Resolved to note that a funding application is being considered by Westmorland and Furness, outcome is expected in September. We were unsuccessful with National Lottery but we have £5k promised from Kirkby Moor Wind Farm subject to us raising the rest of the funds. The clerk will attend a funding fair in September.

159/25

Allotments and Land Rented Out

- a) **Resolved** to note the following suggestions from the latest meeting with the allotment holders:
Top soil, Chippings, Permanent skip, bays for delivery, fire every so often in a metal container, IBC container.
- b) **Resolved** to note concern regarding land rented out by the parish council. The clerk was tasked with writing a letter to the tenant when the invoice is sent out.

160/25

Parish Cllrs Surgeries

Resolved to note Cllr Glessal reported issues raised at the parish council surgery were as follows:

Concern raised regarding pedestrians waiting to cross the level crossing at Foxfield.

Is it possible to have a disabled bay in front of the Tourist Information Centre?

Concern was raised regarding flooding on Foxfield Road.

The next surgery will be on 12 August 2025.

161/25

Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)

Reference: 7/2025/5309

Location: Tynashee, Church Street, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6HJ

Proposal: Proposed kitchen extension & alterations.

Resolved to note that the Parish Council have no objections or comments.

Reference: 7/2025/5301

Location: Troughton Hall, Woodland, Broughton-in-furness, LA20 6H

Proposal: Roof over existing concrete farmyard area.

Resolved to note that the Parish Council have no objections or comments

Reference: 7/2025/5315

Location: Troughton Hall Farm, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6AH

Proposal: Conversion of barn to create additional domestic accommodation for existing dwelling

Resolved to note that the Parish Council have no objections or comments

Planning Applications Granted

Application Number: 7/2025/5128

Location: Rydal House, The Square, Broughton In Furness, LA20 6HZ

Proposal: Proposed partial roof covering (rear slope and lower rear slope) refurbishment of existing windows to front and rear elevations. The Authority has made a decision (Granted) on this application.

- 162/25 Survey**
ACRE/NALC flooding survey
Resolved to note the Parish Council are not completing the survey.
- 163/25 Training**
Resolved to note there are no training requirement this month.
- 164/25 Financial Matters**
Resolved to authorise the following payments.
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| Altitude | £2,112.00 |
| R & D Construction Services Ltd | £4,960.00 |
| Waterplus | £ 50.53 |
| Salary | £ 693.81 |
| Reimbursements | £ 27.91 |
| Hawthwaite Garden Services | £ 550.00 |
| NPower | £ 126.23 |
| SRCL | £ 36.00 |
| Happy Go Cleaning | £ 520.00 |
| Moore | £ 252.00 |
| Redhead Accountancy | £ 75.00 |
| Unity Trust | £ 6.00 |
- 165/25 External Audit.**
Resolved to note there were not were no issues arising from the external audit
- 166/25 Matters under delegation scheme**
Resolved to note that the clerk has written to the post office regarding the proposed new site for the post box.
- 167/25 Councillors Reports**
Concern was raised regarding a tap in the ladies toilet being stuck on.
There was a query regarding the ownership of a streetlight.
- 168/25 Date and time of Next Meeting**
Resolved to note the date of the next council meeting which will be on 25th September 2025 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.

Meeting Closed.